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Deskside Chats



"Large Money"

EYEWITNESSES of the resurrection of Christ!

If ever men had a unique privilege, it was they. It was not shared by priest or prophet, disciple or believer. Neither of the Marys, the mother of Jesus nor Magdalene, was on hand for this moment of divine destiny. The only mortal eyes that saw the Saviour emerge in glory from that tomb were the Roman guards whose storied valor was impotent to prevent the demonstration of Life Eternal.

What a description they had for the world!

Recovered from their shock and with nothing left in the tomb to guard, they hurried excitedly to report to their employers, the priests and rulers. For them, the question of the divinity of Christ had been solved. They had seen Him rise from the dead! Now they were ready to tell the world.

But the priests and rulers had a different idea. Appalled at the thought of what effect the story might produce, "they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole Him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you." Matthew 28:12-14.

Then follows what is surely one of the saddest records in history: "So they took the money, and did as they were taught."

There are cynics who say, "Every man has his price." Unfortunately, the records of history, both ancient and modern, seem to support them. Trying hard to save us from ourselves, the Lord has carefully pinpointed the danger.

"Thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous." Exodus 23:8.

"The love of money is the root of all evil." 1 Timothy 6:10.

"He that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent." Proverbs 28:20.

We are scornful of thievery.

We are horrified at the thought of embezzlement.

We shudder at the idea of taking a bribe.

But are we immune to the lure of "large money"? Could it be that even workers for God have immense mental agility in persuading themselves that what they want to do is what they ought to do? Do we ever find ourselves rationalizing tax dodges, cleverness at customs counters, or special consideration for those who have been liberal and friendly supporters?

"So they took the money, and did as they were taught."

God forbid!

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President

Far East Designates Three Projects To Benefit From Offering Overflow

"GO ye therefore, and teach all nations. . ." **Matthew 28:19.**



W. V. Clements

This divine commission becomes a tremendous challenge when we think of the millions who live in the Far East. With the modern modes of travel, it is comparatively easy to obey the command to go; but to teach and convert those who are steeped in their heathen religions, superstitions, and cultures, often appears as an insurmountable task. Encouraging indeed is the promise of His abiding presence, ". . . Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20.

For many years our workers have endeavored to reach the Chinese in the sophisticated city of Hong Kong, but the work has been slow and difficult. It is believed that our medical work operating in the modern facilities of the new Hong Kong Adventist Hospital will serve as an entering wedge into the hearts of those who know not the truth. The construction of the hospital is progressing, but funds are needed to complete the project and to furnish and equip the rooms.

Throughout the Far East there are thousands of square miles where we have not yet entered to preach the Third Angel's Message. This is especially true in the south and central portions of Borneo. This area is covered with dense jungle, with no roads or air strips. The only transportation available to obey the command to "Go . . . and teach" is by boat. There are many navigable rivers in this area. Along these rivers are the homes and the villages of thousands of people who need medical and spiritual help. A portion of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering over-

flow will be used to provide a medical launch to reach and care for the physical and spiritual needs of these people.

The children are the most neglected group which I have discovered since arriving in the Far East about a year ago. There are hundreds of churches which have no place for the children to meet for Sabbath School. If they do attempt to conduct a Sabbath School for the children, they have to meet out under the trees where there is no shelter from the hot tropical sun or the frequent downpours of rain. In most cases, one or two leaders will try to care for the spiritual needs of the children all meeting together in a large group. It is nearly impossible to teach and hold the attention of all the children, from small babies to teen-agers. Consequently, many pass the time just singing songs.

There is a tremendous need for shelters for these boys and girls, where they can be divided according to age groups and taught the wonderful story of redemption in a language they understand. In many areas, \$100 to \$500 will provide the materials for a shelter, and the members are eager to furnish the labor.

We are looking to YOU this Christmas season for a large Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. I don't know of a place in this age of inflation where your dollar will bring greater returns than in the advancement of the Lord's work, so that the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour may be hastened.

May God impress you as you plan your Christmas shopping. Please place your "Best Friend, Jesus," first on your list and plan to give generously to help us finish the work in the Far East.

—William V. Clements,
Sabbath School Secretary,
Far Eastern Division

Projects

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow
Far Eastern Division
December 25, 1971

- * A new hospital in the city of Hong Kong
- * A medical launch in Borneo
- * "Lamb shelters" for boys and girls throughout the Orient

Angels Protect Our Lamb Shelter

AH Djun is the pastor of a small district in Sabah, where we have a lamb shelter. The village chief, Ah Dwan, had given our Adventist people permission to build a lamb shelter on some of his property, but later he decided to become a Muslim. Then he regretted having permitted the Adventists to build their lamb shelter right in the middle of the property he now decided to develop.

He and some of his villagers came to our people and said, "You must tear this lamb shelter down!" Some of our members were frightened, but Ah Djun is not easily frightened. He refused to tear down the lamb shelter.

"We will come back. You must tear this church down before we come back!" threatened the chief. One night some of the villagers, under the chief's direction, slipped into the lamb shelter with their parangs and chopped at the pulpit and the posts of the building. This damage made our people very sad, but still they would not tear the building down. The chief and his villagers continued to threaten and harass them.

