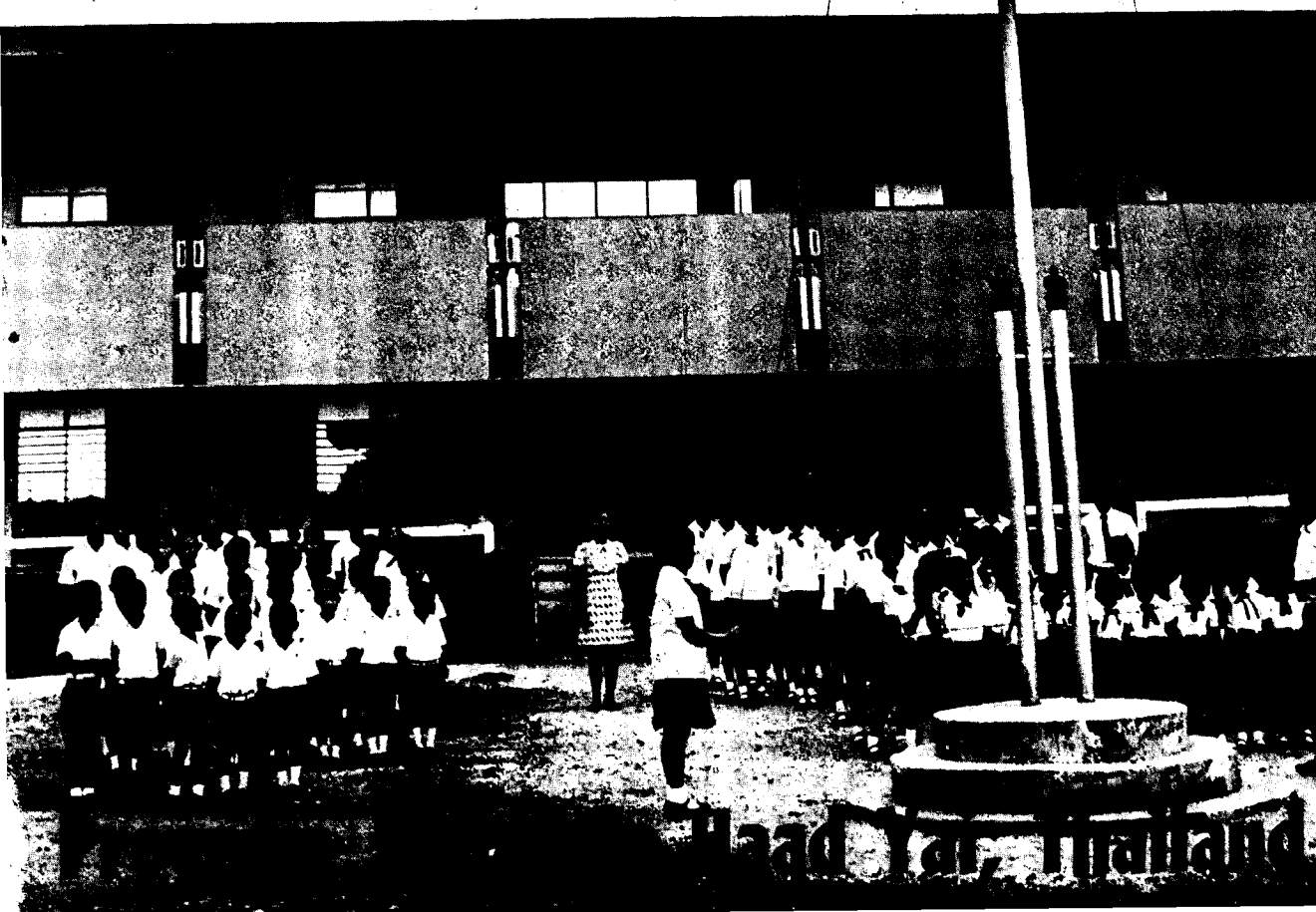




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# Deskside Chats



## Retroactive

A FEW years back the workers in one of our fields were having a serious bout with fast-rising living expenses. Before the middle of the year, everyone knew that the wage factor had been set too low. Pertinent facts, carefully researched and documented, were sent on to the next higher echelon, and the nervous waiting began.

Organizational wheels turn with ponderous deliberateness. Finally, however, the welcome answer arrived. A substantial wage boost was approved. And then came the announcement that produced the loudest cheers. The raise was retroactive to January 1.

