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# Deskside Chats



## "A Small Moment"

PERSPECTIVES in time are the most difficult to assess.

This is because we measure time by our emotions. Periods of satisfaction, intense activity, and great joy seem to pass with amazing rapidity. By contrast, the intervals of despair, remorse, and physical anguish seem endless.

Inevitably these emotional time clocks affect our spiritual life. Happiness is equated with blessing and suffering with divine rejection. God has been trying all through the centuries to help us find perspectives in time that more accurately depict the way He treats His children.

The thought is graphically expressed in Isaiah 54:1: "For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee."

God understands the problem we have with suffering. He does not minimize our anguish, nor does He promise anywhere that we will be able to escape all agony. But He does make it clear that in His total plan for us, the time we spend in suffering is minimal. It is just "a small moment."

We live in a world where sorrow has reached appalling proportions. Major natural disasters have multiplied. Man-made calamities are incessant. Scientific progress designed to guarantee the abundant life has had its own unique and widespread side effects of anguish. It is not surprising that even Christians should wonder what it means and cry out to God for relief.

He does not turn away. Gently He tries to help us see our sufferings in the time perspective that is so clearly visible to Him. He asks us to accept His promise that this anguished earth-scene is transitory, "a small moment" when compared with the eternity of happiness He has in His plans for us.

This takes faith. But it is a rewarding concept. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Corinthians 4:17.

In Ellen White's very first vision, she found herself with the redeemed in heaven, under the tree of life and near to the throne of God. "We tried to call up our greatest trials," she writes, "but they looked so small compared with the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory that surrounded us, that we could not speak them out, and we all cried out, 'Alleluia, heaven is cheap enough!' and we touched our glorious harps and made heaven's arches ring."—Early Writings, p. 17.

This is the time perspective that will help us understand our "small moment" of suffering.

Cordially,

Paul H. Eldridge, President

## To Ponder . . .

**PAUL W. Nelson**, Far Eastern Island Mission president, comes from staunch, sturdy Seventh-day Adventist stock. His maternal grandfather, T. E. Bowen, was for years in the secretarial department of the General Conference and editor of the *Gazette*, a magazine no longer in print. He and his wife lived in Rome, N.Y., headquarters for the Eastern New York Conference, where he was employed when Paul's mother was born.

A literature evangelist found Paul's father's family. They accepted the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist church as the result of this colporteur's visit and the purchase of truth-filled books. They had come from Sweden and settled in Chicago, where Paul's father was born. Later these godly people moved to Alabama to rear their eight children away from the city influences.

For 50 years Pastor W. A. Nelson, Paul's father, was a church worker. His last assignment was the presidency of the Canadian Union, a post he held for 13 years.

But what about their family of four? This month Paul and his wife, Barbara, round out 20 years of service in the Far Eastern Division. Edwin is principal of an academy in California, but previously spent 17 years at our S.D.A. college in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Paul and Edwin did not see one another during those 17 years, as their furloughs never coincided.

Dorothy is the wife of Pastor Fernon Retzer, head of our worldwide Sabbath School work. Beatrice, the other daughter, is the wife of the president of Walla Walla College, Dr. R. L. Reynolds.



Some years ago Mrs. Simmons taught a lively little fourth grader named Paul Nelson. Today Pastor Nelson is president of the Far Eastern Island Mission. This photo of Mrs. Simmons and Pastor Nelson was taken at a teachers institute held two years ago on the island of Guam.

Paul's own words reveal the secret of his family's dedication: "Truly, we are a close family and we owe it all to the influence of a Christian home. Without a question, it has been the constant and godly influence in the home of our parents—who daily exemplified their love of God, to one another and their children—that has been the guiding and motivating power to keep our family of six together and all in the active work of the church. The total years of service for the church for dad and us four children is 157 years. This certainly is not outstanding, but it is the total result of a genuine Christian home."

We disagree with only one statement of his. To our thinking (and we think you will agree), 157 years of service is outstanding!

