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Deskside Chats



Perspective

A FEW years ago one of our committees was discussing the construction of a large and expensive building. Detailed floor plans and lists of specifications were in hand. I looked the blueprints over carefully, but somehow I couldn't seem to visualize what the completed building would be like.

Then, unrolling another sheet, one of the committee members said, "The architect has also made a perspective drawing."

Suddenly the whole thing came to life. There, in beautiful water color, was pictured a handsome building, complete with clouds in the sky, landscaped lawn, and even cars in the parking lot. Letting us see it in perspective, the artist had transformed technical lines and figures into a realistic preview of the finished project.

Perspective is good for more than pictures. The dictionary also describes it as the "capacity to view things in their true relations or relative importance."

Notice how it works. . .

With plans. Maybe we have a bright idea for a new project; perhaps it's just the routine performance of an assignment. Whatever the plan, seeing it in perspective will show us how it relates to our other work, what priority it should have, what it will cost in time and materials, what the final results will be. The leader of real vision is the one with perspective.

With problems. Most people see problems the way a patient sees symptoms—as very acute manifestations of pain and anguish. The doctor sees the same symptoms, but in perspective. This leads him to discover the cause, determine the remedy and start the patient on the proper treatment. All of our problems will respond to the same approach. Perspective makes the difference between developing ulcers or muscle.

With people. Seeing people in perspective is fine art. What they do, what they say and what others say about them will all appear against an horizon that includes their personality, education, experience and background. In human relations, perspective is synonymous with tolerance, understanding and compassion.

A long time ago Paul told the Ephesians he was praying about "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened." (Eph. 1:18). That's perspective.

That's what we all need.

Cordially,

Paul H. Eldridge, President



To Ponder . . .

BECAUSE there are thousands of Seventh-day Adventist homes in the Far Eastern Division, and because only a few mothers, fathers, and youth were able to hear Mrs. Shirley Johnson at the Health and Home schools conducted recently in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Bangkok, we share with you one of the articles presented by Mrs. Johnson.

Homemaker's Creed of the Home Legion

- I believe homemaking is a noble and challenging career.
 - I believe homemaking is an art requiring many different skills.
 - I believe homemaking requires the best of my effort, my abilities, and my thinking.
 - I believe home reflects the spirit of the homemaker.
 - I believe home should be a place of peace, joy, and contentment.
 - I believe no task is too humble that contributes to the cleanliness, the order, the health, the well-being of the household.
 - I believe a homemaker must be true to the highest ideals of love, loyalty, service, and religion.
 - I believe home must be an influence for good in the neighborhood, the community, the country.
- Courtesy of Betty Crocker, General Mills, Inc.

We believe this creed, when practiced, would benefit every home. Would not fathers, mothers, and children be helped as they endeavor to be guided by the spirit of the message contained in it? We are confident it would prove profitable for the welfare of all and—

STRENGTHEN THE HOME

Marion S. Simmons

Southern Africa to Receive Broadcasts

FOR many years broadcasting has been impossible in Southern Africa. Attempts to reach the large populations of this area from centers like Lorenzo Marques have not been successful. But early in 1971 word came of a new station being built in Swaziland. Time on the station was available, and the Trans-Africa Division and the South African Union moved to accept the time. The station operates at 100,000 watts and will speak with an authoritative voice on medium wave across much of the southern part of the great land mass of Africa.

No sooner had this opportunity been accepted than a second one developed using facilities in Malawi. Again the church responded to the challenge. As a result, four different broadcasts in four languages will reach entirely new audiences. Slated for 1972 are programs in English (two), Afrikaans, and Chichewes.

God has opened doors. Let us pray for the success of each of these broadcasts, which add millions to the potential audience of the church's message.

—W. R. L. Scragg,
Radio-TV Department,
General Conference

Young S.D.A. Film Contest

A search is going on right now for young S.D.A. film makers. The General Conference audio-visual service and the temperance and youth departments have teamed up to encourage young film makers to use their talents to communicate the Adventist message.

Young people of all ages—elementary, academy, or college—are invited to submit films—8 mm, super 8, or 16 mm. The subject can be about doctrine, nature, or social problems, or it can be a TV spot on any subject. Young people in the Far East who may be interested in further information on the contest can obtain a brochure by writing to their union MV secretary.

Close Your Eyes

DARK, isn't it? This is the world blind people live in. One of the first things a person misses after losing his sight is the ability to read.

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First Lady Lays Cornerstone of New Saigon Hospital

by G. C. Ekvall, M.D., Secretary,
Department of Health

THE Saigon Adventist Hospital was committed to the construction of an entirely new hospital plant in a colorful ceremony of laying the cornerstone on the morning of January 11. Many Vietnamese government officials, leading citizens, foreign ambassadors, business friends, and United States military representatives arrived through the heavily guarded front gate of the mission compound right on time.

All of the automobiles bearing these important guests traveled slowly down the compound road, lined by uniformed student nurses and employees of the hospital, and let out their passengers by a slightly raised, spacious platform, where each was ushered to his seat. The platform was shaded by several large white parachutes and surrounded by many colorful flags of Vietnam. A long row of nurses in white formed to the front left-hand side of the guests.