Not long after that, Ah Dwan, the chief, was walking by the lamb shelter on his way home from a drinking party. He stopped and looked at it, thinking angrily to himself, "Ah Djun still hasn't torn this building down. How dare he defy me like this! I'll tear it down myself!"

Suddenly he saw a great giant, dressed all in white, standing in front of the lamb shelter. Ah Dwan began to tremble and shake. He thought he had been drinking too much. He ran home as quickly as he could.

At home, he gasped to his wife and son, "I just saw a great giant in front of the Adventist church!" The boy hurried to see for himself. The tall being was still standing there. Then the wife had to go see. She ran to the church. There stood the giant, dressed in white. Her husband had been right. Before she could move, the giant spoke in her language. "Tell your husband not to bother this church. I am watching it. The Adventists are good people." Then the wife became frightened. She ran home and told her husband what the giant had said.

The next time Ah Dwan saw Ah Djun, he said, "I'll never say anything against you again. You have a great giant watching over your church." And he told Ah Djun the story of what had happened.

This story makes our hearts happy. Truly, we have the angels on our side.

When I saw this small lamb shelter (see photo), I was utterly amazed that God would protect such a simple building as this. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have our eyes opened so that we could see the angels that surround each Adventist church?

—Robert B. Grady, Secretary,
Sabbath School Department,
Southeast Asia Union

Medical Launch Planned for Indonesian Borneo

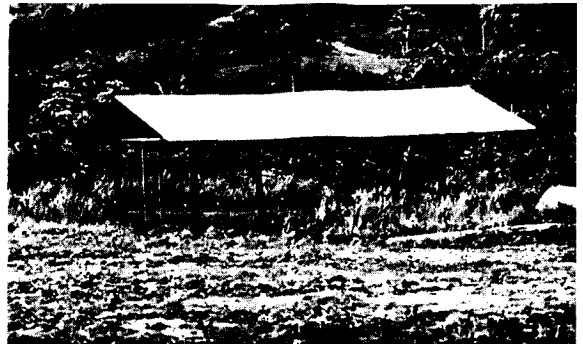
BORNEO! The word always rings with a certain challenge. Borneo is one of those continental islands, very large, very strange, very intense, very hot, very humid, and very beautiful. Borneo has a range of high mountains running the length of the island striving to hold on to the low-lying swamp lands that surround them. Borneo has rivers which emerge from the mountains and crawl to the sea for hundreds of miles in a lazy, winding fashion. Borneo's people, almost 10 million, live along the rivers that form the only roads of distance on the island. Borneo is located on the equator and is passed by trade ships of the East and West. Yes, Borneo is at the crossroads of the world; yet somehow the world has passed it by. Has the church, too, passed it by?

The Indonesian part of Borneo includes almost three-fourths of the island and about 80 percent of the population, or eight million people. Indonesian Borneo is about three times as large as the State of Washington in the United States.

Seventh-day Adventist work started in an organized way only after World War II came to a close. So far only a small beginning has been made. In fact, there are only about 750 Adventists in all of this vast territory. We have no academies, no colleges, no hospitals, no launches, and no airplanes. There have never been any permanent missionaries from outside Indonesia on this part of the island.

Borneo is part of the West Indonesia Union Mission, which in size and population is about the same as the Inter-American Division; yet, the funds that are received to carry forward the work in Indonesia are pitifully small. Why? Because Indonesia is only one part of the Far Eastern Division, which also has demands in many other countries.

While I was in Borneo recently, a worker told about another mission group. They had just held a baptism in the interior and had baptized over 1,500 at one time in one place. He reported that they had purchased airplanes and are building 50 air strips



PROTECTED. An angel was seen protecting this lamb shelter in Sabah.

in Borneo. They are also building launches to carry on their work. Today is the day of opportunity in Borneo! Other missions are making use of this new day; so should we. Only about US\$5,000 is invested each year in our mission work in Borneo. Our workers there are thankful for this, but they feel that much more needs to be done. They are hoping that this coming Thirteenth Sabbath will be the beginning of a new era for Adventist work in Borneo. With funds from this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow, a new launch will be purchased to work on the Mahakam River. The launch will be stationed near Samarinda, a city of well over 100,000. There is a small Seventh-day Adventist church in this city, and there are also some small churches farther up the river, reachable only by boat. A launch site has been selected, and all that is needed now is the funds.

This will be a beginning, but we will need to follow it up with an effective program requiring four launches, two airplanes, and three or four missionary families. This would probably cost about US\$200,000. On Thirteenth Sabbath, if each Sabbath School member gave about 10 cents extra, this sum would be raised. So little, but yet so much, if we all give liberally. Remember Borneo on Sabbath, December 25.

—Clinton L. Shankel,
Lay Activities Secretary,
Far Eastern Division



Elementary Teacher, Educational Consultant Join Division Staff in Singapore

Pastor and Mrs. Edward J. Barnes, of Orlando, Florida, have arrived in Singapore to join the staff of the Far Eastern Division. Mrs. Barnes teaches grades 5 and 6 in the elementary school of Far Eastern Academy and Pastor Barnes assists in the department of education as a volunteer consultant.