Never do leaders rate higher with their workers than on such an occasion as this. Appreciation removes the sting of past resentments. Administrators are suddenly lauded for their farsightedness, good judgment and compassion. There's nothing like a little retroactive bonus to put a smile on the image of corporate relations.

And yet, at a far more significant level of human experience, is it possible that we may have failed to recognize the incomparable retroactive policy that God uses in His dealings with us?

That workers faced with rising living costs need help is axiomatic. Making it retroactive merely updates the reward for work already done. But God's goodness is not based on our merits. "He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good." On accepting Christ we suddenly discover that His blessings are retroactive to the day we were born.

This marvelous mercy is seen most clearly in the way He handles our biggest problem—sin.

We come to Christ, admit our guilt, accept His sacrifice. And what happens?

Forgiven? Yes.

Born again? Yes.

Accepted as a child of God? Yes.

But more. With a massive application of divine mercy, God covers up our whole sorry record. "There is therefore now no condemnation." He gives us the righteousness of Christ, retroactive.

"If you give yourself to Him, and accept Him as your Saviour, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ's character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God just as if you had not sinned." Steps to Christ, p. 62.

That's salvation—retroactive.

Cordially,

Paul H. Eldridge, President



The Roca family

## To Ponder . . .

**PASTOR H. V. Gayares, chaplain and P.R. officer of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital in the Central Philippine Union, writes:**

"During the fourth commencement exercises of the elementary department of the Negros Mission Academy, I was greatly impressed when all six children of Engineer and Mrs. Eleazer Roca of Bacolod City were called to the platform and given special recognition because of their scholastic records. What a joy to the parents to see all their children receive honors in a Christian school! What a satisfying reward to these parents, who are lovers of Christian education and strong believers in it.

"When we come to consider the value of true Christian education, it is eternal. The ultimate aim of true Christian education is the salvation of our children. It costs more money but it is the kind of education that has a promise of eternal reward from God. I believe the concern the good Samaritan showed to his neighbor when he brought him to the inn and entrusted him to the keeper could well be applied also to our children. God is telling parents, 'Take care of him (your child), and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.' Luke 11:35.

"God is ready to save our children. When we place them in our Christian schools whose training is in harmony with God's plans, it will be a help in saving them.

"The messenger of the Lord, Ellen G. White, says, The best education that can be given to our children is that which bears the closest relation to the future, immortal life. This kind of education should be given by godly parents, by devoted teachers, and by the church, to the end that the youth in turn may become zealous missionaries for either home or foreign field.

"What effect has true Christian education on

our children? This illustration will help explain. We record a dialogue between a youth and his mother after a church service.

"That was the most wonderful sermon I ever heard!" he exclaimed.

"What was the preacher's text?" the mother asked.

"I don't know," the boy replied.

"What was his theme?"

"Oh, I don't know."

"Then what did the preacher say that made the sermon so wonderful?"

"I don't remember. All I know is that it created a desire down deep in my heart to be good and to do good. It made me determined to do my part to make Christ's goodness known."

"Yes, true Christian education does create a strong desire and conviction in our hearts and in the lives of our children to make the goodness and the love of Christ known to the world.

"Engineer and Mrs. Roca are members of the Bacolod English church, which fronts the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital. I have the impression that these Christian parents are happy and satisfied because they are giving their children the right training and education at home and in a Christian school."

**MAY WE ADD: Why not enroll your child in an Adventist school NOW and let the leavening effect of a Christian education help—**

## STRENGTHEN THE HOME

*Marion S. Simmons*



## Baldwins Leave Division; Take General Conference Posts

After nearly 15 years of service in the Far Eastern Division, Pastor and Mrs. H. Marvyn Baldwin have returned to their homeland. Both of them will serve in the General Conference office. He will be the new director of SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service) of the world headquarters office and she will work in the treasury office.

Pastor Baldwin first served in Bangkok starting in early 1958 as manager of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. In 1962 he became secretary-treasurer of the North Philippine Union, where he remained until 1967, when he became an assistant treasurer of the Far Eastern Division with headquarters in Hong Kong. They transferred to Singapore in 1969 when he took charge of purchasing and transportation.

The Baldwins have made many friends in all areas of the Division and will be greatly missed. We wish them the blessings of God as they assume new responsibilities in their homeland.