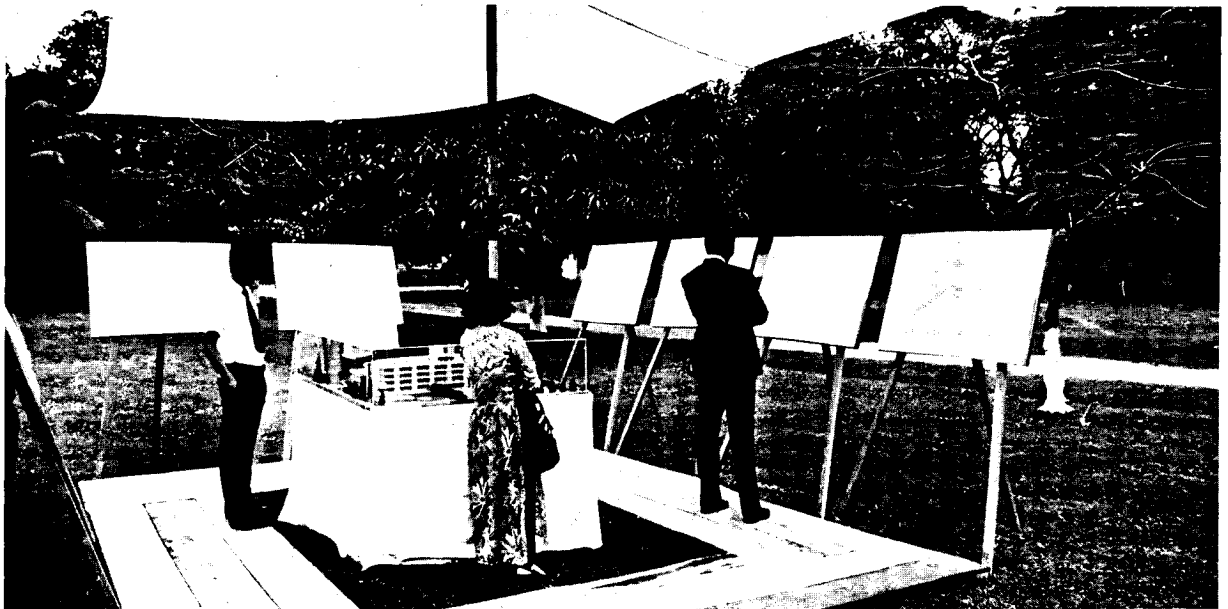
All anxiously awaited the arrival of the First Lady of the land, Madame Nguyen Van Thieu, and were pleasantly rewarded when she stepped from her limousine a little ahead of schedule. After she was ushered to the seat of honor, all stood as the national anthem was played by the Presidential Band.

Senator Nguyen Thon Do gave a short intro-

duction and was master of ceremonies during the program. Pastor Pham Thien, secretary of the Vietnam Mission, welcomed all to the ceremony. Speeches were given by Mr. Vinh Huyen, chairman of the new hospital project, and by the Minister of Health for Vietnam. All stood as a prayer of gratitude and supplication for God's blessings was offered by P. H. Eldridge, Far Eastern Division president.

The First Lady then laid a symbolic cornerstone in mortar behind a plaque of marble with gold lettering. She viewed the model and plans of the building and led the procession of those who signed the "golden book," indicating their gifts and best wishes for this project. A total of 1,300,000 piasters (US \$3,250) was pledged.

As the program closed and the guests departed, our people felt that their dream really was beginning to come true. For 16 long years our medical program has been carried on in an unpretentious villa, many times altered inside and added to on the outside with extensions upwards and sideways and by separate small buildings. Long-range planning started with the purchase of a new hospital site at the edge of the city on a major street leading to the airport in 1957.



VIEWING. Plans and a model of the new Saigon Adventist Hospital were on display at the cornerstone laying ceremony so visitors could preview what the new hospital will look like.



PLEDGING SUPPORT. The First Lady signs the "golden book," pledging both financial and moral support to the new hospital.

Many plans have been drawn and much effort expended by many through the years to proceed with the new hospital project, but circumstances and the Vietnam war impeded progress. However, now a new and better charter for our hospital work and a building permit have been granted by the authorities after years of negotiation. Excellent plans have been drawn by a quality architectural firm for a four-story, 175-bed modern hospital estimated to cost 200 million piasters (US\$500,000).

These plans are approved and waiting to be transformed into the hospital structure. There are enough funds now in hand to permit construction of the ground floor as Phase I of the project. A Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow in 1969 and generous help from the General Conference will aid in building this first phase.

A second phase of completing the next floor will soon be very much needed, but funds for this are nonexistent. Much more money will be needed also to complete the structure and to provide adequate equipment. Our people in Vietnam are doing their part in raising money for this expensive project, as local fund raising is in progress and has been professionally organized by an Australian fund-raising firm.

A large faith in God to see this project succeed despite a multitude of discouraging factors and delays, plus faith in the help of their fellow believers and countrymen, has prodded our determined people definitely to commit themselves to the finishing of this much-needed task. Now the dream is about to be realized. Please join with our Vietnamese brethren and overseas workers as they pray for the success of this plan to begin building a new Saigon Adventist Hospital.

Our Cover

Madame Nguyen Van Thieu, First Lady of South Vietnam, lays the cornerstone for the new Saigon Adventist Hospital.

"These Times" Depicts Total Adventist Concept

THE February issue of *These Times* presented to the public a comprehensive view of the Seventh-day Adventist church, its teachings and outreach. It was the first issue of a Seventh-day Adventist magazine ever produced in four colors throughout.

Editor Kenneth Holland and his staff suggested this special concept to a General Conference steering committee organized to coordinate the efforts of church communicators in connection with the MISSION '72 program. Similar efforts are being planned by "It Is Written." Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, and **Signs of the Times**.


The February issue answered three questions: Who are Seventh-day Adventists? What do they believe? and What is their work? The magazine presented the four key areas of church work—health, education, community service, and evangelism—ending with a statement of Seventh-day Adventist key doctrines. Exalting Christ is the theme on every page, according to Pastor Holland.

This special magazine is undated and will be available for use throughout the year. It is ideal for use both by ministers and lay members in all aspects of evangelistic work. Sample copies and bulk prices are available from Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

—Paula Becker



THE SYMBOLIC CHURCH. An unusual still life photograph depicts well-known symbols of Adventist belief on the cover of "These Times" for February, 1972.