Prior to their service in the Far East, the Barneses had a long history of work in United States schools. Mrs. Barnes has taught for 25 years; Pastor Barnes has taught for 12 years and has served as a conference educational superintendent.

A native of Minnesota, Pastor Barnes served the Florida, Ohio, and Potomac Conferences in the department of education. While in Singapore for a two-year period, he will assist Dr. Eayd Olson in directing the educational program of the division. We welcome Pastor and Mrs. Barnes to the division office and to Singapore.

—D. A. Roth



DELEGATES. All of these people were delegates to the Far Eastern Division publishing advisory sales development committee meeting held in Pagsanjan, Laguna, Philippines. In the front row are Pastors H. W. Bedwell, M. R. Lyon, and S. D. Pangborn from the division office.

F.E.D. Sales Development Meeting Held in the Philippines

THIRTY-TWO division publishing leaders gathered in Pagsanjan, Laguna, Philippines, August 23 to 26 for an advisory sales development committee. Included were union publishing secretaries, managers of publishing houses, and editors. Meetings were held in the Pagsanjan Tropical Hotel and Resort, just a few kilometers from the world-famous Pagsanjan Falls.

Delegates came from Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Thailand. Many new plans, procedures, and approaches were discussed and recommended.

Outstanding agenda items were: new methods of recruiting colporteurs, cutting production costs, new approaches to effective salesmanship, how to reach out-of-the-way places, improving student literature evangelism, demonstration of vegetarian cooking, and the display of our books in libraries, lobbies, teacher conventions, ecumenical gatherings, supermarkets, and waiting stations.

Encouraging reports were given. In Vietnam other church groups have their printing jobs done by our press, "because they do the best work." Eleven thousand coupons (more than expected) were received as a result of a **Reader's Digest** advertisement of the books **Modern Guide to Health** and **Best Recipes for the Home**. Central Luzon Mission established a Book and Periodical Agency branch on the campus of Philippine Union College. This increased their overall sales.

The lively and profitable discussions were jointly chaired by Pastors M. R. Lyon and S. D. Pangborn, division publishing secretary and assistant, respectively.

—Salvador G. Miraflores,
Acting Editor,
Philippine Publishing House



To Ponder . . .

THREE fifth-generation Seventh-day Adventist children live at Mountain View College in the Philippines. Their great-great grandparents became members of the remnant church following their marriage about the middle of the last century. They were the parents of Arthur W. Spalding, known around the Adventist world as an educator and author of note. It was he who founded the Home Commission in the General Conference in 1922.

Realizing the need of educating parents for their important work of training their children in God's way, Pastor Spalding held this important post for nearly 20 years. He not only believed in teaching the parents, but also staunchly supported the theory that youth should be indoctrinated in the counsel given by Mrs. Ellen White regarding love, courtship, and marriage. He launched a program of enlightening youth and adults in establishing and maintaining homes where God's angels love to dwell.

His son, Dr. Ronald Spalding, a medical doctor now at the retirement age, has chosen to follow in his father's footsteps. He is giving such much-needed instruction to the students at M.V.C.—the "school of light" where his daughter and three grandchildren reside. His son-in-law, Dr. Donald Halenz, is president of the college.

Dr. and Mrs. Halenz have three daughters in grades 1, 2, and 4, who are fifth-generation Seventh-day Adventists on the Spalding side of the family. Great-grandparents in their father's family were believers in the Third Angel's Message; therefore, they are fourth-generation Adventists in the Halenz lineage. What a rich heritage these girls have! What a responsibility rests with the parents in the training of their daughters! But what a joy and privilege is theirs as they see these children growing up in God's way.

We would like to add that three fifth-generation Spalding children are living in Djakarta. Their father is publishing secretary of the West Indonesia Union. Mrs. L. R. Colburn, their mother, is a sister of Mrs. Halenz and a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Spalding.

These two families bring much comfort and cheer to the doctor and his wife, who so wisely guided their daughters in the Christian virtues. Now the daughters and their husbands are diligently training the children God has given them.

Marion S. Simmons

TO STRENGTHEN THE HOME

First Student Missionary Appointed to Service in Far Eastern Division

THE first student missionary ever to be sent overseas from the North American Division, Marlin Mathieson, has been appointed to regular mission service. His post of duty will be at Bangkok, Thailand.

Then a student of Columbia Union College, Mathieson went to Mexico in the summer of 1959 under the sponsorship of his college and the MV society of the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland.

On August 26 the General Conference Committee voted the appointment of Mathieson, now a physician, to serve as an internist on the staff of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital in Thailand. Dr. Mathieson's interest in overseas service for the church was confirmed as a result of his volunteer student missionary work.

Cover Picture

While their parents attend worship services of their own, the little folks in the Far East are often neglected. They must either attend their parents' services, or meet out of doors. These boys and girls, Jesus' little "lambs," need a place of their very own in which to worship Him. See the center spread. Cover photo is from the Sabbath School Department, Southeast Asia Union.