—D. A. Rath

## Division Men Participate in MISSION '72 Evangelism

**MISSION '72** had the active support of several Far Eastern Division staff members.

Pastor Paul H. Eldridge, Division president, took the lead by speaking in Japanese at an evangelistic series at the Osaka Center in Japan. At one time he was director of the same center.

According to Bruce Bauer, director of the English language school, Pastor Eldridge "demonstrated his continuing interest in evangelism by presenting his 'Life Worth Living' series in Osaka."

Each evening Dr. Delmar Johnson, Kobe clinic director, presented health messages. Later Pastor Eldridge developed his theme and pointed out that a full life could only be found by having Christ in the heart.

Most of the non-Adventists attending the meeting were students of the English language school. Many are now studying with the center director prior to baptism.



**PRESIDENT.** Pastor P. H. Eldridge, Division president, is shown as he spoke in Japanese during an evangelistic campaign at the Osaka Center in Japan.

In the Philippines Pastor Bruce Johnston, Division evangelist, conducted two major meetings in the Central Philippine Union.

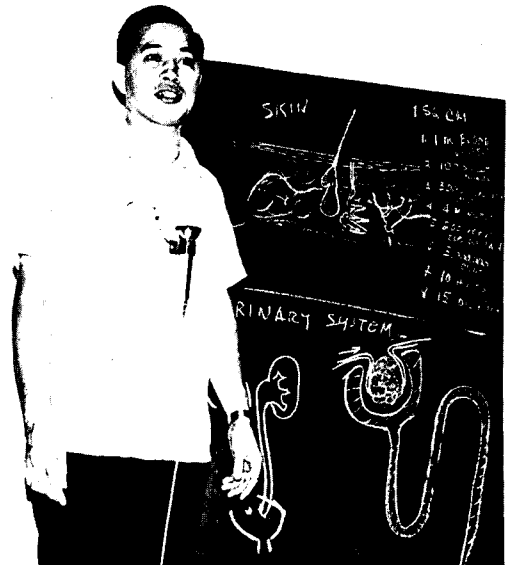
His first series was at Catbalogan, Samar, a place where very little success has been achieved through the years in public evangelism. Interest in the meetings was high, and as a result a total of 111 persons were baptized.



**TEAM.** Pastor Bruce Johnston and members of the Catbalogan evangelistic team on the island of Samar.

Pastor Johnston's second crusade was at Mandawe City, a place where no organized church group is meeting. A field school of evangelism was conducted in connection with the crusade as students of Mountain View College joined with the team. Not only were 86 persons baptized as a result of the meetings, but a new church was organized.

In both crusades the health phase of the meetings was conducted by Dr. Manuel Tornilla, Jr., medical director of the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital.



**DOCTOR.** Dr. M. J. Tornilla, Jr., director of the Miller Hospital in Cebu City, gave the health messages for the Bruce Johnston meetings in the Central Philippine Union.



**SPEAKER.** The Division P.R. secretary and assistant general secretary is shown speaking during a MISSION '72 series of the Santa Ana church near Manila. At the left is the translator, Alberto Regoso, and at the right is Pastor Constantino, local district leader.

In Manila a third Division staff member, Pastor Don A. Roth, assistant secretary and public relations director, conducted more than three weeks of meetings at the Santa Ana church. Thirty-six persons were baptized on March 25 at the close of the "Reach out for Life" meetings.

Roth was assisted by three union staff members: Pastor M. G. Jereos, president; Dr. M. A. Nabong, Jr., medical secretary; and Pastor B. B. Alsaybar, public relations secretary. The church pastor, Pastor A. P. Constantino, coordinated the meeting while at the same time directing major construction on the local church.

Twelve of those baptized were from a neighboring town, Guadalupe, where the church members have been led by Pastor and Mrs. M. G. Jereos for many months.

The translator for the meetings was Alberto Regoso, a local church elder.

An effort in Cagayan de Oro conducted by Pastor C. L. Shankel, Division lay activities secretary, began the middle of February. Here opening night attendance showed that the auditorium was too small for the hundreds who came. A good interest developed, and by the middle of May 142 had been baptized. In connection with this effort, a field school for lay evangelists was held.

## COVER PICTURE

The cover picture by the editor shows the two-story church school building in Hoad Yai, South Thailand. The upper grades meet in this building, while another building houses the elementary grades. See the center spread for a complete picture story on the amazing growth of Seventh-day Adventist work in Hoad Yai.