NEWS *from the* UNIONS



EAST INDONESIA

Mount Klabat College Graduates First Business Students

AT the commencement exercises of Mount Klabat College held at the close of the 1971 school year, eight students were graduated in the area of commerce. They are the first to complete the commerce course offered at the college and to receive their professional certificates.

The curriculum is based on a two-year program of business-oriented study, including courses in accounting, economics, banking, business law, and the use of business machines. Students also take religion courses. As in all areas of study in our church-operated schools, special emphasis is given to the spiritual needs of individuals in whatever profession they may choose.

The commerce department is headed by Junius Tirok. His education and experience in denominational work, and also his special interest in young people, enable him to provide competent leadership in this program. Assisting him are Mr. and Mrs. John Pesulima. Mrs. Anna Kalangi, head of the secretarial department, helps in areas where the departments are joined together.



GRADUATES. Commerce department graduates of Mount Klabat College pose with their teacher, Junius Tirok, seated in the front row. The graduates are: (standing) Joseph Manueke, Wilson Wauran, Sinjo Laoh, Fredrik Slat, Richard Pesulima; (seated) Freddy Pangau, Selvie Tumangkeng, and Ellen Mandy.



NORTH PHILIPPINES

Providences Lead Through Trial

THE Baligang church in the Southern Luzon Mission worked toward a big attendance on Sabbath School High Attendance Day last June. One particularly active layman, Brother Virgilio Nares, had labored long and patiently to bring Mrs. Aurora D. Mansion to Sabbath School that day.

A native of Dagupan City, Aurora Datuin, as she was known before her marriage, wanted earnestly to become a nun. With this in mind she had entered the Sta. Catalina Postulantship in 1957, served six months for her novitiate, six years for her temporal vow, after which would be her perpetual vow—the realization of her dreams. But a rheumatic heart intervened just a day before the consecration ceremony when she would be declared a nun. Instead she was sent home terribly disappointed.

This health problem resulted in her decision to take the secretarial course when well enough to do so. The following year she was offered a scholarship at the University of Sto. Tomas, a prestigious Catholic university in Manila. Along with her studies she was given work at the university hospital. It was there that she met Johnny Mansion, who also worked at the hospital, and they fell in love. When this became known, the school administration dropped the young man from their employ at the end of the school year.

This second bitter disappointment Aurora could do something about. She resigned from the university and packed her things. A priest escorted her to the railroad station, bought a ticket for her home in Dagupan City, and put her on the train. However, as soon as he left, she got off the train, returned her ticket, and bought a new one for Camalig, Albay, where Johnny was anxiously waiting.

They settled right there in the young man's home place, where a strong Adventist church was located. It was God's leading, for they lived near a faithful Adventist couple, Brother Virgilio Nares and his wife Leonila. Sensing Aurora's loneliness, Sister Leonila visited her often and cultivated her friendship.

Youth's dream of a rosy life soon faded. Johnny had no regular employment—he was a tenant farmer without steady income. She could not turn to her parents for help. Instead, to get badly needed cash, she sold all her jewelry and other valuables, but still

there was not enough to carry them through for long. The arrival of their first child added to their financial difficulties, and anxiety soon affected her health.

One Sabbath she needed a can of milk for the child but had no money with which to buy it. Reluctantly she approached Sister Leonila, who had a small store, though it was closed that day.

"I don't sell on the Sabbath," our Adventist member explained. "And I don't give credit on that day either." But she hastily added that since Aurora needed the milk, she would give her a can without charge.

That generosity made a deep impression, and there followed inquiries about the beliefs of Adventists which naturally led to a series of Bible studies based on "What the Bible Says" lessons. But when Brother Nares invited her to Sabbath School, he was met with a cool response. However, God was shaping circumstances so that this young woman who had wanted to serve the Lord as a nun would be able to serve Him in His own way.

Because of nagging worry, her rheumatic heart condition recurred. One night she had an attack and needed to go to a doctor in town five kilometers away. But there was no means with which to hire an automobile to take her there in a hurry. Relatives and friends were approached to no avail. Finally, Johnny thought of the Nares couple, but they had responded so often already. However, he summoned his courage and roused them from sleep in the middle of the night.

"Will you loan us ten pesos?" he pled. "I will repay you with a sack of palay after the harvest."

This was a good offer, for a sack of unhulled rice was valued at 22 pesos at that time. However, the missionary-minded couple explained that they would not accept usury because the Bible condemns the practice. Rather, they gave him the ten pesos, accompanied him home for prayer and helped get an automobile.

This expression of love melted the hearts of the suffering family. They became fast friends and more earnest Bible studies followed. Aurora was now receptive. She visited the Vacation Bible School that was being conducted in the chapel at that time and eagerly studied the Friendship Bible course.

Opposition in the barrio arose. She was tempted by an offer of work teaching religion in the public school. It would bring her good pay.

All the while her Adventist friends prayed earnestly that she would not succumb. They encouraged her with the thought that God would not forsake her in her hour of need. It was at this time that she visited the Baligang church on Sabbath School High Attendance Day. In fact, she kept coming to the Adventist church and on August 21 was baptized.

Now there is no doubt in her mind about God's providential leading. She has become a colporteur evangelist. —**J. D. Haniel, Secretary,**

Sabbath School, Lay Activities Depts.

P.U.C. Teacher Completes Work on Doctorate

MRS. Dorothy Minchin-Comm, chairman of the English department at Philippine Union College, has been granted a Ph.D. in English from the University of Alberta in Canada. She recently went to Canada to defend her thesis and to complete work on her degree.

Mrs. Comm has been a member of the Philippine college staff since 1970. Her dissertation was titled, "Changing Concepts of the West Indian Plantocracy in English Literature, 1740-1850." Much of the final work on her degree was done while she was teaching full-time at the Manila institution.