Former Worker Dies in California

PASTOR Clarence C. Morris, former missionary in the Far East, died September 1, 1971, in Thousand Oaks, California. He was born March 29, 1891, and was a resident of Newbury Park, California, at the time of his death.

Pastor and Mrs. Morris went to China as missionaries in 1916. He served many years as a local mission director, union superintendent, and China Division treasurer. He also served as treasurer of the Middle East Division.

After 40 years of service, which included a period as treasurer of the West Pennsylvania and Ohio Conferences and principal of Mount Vernon Academy, they retired in Tucson, Arizona, where he was active in the local church as treasurer and elder.

Surviving Pastor Morris are his wife, Florence; two children, Mrs. Ruth Chilson of Corona, California, and Dr. Robert Morris of Eureka, California; a brother, George Morris of Mount Vernon, Ohio; five grand-children; and three great-grandchildren.



NEWS *from the* UNIONS



SOUTH CHINA ISLAND

News Notes

* Pastor Nathaniel Yen, who was appointed Tai Ping Mission president a few months ago, has decided to remain in the United States for a three-year self-supporting marathon of study to obtain a doctorate in Old Testament. He has enrolled at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.

* Pastor Su Tung O, who has for some time been the union lay activities secretary, has been asked by the union committee to be the Tai Ping Mission president.

* Papers were signed September 1 for the sale of the Fu Hsing Nan Lu property near the union office, where union and hospital workers have been housed for many years. This is the first stage of a large development and expansion program which will be taking place in the union.

It is planned that proceeds from this sale will provide a new union office (including Voice of Prophecy radio and TV offices and studio); homes for union workers; Tai Ping Mission workers' homes (which are already completed but awaiting money to repay borrowed funds for construction costs); Tai An Mission property, office, and workers' quarters. The present union office will then become home for the publishing house.

The Fu Hsing Nan Lu property was sold to a large construction company that will build office units and living quarters.

* An organization called "Bread for the World," which operates under the World Council of Churches, has set aside \$23,500 for the development of a Seventh-day Adventist food processing project in Taiwan. These funds originated in Germany and are being held there awaiting the union's request and plans for use.

* Capping exercises were held September 16, for the class of 1974 at the Adventist School of Nursing in Taipei.

* Pastor and Mrs. Milton Lee recently conducted 35 consecutive nights of evangelistic meetings in five Hong Kong churches. Nearly 100 interests are now being followed up.

* The graduation in June of his youngest son, Samuel, makes a total of six S.D.A. medical doctors in the family of Dr. B. W. Loh of Hong Kong. On August 30, Dr. Samuel Loh married Miss Josephine Giang, daughter of the late Pastor C. K. Giang, at one time professor of theology at our college in China.

* Dr. D. D. Gant left Taiwan Adventist Hospital on July 25 to return to the United States. He will join a group of doctors in Ohio.

* Pastor Wong Yat Chung recently held evangelistic meetings in Macau. Baptismal Bible study classes are now being conducted.

Mission Schools Win Souls

THROUGH Hong Kong's three mission schools, many young people learn about the Bible and the love of Christ. Last school year 71 young people were baptized as the direct result of the innumerable hours of work and prayer by faithful teachers.

We thank God for these souls won and the good work done by these teachers.

This year the enrollment figures grew for all three mission schools. Kowloon Sam Yuk Middle School leads with 1,060; Hong Kong Sam Yuk Secondary School follows with 748; and Taipo Sam Yuk Middle School, which had only around 200 last year, has more than 550. A good year in soul-winning work among the students in these schools can be anticipated.

—Samuel Young,
PR Secretary,
South China Island Union

Literature Evangelists of Taiwan Hold Annual Spiritual Retreat

THE annual literature evangelists retreat this year, held high in the mountains of Taiwan, was certainly a thrilling experience for the nearly 50 people who were present.

James Lee, publishing secretary and leader of this fine group, carries a great responsibility as he promotes the literature work with the people of Nationalist China. Brother Lee has challenged his regular literature evangelists and summer students to deliver N.T.\$1,000,000 worth of literature by 1972 and be responsible for 25 baptisms. Through God's power, this goal will be reached.

We request your prayers for a finished work in Taiwan.

—Monte Mohr,
Publishing Secretary,
South China Island Union



LESSONS. These older boys and girls in Sabah are diligently studying their Bible lessons in their new lamb shelter.



GRAND OPENING. The new Hong Kong Adventist Hospital was officially opened May 4, 1971. The 170-bed building is the first circular structure in the city dedicated to medical work.

Remember Far East 13th Sabbath,



LAUNCH. The mission launch to be purchased with funds donated on Thirteenth Sabbath will carry doctors and nurses to the river people of Indonesian Borneo.





JOYFUL. Happy Christian boys and girls like this will benefit from your generosity on Thirteenth Sabbath.

INNOVATION. The very first lamb shelter in the Far Eastern Division was built in Tagap, Sabah. This is how it looked on the day of its dedication in March of 1967.