*Marion S. Simmons*

## TO STRENGTHEN THE HOME

### President's Mother Dies in U.S.A.

On July 19 Mrs. Abbie Jane Eldridge, mother of our Far Eastern Division president, passed to her rest in Loma Linda, California. Pastor C. P. Sorensen, retired division president, conducted the funeral service the following Wednesday. He was assisted by Pastor W. P. Schooley of the Mentone church, where Mrs. Eldridge had been a member for a number of years; and by Pastor P. H. Eldridge, who presented her life sketch. Present at the service were a large number of Far Eastern Division friends, among whom were Pastor and Mrs. G. O. Bruce, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Heald, Dr. and Mrs. Shirou Kunihira, Pastor S. J. Lee, Miss Mary Jane Bruce, Mrs. Lily Pan-Diehl, Dr. Allan Magie, Mrs. Edwin Krick, and Mrs. George Innocent.

Mrs. Eldridge was the wife of Pastor Claude E. Eldridge, a veteran minister of the Seventh-day Adventist church who died in 1969. She served with her husband in the New York and Southern New England Conferences. After his retirement in 1944, they lived in Arizona and southern California. Mrs. Eldridge is survived by two children, Paul H. Eldridge of Singapore, and Mrs. Lois Ruth Wareham of Loma Linda, California.


A great-grandmother to eight children and a grandmother to nine others, Mrs. Eldridge had lived a long life of Christian service. She died less than a month before her 91st birthday.

## OUR COVER

These Pathfinders in Goshen, Sabah, are dead serious about paying attention and following their orders. Photo by S. J. Smith.



# NEWS *from the* UNIONS



## CENTRAL PHILIPPINES

### Request of Adventist Employee Benefits His Fellow Workers

"I AM afraid our company will lose thousands of pesos in business if you will not work on Saturdays," said the branch manager. His business concern deals in computers and business machines in Cebu City. He was greeting Rogelio Fabiana, a Seventh-day Adventist employee, when the latter reported for work one Monday morning. Besides working as a store sales clerk for the firm, Rogelio also serves as a stock clerk.

While he was in church the Sabbath before, three customers visited the company looking for some equipment. Normally, it would be Rogelio who would attend to their needs, but since he was in church, the manager himself was forced to attend to them. After this incident, the manager decided Rogelio's continuous absence on Saturdays might result in a loss of business for the company.

Rogelio and his wife were baptized into the church in April of 1970 by Pastor D. M. Niere, Capitol Center director at Cebu City, after receiving Bible studies from Mrs. Dominga Elumir, a mission Bible instructor. Before his baptism, Rogelio requested Sabbaths off so he could attend church. His request was granted, for he has been a good employee of the company for the last five years. After he had enjoyed this privilege for about three months, his fellow employees complained that it was unfair for them to work six days a week while Rogelio worked only five days. So Rogelio suggested that deductions be made from his monthly salary for the days he did not report for work.

This arrangement was agreeable to the manager for awhile, but after the instance when he himself made the sales during Rogelio's absence, he felt the need of Rogelio's services on Saturdays.

With a wife and four children depending solely on him for support, and with no assurance of getting another job, Rogelio was placed in a predicament. He prayed, then decided he would rather give up his job than break the Sabbath. He requested that the manager let him continue working until the end of the year, and then he would resign from his job.

He also requested to work Sundays to make up for his absence on Saturdays. The manager told him to write to the personnel manager of the main office in Manila with these requests, as he was unable to grant them.

So Rogelio wrote. His reply informed him that company policies were being changed, and its employees would have to work only 40 hours a week instead of 44. That meant only five days a week, from Monday to Friday; his prayers had been answered. The Lord gave him more than he asked for—a five-day work week plus full salary.

Rogelio was later told by his manager that his request for Sabbaths off had been forwarded to the firm's regional vice-president in Tokyo, then to the main office in Dayton, Ohio, for consideration. Furthermore, he was told, his letter may have precipitated the change in weekly hours that benefited all the company's employees in the Philippines.

Rogelio is grateful for God's concern over his problem, and is determined to be loyal to Him and witness for Him among his friends and fellow workers. He and his wife are members of the Capitol Center church, of which he recently was ordained a deacon.

—M. U. Donato,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Central Philippine Union



Rogelio Fabiana

### Circle Widens in Central Philippines

**G**OD'S WIDENING CIRCLE, our present evangelism theme in the Far East, is making commendable progress in the Central Philippines. Up to June, 1971, over 1,000 persons had been baptized.