Mrs. Comm graduated from Atlantic Union College and then obtained a master's degree in English from Andrews University. She attended the University of Alberta from 1968 to 1969 and did research at Huntington Library in California and at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. She held a Canada Council Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities for two years as well as a summer grant from the University of Alberta.

Elder Comm is on the staff of the Bible department of Philippine Union College. They have two children, both students at the Baesa overseas elementary school.

—**D. A. Roth**



Mrs. Dorothy Comm

Adventist Overseas Student Receives Outstanding Student Award

THE Philippine International Friendship Organization (P.I.F.O.) recently selected three outstanding overseas students studying in the Philippines. Melvin Sajid, 23, an Adventist student from Pakistan and a graduate of Philippine Union College, was one of the three.



HONOR. Melvin Sajid, second from left, is congratulated by Dr. E. W. Tarr, secretary of the General Conference Bureau of Public Relations, after receiving honors from the Philippine International Fellowship Organization. At the left is a Japanese Adventist student who was one of the top 12 students.

Among the finalists were three Seventh-day Adventists.

The proclamation of the three students was a culmination of the yearly nationwide search for the three most outstanding international students in the Philippines by the P.I.F.O. among the field of finalists representing 75 state and privately owned colleges and universities with approximately 20,000 foreign students.

The three most outstanding international students are: Miss Xuyen Thi Bui, 26, a Vietnamese student at the University of the Philippines; Mr. Sajid; and Antonio Izquierdo, 30, a Spanish student at St. Louis University, Baguio City. The awards were made at the Philippine Union College auditorium in Baesa, Calocan. The three will hold the title for one year.

P.U.C. Faculty Members Awarded

BEN Espiritu, P.U.C. electrician, recently received a "first honor" medal for his graduating class in a one-year program in electricity. He was honored as the outstanding student in his class of 60.

He had earlier received a similar award for a year's program in refrigeration from the same school.

Bernardo Gumarao, P.U.C. construction foreman, received this award previously when completing a drafting curriculum.



Cadaratan Lamb Shelter

Under the able and sacrificial leadership of Brother Luis Oania, elder of the Cadaratan church in Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, the long felt need for a lamb shelter has at last become a reality. A two-room concrete building with iron roofing, four by six meters, now stands on a piece of land donated by the church elder. The building stands a little behind the main chapel building, but adjacent to it.

This shelter came into being through loving contributions made by the local church members and former church members who are now living in Hawaii and the mainland of the United States.

Brother Luis T. V. Borja, North Philippine Union Sabbath School secretary, delivered the inaugural speech and cut the ribbon. The children then marched in for their respective classes.

Shown with Pastor Borja on both sides are the teachers who lead the children of the church. At his right is Pastor G. D. Masaveña, mission Sabbath School secretary.

—M. G. Paulino, District Pastor

P.P.H. Board Elects Filipino Manager

THE election of E. L. Villanueva as manager of the Philippine Publishing House took place last November. Brother Villanueva has served under eight overseas managers and is the first Filipino to occupy this key post.

Son of a prewar Philippine Publishing House treasurer, the new manager was also publishing house treasurer for 18 years. He was treasurer and acting manager at the time of his election.

The top man of the Far Eastern Division's largest publishing house started work in the plant in 1947 as a clerk and timekeeper. Next he was cashier-bookkeeper up to 1949, when he was graduated from P.U.C. with a B.S.C. degree and became publishing house accountant. In 1953 he passed the C.P.A. examination and was appointed treasurer.

"The men in the field are solidly behind our program," he declared when asked how things were with the publishing house. He cited the record of the Central Philippine Union, which more than doubled its sales last year, going from 420,000 pesos to about one million pesos.

Brother Villanueva revealed that since January, 1971, the publishing house has had an in-service training program for all employees. Twice a month a professional from town is invited to lecture, and this plan has enhanced both efficiency and morale, he said.



MANAGER. E. L. Villanuevo, first Filipino manager of the Philippine Publishing House, and his wife, the former Rosalina Delgado.

Five Baptized After Week of Spiritual Emphasis

FIVE students were baptized as the result of the Week of Spiritual Emphasis last October 25 to 30, conducted by the writer at South-Central Luzon Academy. There were 18, most of them from non-Adventist homes, who surrendered to Christ and accepted Him as their personal Saviour, but only five were ready at that time for baptism. The principal and Bible teacher have organized a baptismal class for the rest of the group.



Ordination at Hong Kong Session

Pastor C. P. Chang of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission was ordained to the gospel ministry during the biennial session of the mission in Hong Kong recently. Pastor and Mrs. Chang are shown in the center front, flanked by his fellow workers.

The ordination service was directed by Pastor T. M. Chu, extreme left, president of the mission, while Pastor Doyle Barnett, back center, participated in the ordination rites. —Samuel Young, P.R. Secretary

Helen M. Reed (1904-1971)

THE long life of service to family and community, both at home and overseas, of Helen Melton Reed came to a peaceful end on December 6 at Avon Park, Florida. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor D. R. Castonia. Interment was at the Bougainvillea Cemetery in Avon Park.

Mrs. Reed's first trip to the Orient took place in 1926, when she and her husband, Pastor Leclare Reed, came out as missionaries. The young couple had married in June and three months later were in China, where they served for many years.

Sickness in the family interrupted their continuous service overseas, but in 1959 they were back once again, at which time Pastor Reed served as president of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission. A permanent return was granted three years later.

Mrs. Reed's heart and thoughts were always in the Lord's work and never did she allow illness to hinder her giving help where needed. Her firm faith in God and warm friendship for her fellows have always been an inspiration to her companion and many friends.

She is survived by her husband Leclare; daughter Lenore; sister, Gladys Brown of Belle Glade, Florida; brother, Harry Melton of Glendale, California; niece, Mrs. Betty Fields of Ft. Meade; and nephew, Robert Brown of Miami, Florida.