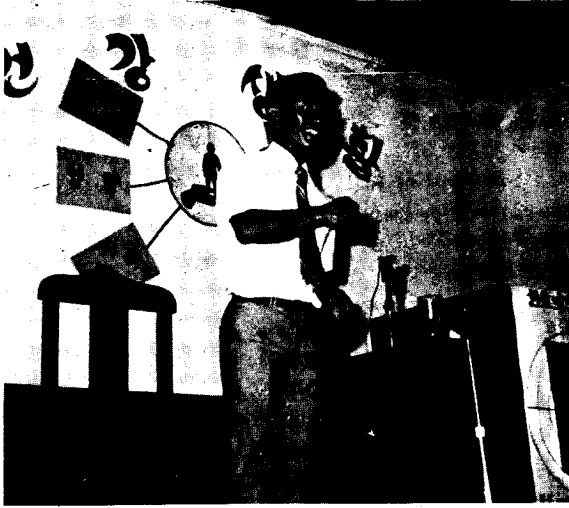
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"PHARMACY." This village medicine girl is likely to be out of a job once the Adventist mission has enough funds to operate a launch in her area. But she and her people will then be able to have reliable, professional medical care for the first time in their lives.



GOOD NEWS. Waterways are about the only highways existing in Borneo, and a launch operating on these waterways will have access to communities otherwise inaccessible. Thus the news of salvation can be brought to thousands more by literate evangelists, mission workers, doctors, and nurses.



LECTURE. Ruben Cho, a nurse, ministerial graduate, and health educator, gives a health-oriented sermon to an audience in Tang Jin.

Korean Students of Nursing Conduct Health Evangelism Program

THE Student-Faculty Association of the Seoul Adventist Hospital School of Nursing sponsored a health evangelism program during the first week of August. Seven students, six seniors and one junior, with Ruben Cho, assistant director of the school, voluntarily gave up one week of vacation to help meet the health and spiritual needs of the people in a remote southwestern Korean community.

The meetings were held in Tang Jin, a city of 30,000 serving a community of approximately 170,000 people. The program was a busy one. From 9 to 12 each morning the students conducted a Vacation Bible School for 250 students. A hundred fifty completed the course and were "graduated."

In the afternoons, from 3 to 6, the students divided into three groups for home visits. Here they did whatever seemed necessary, giving treatments and simple medications and doing dressings. Inflamed eyes, sore ears, malnutrition, diarrhea, skin rashes, and burns were the most common ailments. Over 300 individuals were treated.

Each evening from 8 to 10 an evangelistic program was conducted, with from 150 to 200 in attendance. The first hour was spent in singing, showing slides, and giving health talks. Mr. Cho, who is a nurse, a ministerial graduate, and a health educator, concluded the evening program with a health-oriented sermon. At the close of the week, 56 responded to the invitation to give their lives to Christ. In addition to this number, 10 former Ad-

ventists indicated their decision to renew their connections with the church.

Before the group left on their seven-hour jolting bus trip back to Seoul, they were presented with two certificates of thanks, one from the local officers of Tang Jin, the other from the people of the surrounding area. In the presentation speech, one city officer said, "We have had other service teams come here, but yours is the best we have ever had because you met all our needs, spiritual as well as physical."

The Student-Faculty Association plans to repeat this program next year. The one junior student, who will then be a senior, will become student leader and provide continuity to the program.

—Maxine Atteberry



WORKING HARD. Nurses from the Seoul Adventist Hospital spent one week of their vacation working in a health evangelism program. They spent their mornings conducting a Vacation Bible School . . .



. . . and their afternoons making home visits.



J.M.C. News Notes

* Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wendth have arrived in Japan to connect with the college English department. They have been assigned full-time Japanese language study and live on the hospital compound.

* Pastor Shin Hyon Chol, dean of students of Korean Union College, and the six other members of the Korean delegation to the All Japan Youth Congress, visited the college September 8.

* Pastor Minoru Hirota, recently returned from graduate study in sociology at Loma Linda University, has been appointed assistant professor of social sciences and college dean of men.

* A recent convert of the Osaka English Language School, Miss Yukiko Yamauchi, has been employed as registrar of the Academy of Continuing Studies in Chiba.

* The Chiba-ken overseas school serving the overseas faculty children has moved to a newly erected larger classroom. Mrs. Y. Ferguson has arrived to serve as teacher of that school.

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



Mission Holds Parent-Home Seminars

THE first divisionwide Parent-Home workshop was held at Mountain View College, Bukidnon, May 4 to 9, under the leadership of Mrs. Marion S. Simmons, Far Eastern Division Parent-Home secretary. Three local mission presidents, 12 local mission Parent-Home secretaries, the elementary supervisor of the South Philippine Union, and other visitors on the college campus were in attendance. All union Parent-Home secretaries in the Far Eastern Division, except East Indonesia, were present.

As a result of this seminar, missionwide Parent-Home leadercraft seminars were planned for each mission in the South Philippine Union.

The first workshop was held in Bagontaas, Northern Mindanao Mission, August 3 to 7. Twenty-two churches were represented and 78 Parent-Home officers received their certificates. Two hundred parents attended the seminar and workshop daily. A thousand crowded the church during devotional and evening meetings.