Let us all participate enthusiastically in the church's effort of expanding God's circle as we fulfill Christ's commission to preach to all peoples everywhere and make them His disciples.

—F. M. Arrogante, PR Secretary,  
East Visayan Mission

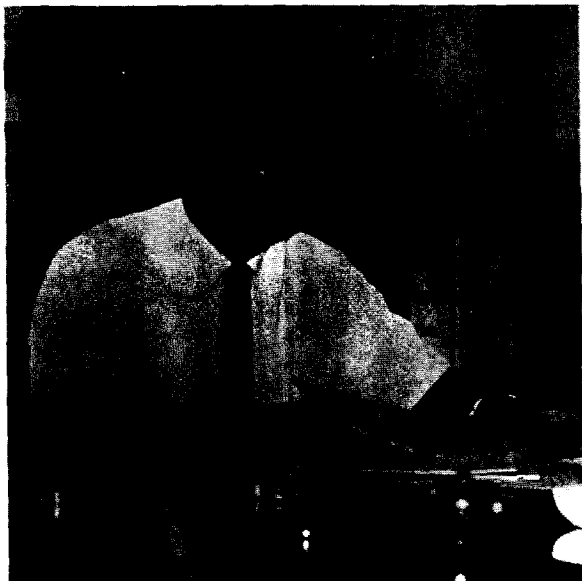
## New Church Building Dedicated During Sabbath School Federation

**A** NEW church in Pondol was dedicated during the East Visayan Mission Sabbath School Federation meeting July 1 to 3. The building was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Juan Regala, and the lot on which it was built was donated by Eulalio Lumbaca.

Pastor E. A. Capobres, president of the Central Philippine Union, gave the dedicatory sermon. Pastor D. M. Niere, C.P.U.M. public relations secretary, led out in the act of dedication, and prayer was offered by Pastor F. M. Arrogante, public relations secretary of the East Visayan Mission.

The brethren in Pondol are very happy to have this new church and hope this will end their years of transferring from one place to another to worship God.

—**Romulo Albaciete, District Leader,  
East Visayan Mission**



Dr. Francisco T. Geslani

## Bacolod Has New Medical Director

**T**HE appointment of Dr. Francisco T. Geslani as the new medical director of Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital was recently announced by the board of directors. Dr. Geslani, former medical director of Miller Sanitarium and Hospital in Cebu City, took the place of Dr. Willis G. Dick, who is now medical director of the 100-bed Adventist hospital in Iligan City.

Dr. Geslani is a general surgeon and a specialist in neck and thyroid surgery. He recently returned from a period of specialized training in the United

States. On their way back to the Philippines, Dr. and Mrs. Geslani toured Europe, Bible lands, and the Far East.

Dr. Geslani is a Rotarian. In Cebu he was director of the Western Cebu Rotary Club and also vice-chairman of the Cebu Y.M.C.A. He was also an assistant professor of surgery at Southwestern University. He is a fellow of the Philippine College of Surgeons.

Mrs. Geslani is in charge of admitting and discharging patients, the same responsibility she handled while at Miller Sanitarium and Hospital.

—**Hector V. Gayares, PR Officer,  
Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital**

## Bacolod News Notes

\* Horacie Maninantan, secretary-treasurer of the West Visayan Mission, is the new business manager and personnel manager of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital. His wife, Milagros, is the hospital accountant.

\* Four new nurses from Philippine Union College, 1971 graduates, have joined the B.S.H. nursing staff. They are Elizabeth Habaradas, Joyce Maninantan (daughter of the new business manager), Cecil Rojo, and Conception Febre.

\* Joel Solis, B.S.H. assistant chaplain, has been chosen by the Central Philippine Union Committee to take up graduate studies at Philippine Union College under the advanced ministerial internship plan of the Far Eastern Division. After 18 months of graduate study he will qualify for a Master of Arts degree in theology.



## Islanders Use Outriggers to Conduct Branch Sabbath Schools

Our brethren on the island of Burias, Masbate, are busy holding Branch Sabbath Schools in four barricos of two islands in Masbate. They ride in four separate outriggers, for they are four different teams. These schools are of great interest to the people in these areas.