Nursing School Graduates Thirteen

THIRTEEN was apparently a "lucky number" for these 13 students of the Bandung Mission Hospital School of Nursing, who, after successfully completing the Indonesian government examinations, received their diplomas in graduation ceremonies held on December 26.

Weekend speakers, Pastors Bahasa Soemarna, Robert Hancock, and A. L. Lesiasel, challenged the graduates to apply their motto, "His Life Our Guiding Star," to reach their aim, "Through Difficulties to Victory."

Three of the students will remain at the Bandung hospital for work, and ten will witness for the Master in other hospitals and clinics throughout Indonesia.

—Cleo Johnson,
Business Manager



NURSES. Recent graduates of the Bandung Mission Hospital's School of Nursing are: (front row) Julien Pangemanan, Iam Meriam Rachmat, Jeammy Wuysang, Joseph Montolalu, Susan Gunadi, Augustien Montolalu, Attie Sofaiati Havid; (back row) Roosdiana Joesmanadi, Mieke Margriet Risakotta, Wiesje Jeanne Kounang, Lea Sarah Missah, Meiske Item, and Nurmala Tambunan.

Plans Help Miracles to Happen

ON Christmas Day the Sabbath School of the Djakarta Center church gave the largest per capita Thirteenth Sabbath Offering ever recorded in Indonesia by any of our churches.

Six weeks before the close of the quarter, the Sabbath School superintendent introduced a special Christmas gift plan to all the members. Sixty boxes, made out of discarded mimeograph ink boxes and nicely decorated, were distributed. These were taken home and placed in some prominent spot where they could not be forgotten.

Every time a member felt he had received specific blessings from the Lord, he dropped some money into his box. Some even signed checks and deposited them in their boxes. One member was so deeply impressed with the appeal he had heard at Sabbath School that he made a contribution of 50,000 rupiahs.

"For God so loved the world that **He** gave," the superintendent reminded the people frequently. "Let us give, not because God needs the money, but because we love the Lord and our fellow men too."

On Christmas morning, 60 members brought their boxes with them to Sabbath School. Not one was forgotten. The goal for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering had been set at 150,000 rupiahs. All wondered if it could be reached. After the boxes had been collected and the money counted, an announcement was made.

"Our offering today came to 267,000 rupiahs," the superintendent reported with obvious joy.

Thus it was that good Sabbath School plans were blessed by the Lord with what seemed like a miracle offering.

—R. W. Hutapea, Superintendent,
Djakarta Center Church



Thirty-five Receive Caps

Thirty-five freshman students, 32 girls and three boys, recently received their nursing caps or chevrons in a candlelight ceremony at Seoul Adventist Hospital.

The students were admitted to the School of Nursing some seven months prior to the capping service, but all have now successfully completed their "probation period."

This larger than usual class was admitted because the school is anticipating moving into the new hospital now under construction in Seoul. When completed, the building will have a 175-bed capacity as compared with the present 100 beds, so more nurses will be needed.

Pastor P. W. Im, secretary of the Korean Union, was the speaker for the evening. The class was also addressed by Mrs. Yaon Soq Bok, one of the executive officers of the Korean Nurses Association.

—Lois Wilson



SOUTH PHILIPPINES

A Muslim Chieftain Serves God

PLANG Badang lives on the slopes of Mt. Apo in North Cotabato. He used to be a hardened Manobo criminal, a daring murderer who always volunteered to do the job when nobody else would. Though jailed three times by the law, he still was bent on pleasure killing.

One day the datu of his tribe was greatly annoyed by the people who constantly intruded into his territory. The datu called for an emergency meeting. The "agong" was sounded, and all the Manobo males came together. Piang Badang, an adviser to the datu, was likewise present to give counsel. The datu aired his annoyance with the infiltrating Christians, whom he accused of squatting on tribal lands. Quick to give his suggestion was Piang Badang, who advised that the datu send his brave men to liquidate the Christians. He even volunteered to go alone to perform the deed.

The day for carrying out his plan was sunny, and to Piang Badang this was a sign of success for his evil expedition. Armed with a gun, he did not even bother to bid his wife goodbye. As he walked, the sun scorched his partly-clad body and made his blood hotter to follow through with his murderous scheme. As he approached the Christian settlement, the world around him suddenly became so dark that he could no longer see his way. He tried to wipe his eyes with his torn, wet shirt—but to no avail. Instead, he remained standing in the middle of the trail, not knowing what to do or where to go.

A strange thought came to him, an impulse to pray to God for help. But he had never prayed before. In fact, he was not sure that there is a God in heaven, for he had been reared a pagan. Nevertheless, he compelled himself to pray in his own way, for he was afraid.

"O God," he murmured, "if you are really in heaven and can hear me, please let me see the light again."

He waited for an answer, but no change took place. Perhaps there is no real God to hear me, he thought. But at the insistence of that strange idea, he repeated the same prayer two or three times, kneeling and bursting into tears the third time as he promised not to carry out his threat to kill the Christians if his sight would be restored.

When he stood up, he saw in the distance a great bright plain. He sat down, wondering. Was I not facing a wooded hill when suddenly engulfed with darkness? he thought. But then, when he looked again, his former surroundings reappeared.



CONVERTED. Datu Piang Badang of North Cotabato, was converted to Adventism by energetic laymen of the Camasi and Roxas churches, with Brethren Zabala, a colporteur, and Domingo Solis. T. B. Batulayan, right, is the writer.

"This is a miracle," he whispered to himself and went home.

At home, he secluded himself and in complete silence pondered his experience. One thing he knew for certain: It was not God's will to commit murder.