Six American teachers at Mountain View College willingly consented to help out in this meeting.

Ronald Spalding, M.D., spoke on family planning. His wife, Helen, talked on foods and gave very convincing demonstrations of how to make protein dishes out of gluten, soy flour, and nuts. Everybody sampled and enjoyed each recipe that was tried. Mrs. Elaine S. Halenz, a nurse and wife of the president of the college, spoke on child care, while Mrs. J. H. Zachary, English and history teacher, gave demonstrations and instruction on table setting and table manners. Pastor J. H. Zachary, head of the Bible department, conducted the youth dedication on Friday evening. W. W. Melashenko, business manager, spoke on parents' and teachers' sacred responsibilities in training their children.

Mrs. Elnora Moralde, Parent-Home secretary of the Northern Mindanao Mission, and Mrs. Samuel Alavanza demonstrated crafts.

Pastor Ben Moralde, president of the Northern Mindanao Mission, gave a stirring sermon and made an altar call for family dedication during the worship hour on Sabbath. He led out in the induction of Parent-Home officers on Sabbath afternoon.

Pastors Martin Ligan and Eustacio Cinco, mission departmental secretaries, also assisted in the translation and instruction. The child evangelism secretary of the South Philippine Union, Mrs. C. C. Llaguno, conducted the class periods on Parent-Home leadership.

A series of other missionwide leadercraft workshops will follow.

—Mrs. C. C. Llaguno,
Parent-Home Secretary,
South Philippine Union



CERTIFICATE. A Parent-Home leader of Lilingayon church, Bukidnon, right, shakes hands with Mrs. C. C. Llaguno after receiving her certificate.



Engineer Earns Master's

Dr. Donald Halenz, right, president of Mountain View College, congratulates engineer Eugenio M. Porteza for the completion of his work toward the Master of Arts degree in teaching physics. The degree was conferred by Mindanao State University, Marawi City on June 8, 1971.

Engineer Porteza serves as head of the physics and mechanical arts departments. He has served Mountain View College for 16 years. One of his first assignments as a registered electrical engineer at Mountain View College was to help install the hydroelectric plant. Before coming to the college, Mr. Porteza served the denomination at the Manila Sanitarium for a period of six years.

Engineer Porteza received a scholarship sponsored jointly by the National Science Development Board, the Ford Foundation, and Mindanao State University. The 14 month grant covered all his expenses plus a stipend. "We are proud of the high-quality work of engineer Porteza that made this scholarship possible," stated Dr. Halenz.

Mountain View College has 18 persons holding master's degrees on the staff at present. Eight more are away for upgrading during this school year.

M.V.C. Student Profiles

"FOR four years I kept the Sabbath in a Catholic monastery" was the testimony of Nonito Dacles, a theology student at Mountain View College. Nonito had been given an opportunity for a free education by a kindly priest because of his high academic record and religious bent of mind.

It seems that while reading some books on philosophy, Nonito had come to the conclusion that ultimate truth is to be found in God. He determined to make the quest to know God his lifelong task. The loving kindness of the priest made life at the monastery very enjoyable. Nonito purchased a Bible that he might keep on with his reading of religious volumes.

As he read the Word of God, he plied his friend with many questions. Some of the answers the priest gave did not satisfy his mind. As he dug deeper into the Scriptures, he found that many of his Catholic practices did not follow the Bible. He soon found that the Sabbath of the Bible, the one kept by the apostles, was Saturday.

At this point he had never met a Sabbathkeeper, but he started observing the Sabbath in the convent, though he continued his plans to be a priest. He had given his all to the Lord and was determined to spend his life in service for God. However, more

and more he found himself in disagreement with the things he was being taught.

Shortly before he graduated from the high school portion of his training, he met some Seventh-day Adventists. Soon a friendship developed with one of these young men. Although the student priest kept the Sabbath, he had no intention of leaving his church.

Three years later he attended his first Adventist meeting in western Samar. After the meeting, the presiding elder, Pastor F. M. Arrogante, invited the youth to visit in his home. The Adventist minister promised to make a way for Nonito to attend Mountain View College. While the priest back at the monastery was very reluctant to see his student leave, he finally agreed when Nonito assured him that he was well versed in the catechism and that he would use it in defense of his faith.

During his first six months of his stay at Mountain View College, he had no funds for school expenses but found it necessary to work full time in one of the college industries. However, the time was not completely lost, for while doing this, he attended the Bible marking class. Later, through the kindness of friends, Nonito enrolled at the college and is now preparing to serve the Lord as a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

—J. H. Zachary,
Theology Department,
Mountain View College

Davao A.C.T. Assists Flood Victims

IMEDIATELY after an unexpected flood swept Digos, Davao del Sur, the Davao Mission Adventist Civic Team—A.C.T.—rushed to the scene to demonstrate the ministration of love in tangible gifts of food, medicines, canned goods, and clothing. The South Philippine Union relief vehicle was also on the scene, its crew engaged in aiding victims. The Dorcas society of the Digos church coordinated its help with A.C.T. in the distribution of the goods to the flood victims without delay.