—**J. R. Obregon**

## Marchers in Cebu City Crusade for Healthful Living

A healthful living parade, sponsored by the Philippine Temperance Association, wound through the main streets of Cebu City on July 15. It was the first parade of its kind in the Philippines.

About 500 people marched in the parade. There were three floats, six streamers, about a dozen vehicles, and about 60 placards. A local university band was hired for the occasion. Two thousand five hundred leaflets were distributed to the people who lined the streets.

The parade ended at Plaza Rizal in front of the City Hall. Mayor Eulogio Borres was the guest speaker for a short rally. He said, "The Adventists are people who truly love and care for their fellowmen. They left their homes and their work just so they could demonstrate for the true and meaningful way of life." He warned his audience of the dangers of smoking, drinking, and drug abuse. He testified that he himself had stopped smoking seven months ago on doctor's orders.

The healthful living parade precedes a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking to be held in the city. Other plans have been requested.

—D. M. Niere, Temperance Secretary,  
Central Philippine Union



## Child Evangelism Is New Union Department

A new department was recently added to the office of the Japan Union Mission when Miss Kazumi Nakanishi was chosen to head up the child evangelism work in Japan.



Miss Nakanishi is a graduate of Osaka Kyoiku College, where she majored in elementary education and received her first teaching certificate. From there she went to our Saniku Gakuin College and took additional work in elementary education. After seven years of experience as a very successful teacher, she went to Philippine Union College and took advanced work in elementary education, receiving her M.A. degree. With this rich background of training and experience, Miss Nakanishi is a fine addition to the staff of the Japan Union.

—Lois May Watts

## Okinawa Holds Old Folks Convention

THE second session of the Lois Society of the Okinawa Mission was held Sabbath, June 26, at the Naha Old Folks Welfare Hall. This society is the only one of its kind within the Japan Union and may be unique within the Far Eastern Division. It is a society of elderly Adventist believers—156 in all—and is named after the grandmother of Timothy, whose "unfeigned faith" had such an influence on the young man who worked so closely with the Apostle Paul.

Mrs. Sumiko Tsukayama, the first Adventist believer baptized on the island of Okinawa and now a retired Bible worker, is the elected president of this very active organization, which among other things conducts recreational activities for those over 60 years of age and is actively planning for an old folks home.

The convention lasted all day and included a special message given in Japanese by Pastor Warren Hilliard, the new president of the mission, and translated into the local dialect by Mrs. Tsukayama. Also on the program was a much enjoyed dramatization of the parable of the Good Samaritan, also presented in the local dialect for the benefit of the Lois Society members, inasmuch as many of them have only a limited understanding of the Japanese language.

Because of the enthusiasm of these elderly folk and because about one out of five of the active, regularly attending members within the mission is in this age group, the Okinawa Mission Committee recently took action establishing an old folks department in the mission, appointing Pastor Shigeru Tsukayama, son of Mrs. Sumiko Tsukayama, as departmental secretary. As far as we know, this



CRUSADING. Students of East Visayan Academy march and carry placards in the healthful living parade.



ATTENTION-GETTER. One of the floats during the healthful living parade was this coffin, showing how many die each year of lung cancer.



MEMBERS. The ladies in this prayer circle are members of the Lois Society of the Okinawa Mission.

department is the first of its kind in the Far East, and perhaps even in the world field.

—Warren I. Hilliard, President,  
Okinawa Mission

## Former Okinawan Dies in Hawaii

**T**HIS is a farewell tribute to Tetsuo Toyama, a colorful and exuberant spirit, laid to rest on May 29, 1971, after 89 years of zestful living.

Tetsuo Toyama was born on April 8, 1882, on Ike Jima, a tiny dot of an island nestled close to Okinawa in the Ryukyus group. Times were hard when Tetsuo was a boy, so he dug sweet potatoes and peddled them to help his mother eke out a living. After very little formal education, he was drafted into the Japanese army and was sent to Manchuria to fight the Russians. He was wounded in the conflict but later recovered.

At the age of 24 he immigrated to Hawaii to work on a sugar plantation, but gradually his interest in publishing helped him to establish a monthly magazine in the Japanese language. His wife was a "picture bride"—he saw her in a photograph before she came from Okinawa to Hawaii to marry him—but it was a rich and rewarding partnership for both of them.