After a few days, as he was sitting alone, a strange, small voice suggested that he go to a church in Kidapawan, North Cotabato. That he did, without questioning. It was a Christian Alliance church that he found. The preacher talked about proud Jonah and then appealed to the congregation to become like the lowly Jesus.

Upon his return home, Piang Badang gathered all his people and told them about his discovery of the true God. He encouraged them to build a house of worship for this God, and for some time he taught his people the Alliance way. However, he was dissatisfied, for he realized that there was not much change in his life and in his people.

Jovito Zabala, an energetic literature evangelist, found his way into Piang Badang's community and met Martin Guabong, a minister of the Christian Alliance, who bought a set of the Modern Home Library. This purchase led to Bible studies in which several others joined (among them Piang Badang), until all 28 lessons were completed. Datu Piang (now changed to Felipe) Badang and four Cebuanos accepted the doctrines of the Bible as taught by Seventh-day Adventists and were baptized in January of last year. They now rejoice in the knowledge of present truth and await Christ's soon return.

—T. B. Batulayan



The Atiteos: Bernabe, Eunice, and baby Daryl Gay

In Service to Alma Mater

BERNABE M. Atiteo serves in two capacities at Mountain View College—acting head of the history department and assistant professor of theology.

He has six years of teaching experience. Upon graduation from M.V.C. in 1965, he was asked to teach Bible on the campus of his alma mater. In 1968 he received the Master of Arts degree from Philippine Union College. Since his graduation, he has served well as history and Bible teacher.

Professor Atiteo has a special interest in church history. His long-range plans involve further studies in this area.

Outside of the classroom, Mr. Atiteo is very active in campus evangelism. He is one of the sponsors of the Friendship Club on the campus. At present 125 non-Adventist youth are receiving Bible studies. We are confident that there will be a rich harvest of souls.

Mrs. Eunice Villarosa-Atiteo received a Bachelor of Secretarial Science degree in 1968. After working for one year as office secretary in Southern Mindanao Mission, she accepted the call to serve as secretary to the president of the college.

—**J. H. Zachary, Chairman,
Bible Department,
Mountain View College**

Laymen Win Souls in Northeastern Mindanao

THE laymen of the Northeastern Mindanao Mission have become increasingly aware of their need of daily conversion to Christlikeness and their responsibility for sharing the light of truth with darkened souls. God is using them as magnets to draw others to heaven.

In Suriago del Norte our believers are busy every Sabbath preaching the gospel to the inmates of the

provincial jail. Recently Pastor J. M. Moralda, district leader, baptized 20 of these men. At present, Sabbath services are going on every Sabbath in the jail.

In the province of Surigao, where people are very prejudiced against our message, the brethren used another method to arouse interest. At dawn they serenaded the homes of their neighbors with religious songs. The residents love to hear these songs and have been led to search for more truth. Quite a good number are now receiving Bible studies.

In a remote area of our territory where our mission school is located, light is penetrating the community from the home of Brother Efenito Layson, the teacher assigned there. Since there is no church building where they could gather and worship God on Sabbath, meetings are held in the home of a layman. In the afternoon they read the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy books to strengthen the members. Many of the parents are now receiving Bible studies, and the teacher is anticipating, with God's help, a fruitful harvest of souls this school year.

The children of Pastor and Mrs. Israel have become assets to their parents' soul-winning work. They are willing to render any part given them; and in one of the evangelistic efforts that their father conducted, the people were very much attracted to the parts given by these children. A Branch Sabbath School conducted every Sabbath in barrio Mabuhay by the members of the Bayugan church is regularly attracting a large group of children and adults.

—**D. A. Brion, formerly of the
Northeastern Mindanao Mission**



Layman Wins Minister

A Pentecostal minister, Antifoco Guerrero, was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church by Pastor S. G. Gepaya. An Assembly of God pastor for 17 years, he has conducted evangelistic efforts for his congregation in Lanao, Zamboanga, and Cotabato. He was won to the message by Layman Ruperto Cabull of Tampacan, South Cotabato. Brother Guerrero attended the colloquium seminar in General Santos City early in January and, now an active convert, is happy to be in the "Bookmen's Army."

—**S. L. Lloguno**



Prisoners Baptized

Ten prisoners were baptized by Pastor Orlando Aguirre in Calibo, Aklan, in the West Visayan Mission. These men were won by George Victoriano, ministerial intern who recently finished his training at Mountain View College. Laymen assisted with the meetings at the jail.

—S. G. Miraflores

Negros Mission Opens New Office

THE new office of the Negros Mission was inaugurated December 20, 1971. In attendance were about 500 guests. Leading out in the program was Pastor D. C. Sabine, retiring mission president. During his administration the beautiful edifice was built.

Pastor E. A. Capobres, retiring president of the Central Philippine Union, gave the dedicatory message. He is also to be given credit for the realization of this project, since during his leadership funds were made available for construction.

The new mission headquarters, a tasteful, simple building, occupies a spacious lot of three hectares

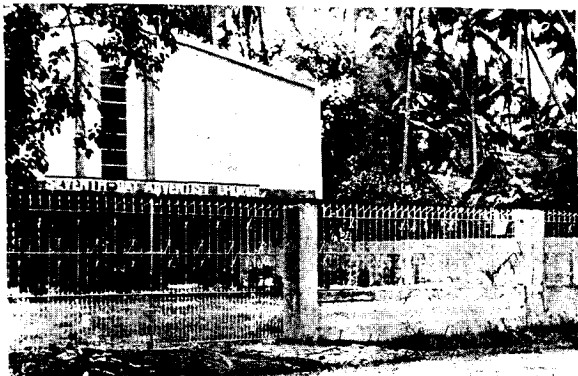


KEYS. Pastor D. G. Jucaban, new president of the Negros Mission, receives the keys to the mission office from Pastor D. C. Sabine, retiring president, during the inauguration of the new office building.

fronting the Bacolod Adventist Hospital in Bacolod City.