## In Southern Asia Christian Education Pays in Souls

**P**ASTOR E. Dwe, evangelist in the Delta Section of the Burma Union, approached some graduates of the Burma Bible Seminary.

"Have any of you men ever visited the village of Kazinggu (Ka Sin U)?"

"Yes," replied one, "it can be reached only by boat or canoe and the people there are all Buddhist. Why do you ask?"

"I would like to conduct evangelistic meetings there. Christianity has never been introduced in Kazinggu, so it would be a real challenge. But I would like your help."

When the evangelistic team was made up, five out of the eight members were products of the Burma Bible Seminary, the only educational institution that we have been permitted to keep in Burma, and a very important one for the success of our work in that country.

It was a happy surprise to the enthusiastic team to find such a large crowd of interested people. On several occasions the attendance reached the one thousand mark. But even the average of four hundred was a large group for an all-Buddhist village.

At the close of the meetings, 23 souls took their stand for the Lord Jesus and were baptized. Many additional people desired to hear more about our sin pardoning Saviour, since such a thought was entirely new to them.

Among those baptized was a young man of 22, who had studied up to 10th standard (12th grade). He was immediately disowned and sent from home. An 18-year-old was also sent from home the same day. In spite of difficulty, the gospel of Christ has the power to save.

Six of the 23 baptized expressed their desire to study in our regular schools, but since we cannot operate regular schools in Burma, they look forward to the time when they can attend the Burma Bible Seminary. Four of these are now attending a government school, and living in our hostel, which was established for our students. They look forward to the time when they can be prepared to attend the seminary, and become workers to preach the gospel to their people.

Evangelist E. Dwe says, "If it were not for the training received from the seminary, this accomplishment in the effort would not have been possible. Our old way of presenting the message in the past won no souls at all. Because of the training received, they now have the courage to conduct public meetings and to preach convincing sermons by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Yes, our schools do pay by preparing our young people for soul winning in preparation for Jesus' coming.

—W. F. Storz, Secretary,  
Sabbath School Department,  
Southern Asia Division

# COULD YOU BE OUT OF BALANCE?

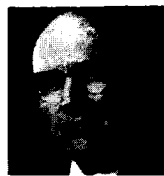


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—ELLEN G. WHITE.

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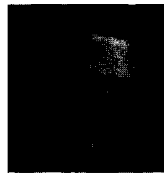


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—ROBERT H. PIERSON,  
President, General Conference.

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—KENNETH H. WOOD,  
Editor, "Review & Herald."



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# NEWS *from the* UNIONS



## SOUTHEAST ASIA



The A. F. Penstock Family

### English School Has New Director, More Students

ON April 1, Pastor A. Floyd Penstock became administrator of the Adventist English School in Ekamai, Thailand. The former administrator, John Falconbridge, has returned with his family to North America.

Pastor Penstock was the educational superintendent of the British Columbia Conference in the Canadian Union when he accepted the call to connect with the Adventist English School. His wife Fern and daughter Sierra arrived with him in Bangkok early this year.

The school's total enrollment is 517, larger than was expected. Each of the classes from grades four to ten has two sections. Classes in the school are now coeducational.



### New Physician for Penang Hospital

The newest staff member of the Penang Adventist Hospital is Dr. Ross Sinclair, of New Zealand, a graduate of the medical school of Victoria University. He joins Dr. and Mrs. Sam Ketting and Dr. R. R. Standish in the practice of medicine at Penang. He is shown in the photo with his wife and young daughter.



### New Staff Physician Joins Bangkok Hospital

Dr. and Mrs. Keith Colburn have joined the staff of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, where he is now serving as a staff physician. He is a graduate of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and is now serving actively as an overseas medical missionary. Welcome to the Far Eastern Division!



Haad Yai Mission Hospital building is located on an attractive compound near the edge of town.

## Almost Closed

# Haad Yai's Comeback Took

SIX years ago the Southeast Asia Union was on the verge of closing Thailand's southernmost mission Hospital. Very few patients were coming, the hospital was at a low ebb.

A few optimistic board members urged that the hospital be kept open. The trend has been upward ever since.



Dr. Roger Van Arsdell family is shown above. From left to right are, Bruce, Roger, Marcia, Linda, and Glen. They are shown in front of the church building next door to their home on the hospital compound.



This little lamb shelter was erected through the help of Pastor and Mrs. R. G. Burchfield, now retired in Virginia. Branch Sabbath School classes are held every Sabbath afternoon in this well-kept building.