During the dark war years, Mr. Toyama was detained in internment camps on the mainland of the United States while his wife and daughter remained in Hawaii and his son served in the armed forces of the United States. But during these war years Mr. Toyama gave his heart to God and was baptized a Seventh-day Adventist in the Arkansas River in Colorado. After release from camp, Tetsuo Toyama, at 62, enrolled as a student at Union College. During this time Mrs. Toyama, back in Hawaii, studied the Bible with Pastor Miyake, and she, too, was baptized.

Two consuming passions filled the heart of Mr. Toyama upon his return to Hawaii: To encourage as many as possible of those of Japanese ancestry, living in Hawaii, to become naturalized

citizens of the United States, and to promote the cause of God in the Seventh-day Adventist church. He had a special burden for the children in Okinawa, who suffered so much during and after the war, so he organized a group called "Friends of the Children of Okinawa," which, over a period of 20 years, sent over \$100,000 for this worthy cause to Okinawa. His personal interest in the Seventh-day Adventist mission work caused him personally to sponsor several Okinawan workers and to aid financially in many evangelistic and humanitarian projects, including the project of taking the gospel to his own little home island of Ike Jima. As editor and publisher of the bilingual publication, *The Citizen*, he was well known throughout the Hawaiian islands for his interest in these causes.

In 1960 he was honored by the American government with the "Naturalized Citizen of the Year" award. In June, 1968, the Japanese government, through its representative, Consul-General Yoshio Yamamoto, on the centennial of Japanese immigration to Hawaii, honored 56 U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry—and one of them was Tetsuo Toyama, who was awarded the Fifth Order of Merit, with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.

We do not know what awards the Lord has laid up for Tetsuo Toyama, but surely he will be blessed in the Kingdom for his determination to do all possible to further the cause of God.

—Lois May Watts



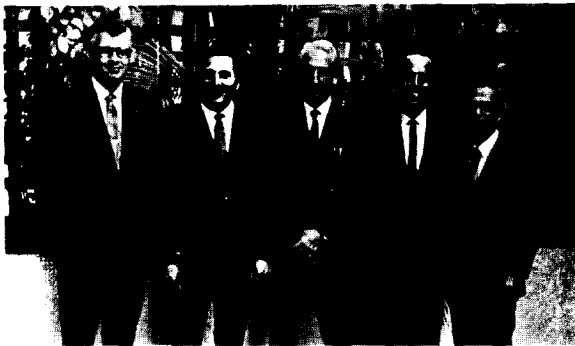
Tetsuo Toyama

## Assistant Treasurer Elected

**T**HE recently elected assistant treasurer and auditor of the Japan Union, H. Imura, began his long experience in various areas of denominational work in 1930 as bookkeeper, cashier, and accountant in a local mission. Later he served as a treasurer. During the China War he served as a nurse with the military, and then returned to his work as treasurer of the Japan Union and business manager of the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital.

From 1943-44 he was imprisoned by the government, as all Seventh-day Adventist work was shut down at that time. Following the war, he was again called to the Japan Union as an accountant. From there he went to North Japan Mission as secretary-treasurer, and then to Japan Missionary College as business manager. Most recently he was the manager of College Health Foods. We welcome Brother Imura back to the Japan Union treasury office.

—Lois May Watts



**TREASURERS.** During recent treasurers meetings in Hong Kong, the accompanying photograph was taken of those attending who, at one time or another, have served as treasurer of the Japan Union; R. L. Rawson, presently serving, R. I. Gainer, H. B. Ludden, and G. O. Bruce. Mr. Imura is at the right.

## J.M.C. News Notes

\* The board of directors has voted to promote M. Yamagata from instructor to assistant professor of Christian studies.

\* The board, in June, authorized the establishment of the Evangelism Research Council. The first project is a socio-religious study of the Anegasaki community. It will be conducted by the dean of students, T. Watanabe.

\* Mrs. Helen Knutson, who has served in Japan for 11 years, has returned permanently to the United States to take up work as a Bible instructor.

\* Dr. Andrew N. Nelson, founder of the college, was guest speaker at the college church on June 26. Dr. Nelson met with many campus groups and gave counsel and encouragement regarding current plans and programs.