Negros Mission today is the largest mission in the Central Philippine Union in terms of membership and income. Since its separation from the West Visayan Mission in 1962, it has steadily shown marked increase in tithes and offerings and church membership. It has 11,000 church members.

—D. M. Niere,
P.R. Secretary



DONATED. This church at Botong, Oton, Iloilo, was donated to the denomination by Fedelindo C. Jamandre, church elder. The photo shows the front gate and the nearly finished fence.

The Recently Built Botong Church

"If there were ten Jamandres in the West Visayan Mission, the entire mission would be ablaze," remarked a guest in Iloilo recently.

Here is the story behind this comment.

Fedelindo C. Jamandre, church elder of the Botong (Oton, Iloilo) church, donated a church and lot to the West Visayan Mission. At the time, this generous donation was valued at 86,000 pesos. Now the lot and building materials would be priced much higher.

This property is bounded by the national highway and the beach. At the back and adjacent to the church is a school where 35 pupils are taught by Mrs. Agafe M. Maypa, wife of the district leader, Pastor Pacifico Maypa. Behind the school is a wide area extending to the beach, which Brother Jamandre plans to develop as a weekend resort for workers and church members.

Brother Jamandre is in the transportation and fishing business and has been blessed by God both materially and spiritually. A loyal Seventh-day Adventist, he believes in Christian education and has sent all nine of his children to our schools, from the elementary to the college level.

There is certainly no need to describe what would happen to the work in the West Visayan Mission should others follow this example of generosity set by the Jamandre family.

—Salvador G. Miraflores,
Editor, Philippine Publishing House



New Doctor in Okinawa

Dr. and Mrs. David Toppenberg recently joined the Adventist Medical Center staff in Okinawa. Dr. Toppenberg is a physician with specialty training in eye, ear, nose, and throat problems. He attended Loma Linda Academy, Pacific Union College, and Loma Linda University, where he obtained his degree in medicine. Mrs. Toppenberg took her nurses' training at Paradise Valley Sanitarium and Hospital.

After a six-year tour in the U.S. Army as a medical officer, Dr. Toppenberg and his wife were employed at the New England Memorial Hospital for 12 years. They then spent 13 years at St. Helena Hospital in California before accepting a call to Okinawa.

The Toppenbergs have three sons, Dr. Glenn, Pastor Ernest, and Pastor Dwayne.



Another Doctor Joins Okinawa Staff

Dr. and Mrs. John D. Jacobson are recent additions to the staff of the Adventist Medical Center, Naha, Okinawa. Dr. Jacobson has been a long-time resident of the state of Washington, where he attended Upper Columbia Academy and Walla Walla College. He graduated from the Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1970 and took his internship at Sacred Heart Hospital, Spokane, Washington.

Mrs. Jacobson, nee Marjorie Alyse Rice, attended La Sierra Academy and La Sierra College and graduated from the Loma Linda University School of Nursing. Their first child, a girl, was born December 3.

Dr. and Mrs. Jacobson have been in Japan since January for intensive language study, but will return to Okinawa to continue their work at the Adventist Medical Center.



GRADUATES. Southeast Asia Union College graduated its first four-year class in December. Receiving the Bachelor of Theology degree were David Goh, Sim Chor Kiat, and Phoon Chek Yat. Receiving the Bachelor of Science in Education were Chia Sew Moi, Leong Lye Cheng, Adeline Cheah, and Sally Lam.

First Four-year Class Graduates

THE graduation exercises of December 10 and 11 at Southeast Asia Union College marked an important forward step in the history of this 56-year-old institution. Seven students received bachelor's degrees, the first class to finish the four-year program. Four majored in education and three in theology.

In addition, 14 were granted two-year certificates.

The services began on Friday evening with the consecration service. Mrs. Marion Simmons, of the department of education of the Far Eastern Division, gave the address. Speaking for the whole class, James Lai, class president, accepted the challenge to consecration to God's service.

At the eleven o'clock service on Sabbath, Pastor T. K. Chong, president of the Malaya Mission, addressed the graduates and guests, using the class motto—"Reach Out"—and aim—"To Climb Higher"—as his theme.

The conferring of the degrees and diplomas took place at the commencement service Saturday evening. The speaker was Pastor C. H. Damron, union ministerial secretary. Diplomas were awarded by Pastor Daniel Tan, college president, assisted by Mrs. Maggie Tan, registrar.

To date, 13 of the graduates have received calls to work in the church organization. Seven of the seniors will go on for further study.

—Dr. Bernhard Aaen, Academic Dean,
Southeast Asia Union College

Medical Student Receives Three Degrees

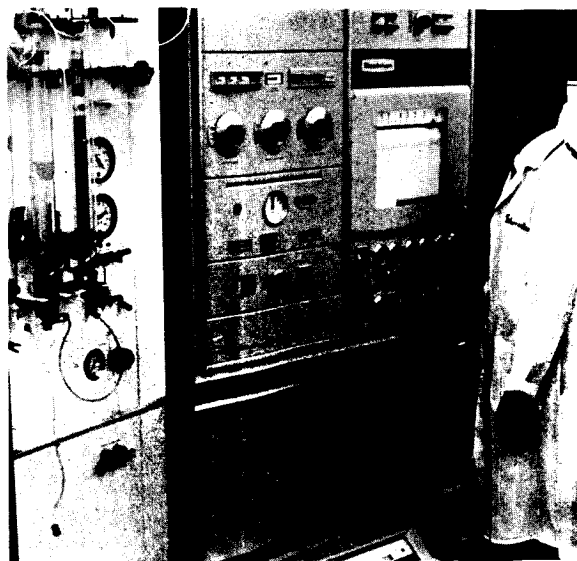
ONE trip up the aisle at commencement time to receive an M.D. degree, and most medical students are content to settle back having achieved their life's goal. But not Stanley Andrew Tan. He's different.