Early reports showed 14 persons drowned and six others missing. Some 140 houses in Digos were washed away by strong currents, rendering thousands of persons homeless. Others lost practically all their possessions.

It is interesting to recount God's protection over his children—not one member of the Digos church perished.

In another mishap in Carmen, Davao del Norte, some 6,960 pounds of bulgur, flour, and rolled wheat were dispatched by our S.A.W.S. headquarters in Maniila for the flood victims. The Davao Mission Adventist Civic Team, in coordination with the municipal officials of Carmen and the local social welfare administrators, made the distribution in front of the Municipal Hall. More than 400 families were given their ration that day.

—A. A. Villarín, PR Officer,
Davao Mission



Important Step Taken in Thailand

TO the 100 members of the Haad Yai church in southern Thailand, the opening of a new two-story, eight-classroom church school plant valued at US\$25,000 seems too good to be true.

But on September 1, at an impressive ribbon-cutting ceremony, the district governor and his assistant director of education officially declared the new Thep Umnuay elementary school open.

As the visitors inspected the modern school facility, one of the honored guests, the American consul for southern Thailand, said quietly, "I've seen a lot of new school buildings here in Thailand that were larger, but none nicer." That evening the television station covering all southern Thailand featured the new school and its opening ceremony on its news program.

It all began when some of the brethren had a strong conviction that they should heed God's testimonies to the church and provide a church school for their children where they could receive a Christian education.

With no money, no land, no building, no teachers, and no assurance of government approval, they went to work in faith. They claimed the promises of Him who declared, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine." "Prove me . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing. . ." Haggai 2:8, Malachi 3:10. Their work and their faith were rewarded.

Dr. R. C. Van Arsdell, medical director of the Haad Yai Adventist Mission Hospital, and his wife took an active lead in the project, setting a worthy example of Christian stewardship and then inspiring others to do likewise. Many friends helped, and

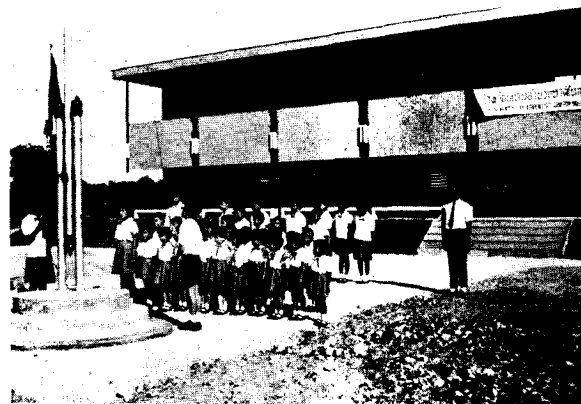


PRAYER. Thai boys and girls stand for prayer in one of the classrooms of the new elementary school in Haad Yai.

funds began to come in. A beautiful building site was located and purchased. Plans were drawn and approved, and soon the project took form and shape.

In order to begin school on time they had to erect a temporary classroom building, which the children and teachers occupied for a few weeks until the new building was ready. This they did to comply with the law which requires all schools to begin at the same time, and in order to obtain government approval of the school. The law also requires one classroom and one teacher for each grade.

There are now 35 students in the Thep Umnuay school in seven grades, with four full-time and three part-time teachers. According to present plans, the school administration is going to request permission to open grades 8 to 10 for the 1972-73 year.



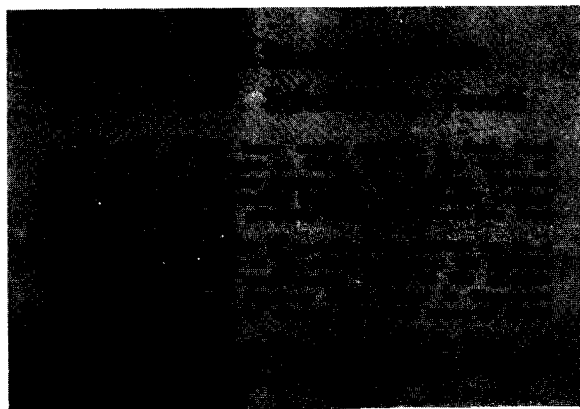
OPENED. The Thep Umnuay elementary school in Haad Yai, Thailand, opened its doors to students for the first time on September 1. It is the second church school operated by Seventh-day Adventists in Thailand.

The significance of this second church school for southern Thailand (the first one was completed at Phuket two years ago) can hardly be overestimated. Pastor P. G. Wick, president of the Thailand Mission and also educational superintendent, is promoting a strong program of Christian education which includes a long-range plan for the establishment of a secondary boarding school.

First, however, elementary schools must be established as "feeder" schools. Then, with the two large mission schools in Bangkok and Ubon, and the Tribal Training Center now under construction on a fertile 50-acre tract near Chiangmai, a firm foundation will have been laid for the development of a strong force of national workers to help finish God's work in Thailand.

As R. I. Gainer, treasurer of the Southeast Asia Union, Pleng Vitiamalaksama, first Thai S.D.A. convert, and the writer looked into the happy faces of the church members—especially the children—at Haad Yai that day, we knew that the Thailand mission was moving in that direction.