\* At the beginning of June, three new student missionaries joined the college faculty as visiting instructors of English: Miss Mary K. Wohlers, from

Southern Missionary College; Bob Nakamura, from Pacific Union College; and Pat Rutherford, from Loma Linda University.

\* Pastor Kenji Soneda, union MV secretary, was speaker for the campus Spring Week of Prayer. His messages were most appreciated.

\* Pastor K. Aka, who has served the college for the last two years, has requested a study leave of absence and will pursue doctoral studies in the United States.

\* Saniku Gakuin Academy of Continuing Studies has a new language laboratory. The installation consists of 16 units made and installed by Sony.

—R. E. Klimes, President,  
Japan Missionary College

## American Doctor Passes Japanese National Boards

**O**N May 20, Dr. William E. Tyndall, on the staff of the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital, received word that he had successfully completed the Japanese national medical examinations in the Japanese language.

Dr. Tyndall, who became a Christian and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church while in the U.S. Navy, subsequently spent time in Japan. It was during this period that he determined to return to Japan to live and work someday. After finishing his collegiate work at Southern Missionary College, his medical education at Loma Linda University, and a year of internship at Greenwich, Connecticut, he kept this promise to himself and returned to Japan as a missionary, accompanied by his wife, Gloria, and son, Billy.

After one year of intensive language study and some time spent in clinical work using the language, Dr. Tyndall took the written and oral examinations in Japanese. He was the only foreigner out of over 1,200 people taking this test.

—Lois May Watts



**PHYSICIAN.** Dr. William E. Tyndall is pictured with his wife, Gloria, and 3-year-old son, Billy. Dr. Tyndall is on the staff of the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital.





## Church Is Being Constructed in Toradja Land

**S**INCE the time our work began in Toradja Land more than 30 years ago, not a single permanent church building has been constructed in that area, even though there are six churches with around 500 members. In fact, in all of the South Celebes Mission there is only one permanent church building.

Because of the lack of an attractive house of worship, our members are hesitant to bring their non-Adventist friends to visit their church. Other religious groups in the area have been able to build churches, but a lack of funds has prevented our Adventist believers from doing so.

About a year and a half ago, Adventists in Rantepao, the largest village in Toradja Land, began the ambitious project of building a church to seat 300 members when completed. Stones for the foundation could be found easily everywhere in Toradja Land, so the foundation was built without too much expense. However, bricks and other materials are expensive because they have to be purchased from other areas. Therefore, the members have been worshipping in what amounts to a foundation and a partial front wall of a church. Although they have been giving sacrificially, they have not yet been able to raise the money to do more than this.

But they are determined to continue to sacrifice personal wants in order to build a house of worship. They believe a church will increase the prestige of the Adventist church in Toradja Land, as well as raise the morale of church members.

—R. Wawondatau



ALFRESCO. Sabbath School children gather for songs and stories out under the tropical sunshine, where they will have to meet until their new church building has been completed.



UNFINISHED. Church members in Toradja Land have only been able to build the foundation and part of one wall of their new house of worship. Encouraging them to continue with their building is Pastor B. E. Jacobs (front row, second from left).

## Group Finishes Parent-Home Lessons

**T**HE first parent and home education graduation ever to take place in the Palu church, Central Celebes Mission, was held June 27. Twenty church members finished the lessons taught by Mrs. B. A. Raranta, mission parent and home education secretary.

A special graduation speech about the home was given by Pastor B. A. Raranta.

It is hoped that more will take this course and endeavor to make better homes on this earth, and then be prepared for a new home in Heaven.

—Jim Saerang, Secretary-Treasurer,  
Central Celebes Mission



## Cooperative Program Wins 118 Souls

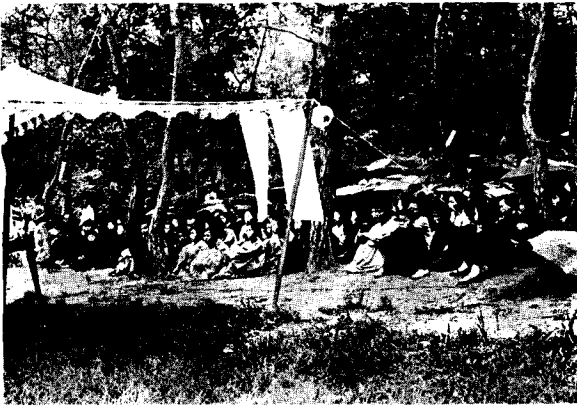
**A**S a result of the enthusiastic participation of Korean Union College students in the Gift Bible program, 118 souls were baptized on June 26 at Korean Union College. Down through the years the theology students of the college have been active in proclaiming the message of Christ's soon coming to the villages in their vicinity.