Last summer at Loma Linda University's graduation ceremonies, three degrees were conferred on this 24-year-old medical student. In addition to an M.D. degree, he collected an M.S. in biochemistry and an M.P.H. degree for graduate studies in tropical medicine at Loma Linda's School of Health.

Dr. Stanley Tan finished high school in Indonesia with high distinction (**bintang pelajar**) before he moved to Hong Kong with his parents, Pastor and Mrs. Philip H. Tan, who are presently connected with Seventh-day Adventist work in Sandakan, a city of Sabah. He went to the United States in 1965 and attended La Sierra College, where he graduated with highest honors in chemistry two years later. Following his graduation last June, Dr. Tan began a year of internship at the Riverside General Hospital, University Medical Center, Riverside, California.

These activities, however, do not cover the full range of Dr. Tan's plans. He is working toward a law degree from La Salle Extension University in Chicago. He says that this study is "just for fun" and a means of relaxation. He does not plan to practice law. He simply has the idea that legal knowledge might be useful.

In addition, Dr. Tan plans over the next two years to complete work toward a Ph.D. in biochemistry. Which means that by the time he is 26 or thereabouts he should be able to list after his name, if so disposed, B.A., M.S., M.P.H., L.L.B., M.D., and Ph.D.



RESEARCH. Dr. Stanley Tan works with a Beckman Spectochrom, one of the analytical machines he used in his research.

Despite his impressive scholastic record and ambitions, Dr. Tan is not buried in books. He has also involved himself in an active social program. He is president of the International Students Organization, which endeavors to help foreign students learn about American life and Americans learn about foreign students.



DOCTORS. Dr. Annie Liem (from left), a 1970 Loma Linda graduate, after interning at Glendale Adventist Hospital, completed last July a pediatric residency at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

Dr. Caleb Liem graduated from medicine with his sister, completed his internship, and is now in a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Glendale Adventist Hospital. The parents of these two young people are Pastor and Mrs. Daniel Liem, who returned to the Far East last year after visiting their children in the United States.

Dr. Shirley Tan-Liem, wife of Dr. Caleb Liem, graduated in May last year. Besides being a doctor, she is also a registered nurse, having received her B.S. degree from Philippine Union College, and a registered medical technologist. She is interning at Glendale Adventist Hospital.

The fourth member of this family group shown is her brother, Dr. Stanley Tan, who had the distinction of being the only student to graduate from Loma Linda University with three different degrees—an M.D., M.S., and M.P.H.

Students Respond to Temperance Contests

WITH the promotion of Pastor Jonathan Ng, temperance secretary of the Sarawak Mission, the temperance chapter of Sunny Hill School was organized with Gordon Chong, a senior teacher, as the chapter sponsor.

In the early part of the year, 85 percent of the 600 high school students signed the temperance pledge after a series of temperance promotional talks given during chapel periods. When the temperance speech, jingle, and poster contests were announced, the response of the students was good, even though this is the first of its kind in the school. The temperance speeches were given in three languages, English, Chinese, and Malay.

During National Youth Week, an interschool speech contest was held at the downtown youth hall. The theme of the contest was "Youth and Nation Building." Many of our students took part in the contest, emphasizing healthful habits as the secret of nation building. A Sunny Hill student won third prize in the contest.

—Choo Wee Fong, Principal,
Sunny Hill School

Sights, Sounds, Smells of MV Camp

SPLASHES of white spray as children play and earn swimming honors in the crystal blue Indian Ocean surf off Phuket Island; cries of "Puffer" as an 18-inch fish, bristling with thorny spikes, is gingerly dragged on the sand; Director Bartolome's staccato whistle as the 47 Pathfinders dash into their neat unit lines formation; soft strumming of four guitars blending with youthful voices in praise to God—these are the sounds of the South Thailand MV camp December 2 to 7.

Exaggerated pencil-like black silhouettes following each other in perfect rhythm on the sand as 24 boys and 23 girls march left, right, left, right; arms vigorously sanding on wood plaques tapped out in craft class; circles of reverent youth praying together during Morning Watch; hands clutching every tiny scrap and stick they can find surrounding their tent, so the unit can receive the coveted honor flag the next morning—these are the sights of the fun-and inspiration-filled hours at Airport Beach.

The aroma of rice and vegetables as hungry campers line up with plates; the strange spicy odors of seeds used in cooking as the young people collect 30 varieties of seeds for the seed honor; the dampish smell of bedding and clothing after a heavy down-



FLAG RAISING. The Thai flag was raised and lowered each day by the honor unit of Pathfinders.

pour of rain on Sabbath afternoon—these are the smells they will not forget.

Twelve youth from Phuket, nine from Ban Kien, and 26 from Haad Yai participated in the activities organized and directed by Pastor R. E. Bartolome of Phuket, whose leadership shows the result of his 11 years as MV secretary of the Sabah Mission.

Two young people were baptized at the close of the Sabbath morning service. About a dozen earned various swimming honors; about two dozen earned the honor in seeds. Everyone present was inspired to return home a better servant of God and a friend to man.

—Mrs. Ruth Watson



WORSHIP. Services of prayer and praise were held under Australian pines for MV campers.



STUDYING. Campers sit on the grass to study for the honors they earned at camp.



New Sign Dominates Front of Union Office

The new sign shown above dominates the front of the Malaysian Signs Press and the Southeast Asia Union building in Singapore. The multi-colored sign is lit at night and is seen by heavy traffic going both directions on busy Upper Serangoon Road. Fences which previously obstructed visitors have been removed, and the sign is an invitation for visitors and others to come to the building.

Congratulations to the Southeast Asia Union for this enlightened advancement in their public relations program.

—D. A. Roth