Just a few weeks ago the hospital was almost closed. I was amazed at what has happened in a busy English language school. Most amazingly of all, there are new buildings and an excellent staff. Much of the credit goes to Dr. Van Arsdell. As medical interest in the development of the hospital prosper in this third language, the Thais of English as a second language student missionaries.

With the need for an elementary church building, a hospital was purchased and a staff of teachers and nurses. The medical clinic took an immediate leap forward in a rural area near the hospital.

The pictures on these pages show a few years. God blesses the hospital with the gospel message.



Since the clinic has been transferred to a downtown building business has taken a steady upturn. Here is the main desk.



Dr. Roger Van Arsdell works with a Thai physician in the clinic and hospital. He is shown here with his office nurse and a patient.



# Remarkable Hard Work

Far Eastern Division were on the  
institution, the Haad Yai Mission  
flooded frequently, and morale was  
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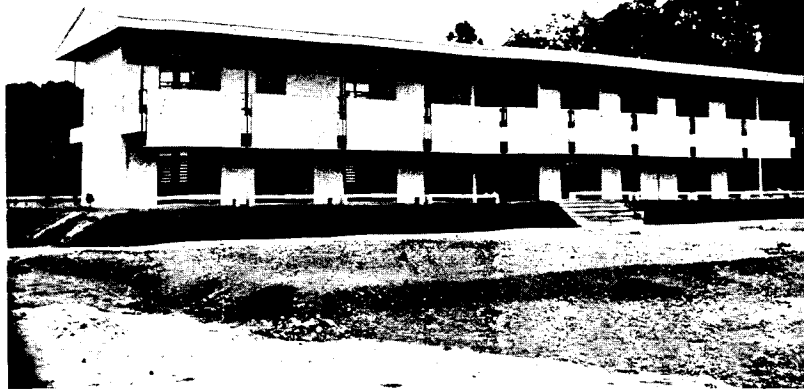
visited Haad Yai while on our family's annual holiday.  
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ter, a rural lamb shelter, an overseas church school, and  
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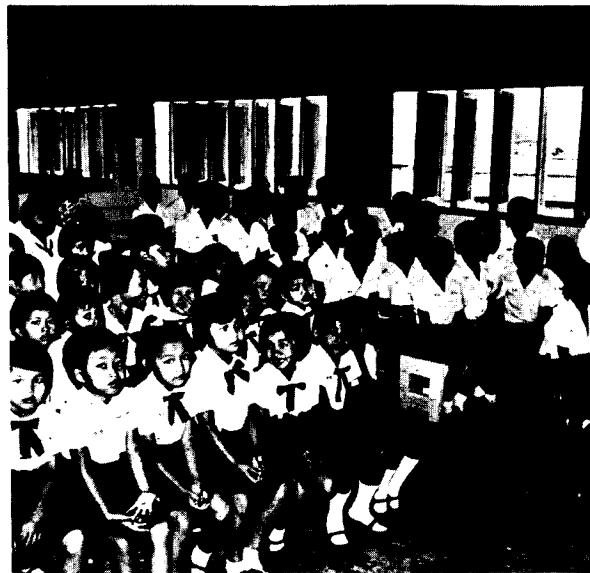
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This is the main classroom-administrative unit of the new church school in Haad Yai. The two-story building has classrooms for the upper grades.



The youngsters in the elementary school gather for morning prayer before starting regular classes for the day.



This building houses both the downtown clinic for the hospital and the English language school.



A planning session is held by three student missionaries. Left to right, they are Barbara Beckell, Julie Sisk, and Ron W...



## SOUTH CHINA ISLAND



### Relief Administrator Sent to Hong Kong from Florida

Homer Grove, an assistant administrator of the Florida Hospital, Orlando, served a relief stint in Hong Kong during the furlough this summer of R. W. Burchard.

Sponsored by his home hospital, Grove took over management of two hospitals, Tsuen Wan and Stubbs Road. His wife, Connie, an interior decorator, joined him in Hong Kong and traveled back to Florida via Europe.

Grove is a graduate nurse and holds a graduate degree in business administration. In the Florida Hospital he is in charge of general accounting, data processing, patients business, medical records, building fund, and public relations.

The Far Eastern Division is appreciative of the hospital's generosity in providing a relief administrator during a critical time of this new medical institution.