—F. H. Hewitt,
Educational Secretary,
Southeast Asia Union



Six Baptized in Singapore

SIX persons have been baptized as the result of meetings held by Pastor T. K. Chong, Malaya Mission president, at the Queenstown church in Singapore this spring.

The Queenstown church is a branch of the Balestier Road church and was established in 1969 as the result of a series of Voice of Youth meetings. Since then an increasing number of young people have been attending this church, located in one of Singapore's satellite towns.

For four weeks during April and May, Pastor Chong conducted an evangelistic crusade. Medical talks were given by physicians at Youngberg Memorial Hospital, and young people of the church assisted in almost every phase of the project.

The six baptized recently were among the 30 who indicated at the close of the series that they would like to follow Christ. More baptisms are anticipated.

—Philip Goh,
Lay Activities Secretary,
Balestier Road Church



BAPTISM. Mr. Naranjo is baptized by the author.

Former Preacher Rebaptized

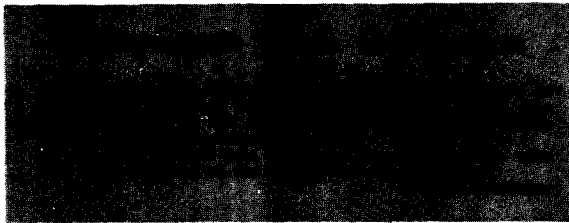
VITO Naranjo, a preacher in the West Visayan Mission before the war, has returned after having gone out of the church for many long years. Through the influence of our church school and the Jinalinan Academy, which is run privately by our brethren, Mr. Naranjo decided to be rebaptized.

Asked how he felt about being rebaptized, he replied, "Now that I am reclaimed, I have the joy once more which I missed so much."

Mr. Naranjo is now an active member of Jinalinan church in Antique, where he resides, and is helping the brethren in missionary endeavors.

—C. O. Gravino,
Educational Secretary,
Central Philippine Union

NORTH PHILIPPINES



Polillo Church Observes Golden Jubilee

A HISTORIC event in the island of Polillo, Quezon, was observed recently—the commemoration of the 50th year of the Polillo Adventist church. Present for the occasion were Pastor G. E. Bullock, North Philippine Union treasurer, and officers and departmental secretaries of South-Central Luzon Mission.

It was the late Agustin Panaga who pioneered the work in this island town. Since then the church has grown. We now have on the island five churches



LEADERS. These are Adventist leaders in the town of Polillo—the mayor, councilors, treasurer, and policeman. The two men wearing business suits are Mayor Crisostomo Verzo and Municipal Treasurer

and companies with a total membership of almost 500. This was a source of joy to Pastor Panaga, who died last year, and those who pioneered the work with him.

A most touching part of the celebration was the Recognition Hour for the charter members who are still living. They were given ribbons of recognition for their faithfulness during the past 50 years. A special prayer for them was offered by Pastor Bullock. It was inspiring to hear these early believers say that their hope in the second coming of the Lord has become stronger with the years.

The Polillo church has contributed to the organized work three ministers, two Bible instructors, two doctors, a hospital treasurer, and several nurses and teachers.

—E. L. Dingoasen,
District Pastor

Ministers Meet at P.U.C.

MINISTERS of the North Philippine Union gathered at Philippine Union College in Baesa, Caloocan City, September 16 to 20. Leading out were Pastor J. R. Spangler, associate secretary of the General Conference ministerial association and editor of **The Ministry**; Pastor M. G. Jereos, acting chairman of the N.P.U.M. Executive Committee; Pastor R. C. Williams, Far Eastern Division ministerial secretary; and C. A. Galang, N.P.U.M. ministerial secretary.

Among the important recommendations passed in the session were: 1. To recommend to the North Philippine Union that Home Study Institute course credits be accepted by Philippine Union College; 2. To give study to the formation of a health education team for the purpose of training evangelists and health workers, in order to implement the health evangelism approach; and 3. To adopt the program of **MISSION 72** for the North Philippine Union.

—S. G. Miraflores,
Session Secretary



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CHECK-UP. The annual physical check-up for Palawan Adventist Academy students is being conducted by a Central Luzon Mission medical team composed of Dr. A. M. Santiago, a volunteer layman, Emma Salonga, and Angelina C. Reyes (not in photo).



PUFF. B. G. Mary demonstrates "Puffing Pedro" to elementary pupils at Palawan Adventist Academy.



CREDIT. Manuelito Tejano, consistently the union's top colporteur for the past several years, gives credit to the "help and inspiration" of his wife, the former Esther Geal of Cebu.



WATER! Four-inch pipes 1,521 meters long connect the Naga View Campus of Philippine Union College with a spring 378 feet high. The water reached the campus September 13, their big "water festival" day. Feeling the gush of the water is Oscar Palomero, school engineer, while Associate Dean J. B. Villagomez looks on.



CHORALIERS. One of the new and much-admired singing groups in Greater Manila is the Choraliers, led by Menxo Fabriga (front row, right). Most of the members are from the Manila Central church, while the others came from the Manila Center and Gagalangin churches.