Already 10 churches have been raised up by these ministerial students. About a year ago the Gift Bible program was launched, and scores of Bibles were placed in the homes of the people. Shortly after the campaign began, a real interest developed. Many people completed the course and requested further study. Bible studies were begun, and people were prepared for baptism.

Along with other types of evangelism, Vacation Bible Schools were held over a period of several years. Beginning with this contact with the truth, many young people kept attending regular Sabbath



GATHERING. Friends and relatives crowd into the Korean Union College auditorium for a special Sabbath afternoon meeting prior to the baptism.



SERVICE. As the candidates for baptism sit on the ground in the rain, a short service is conducted.

Schools and evangelistic meetings. A large number of these also were prepared for baptism.

However, the parents of some of these young people persecuted their children because of their interest in Christianity. It was then that under the cooperative venture of Pastor Deane Nelson, chaplain of the Adventist Servicemen's Center in Seoul, Adventist servicemen, the Seoul Adventist Hospital, and Korean Union College, that clinics were held for the villagers. These clinics helped people physically and broke down much prejudice. Parents who formerly opposed their children's attending the Seventh-day Adventist church began themselves to attend and to invite their friends and neighbors to come with them.

As many of the people were healed of their diseases through the work of the clinics, many also became interested in the truth they represented. In fact, some of the churches where these clinics were held doubled their attendance in a short time.

It was with joyful hearts that the students of Korean Union College, along with a thousand other people, witnessed this large baptism in the Korean Union College reservoir on June 26. Though the

day was rainy, nothing could dampen the gratitude and enthusiasm of the theology students who had worked so faithfully for this event. Pastor Shin Hyun Chul, professor of practical theology at the college and organizer of the theological students for pastoring the churches in the college area, helped the other eight pastors as the candidates were buried with Christ in baptism.

Once again the combined efforts of the various departments of the church saw a large harvest of souls as they cooperated together.

### Personal Contacts Win Souls

**T**HOUGH the Korean War was a disaster which brought misery to our people, in another sense it resulted in unexpected blessings. Before the war, Seventh-day Adventist churches were not very numerous in central and southern Korea, but as a result of the fighting, many of our people who lived in the north moved south. As a result, many churches have been built in this part of the country where formerly not many existed.

About 20 years ago, I visited my brother's wife in Pusan. She was very poor, discouraged, and would not be easily consoled. Her belief in Buddha had not resulted in peace of mind. I told her about Jesus and explained that this world could not bring happiness. I tried to help her see why I had peace of mind despite suffering and hardship. At that time I gave her a small Bible, saying, "Please make this Book your friend and guide to the future life."

She did not comment—just nodded silently. Imagine, then, my surprise to see her at our Soo Jong Dong church in Pusan the very next Sabbath. It brought tears to my eyes to realize that though I had exhorted her in vain many times, suffering and trials had prepared her heart for the gospel.

Another experience comes to mind. Several years ago I conducted a public effort in Song Tan. At the last meeting I appealed to the audience to decide for Christ and write the decision on slips of paper which were distributed.

Among those who responded was a woman of very high class who had been attending the meetings regularly. She wrote her decision on a slip of paper; but then, instead of passing it in, she put it in a book she carried. I sensed her hesitation.

The next day I visited her in her home and earnestly urged her to give her heart to God. I prayed with her. At last she brought out that slip of paper which she had written the night before. Tears were on her cheeks—tears of repentance and joy. There were tears in my eyes too as I saw the blessed result of personal work for souls.

Whenever I travel, I carry *Signs of the Times*, leaflets, or Voice of Prophecy enrollment blanks with me. It is easy to use them in making contacts with the people I meet along the way.

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