—D. A. Roth

### Five-Day Plan at Tsuen Wan

**D**URING the last week of March a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was conducted at the Alexandra Community Center of Tsuen Wan in New Territories. Dr. Vanoy Smith, Tsuen Wan Hospital physician, and John Chow, hospital chaplain, collaborated.

In connection with the lectures, a display of specimens, pictures, and charts, showing the damaging effects caused by smoking and drinking, were on display at one end of the hall. Two specimens of lung cancer borrowed from a government hospital aroused great interest.

To show his appreciation for the Five-Day Plan, Mr. K. W. Lam, superintendent of the center, arranged for a dinner in honor of the speakers after the close of the meetings.

Since the beginning of 1972, three other Five-Day Plans have been held in Hong Kong and Kowloon—one at the Stubbs Road Hospital, another at the Tsuen Wan Hospital, and the third in a lecture room of the Y.M.C.A. near the Star Ferry. All of these were well attended.

## Dr. Ethel Maud Jones-James 1885-1972

**D**R. Ethel Maud Jones-James, veteran of twenty years mission service in China, was born at Wymore, Nebraska, December 2, 1885, and died at St. Helena Hospital on May 15.

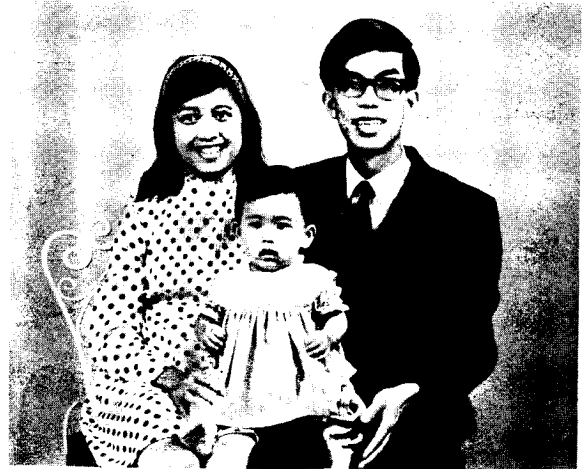
She began church school in Lincoln, Nebraska, the year Union College opened. After completing her work there, she took nurses training and served in Adventist hospitals for several years before going to Loma Linda to take the medical course. She graduated in 1917 and after her marriage to Dr. Herbert C. James, they sailed for China.

Following service in Shanghai and Honan, they moved to South China, where they spent several years working in a number of our medical institutions and then completed their overseas service in Mukden, Manchuria.

Upon returning to the United States in 1940, they worked at Paradise Valley Sanitarium, where because of illness she had to retire. For many years she has been an invalid.

Dr. Ethel James leaves to mourn her husband, Dr. Herbert C. James; a son, Milton James; one grandson and one great-grandson; and a brother, Eugene Jones.

—W. A. Hilliard



### Couple Move to Avondale

Dr. Bruce Lo, son of Pastor H. S. Lo, veteran educational worker of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission, has accepted the call of Avondale College to return and join the teaching staff in the science department of his alma mater.

Dr. Lo received his Ph.D. degree in the summer of 1970 and has since then been doing postdoctoral research at the University of Alberta and the University of Guelph, both in Canada.

The photo shows Dr. Lo with his wife, Ruth, daughter of Pastor T. K. Chong, president of the Malaya Mission, and their daughter Karthina.

—Paul Hung, P.R. Secretary,  
Hong Kong-Macao Mission



WELCOME! Dr. and Mrs. Shirou Kunihiro and son Dale are welcomed at Haneda International Airport by C. B. Watts, president of the Japan Union. In the background are Dr. D. A. Bixel, Mrs. Watts, Dr. John Nerness, and Dr. Ralph Starks.

## Vice-president Arrives at Headquarters

**D**R. and Mrs. Shirou Kunihiro and youngest son, Dale, arrived June 25 in Japan, where Dr. Kunihiro has assumed his new duties as vice-president and secretary of the Japan Union. Pastor C. B. Watts, president, and other workers in Japan welcomed the Kunihiro family at Haneda International Airport.

Dr. Kunihiro comes to Japan with a broad background of training and experience. He was born in Los Angeles, California, but spent a large part of his boyhood in Japan, taking his elementary and secondary school work there. He returned to the United States for college, graduating from Madison with a B.A. in chemistry and later an M.A. from the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in Washington, D.C. While in the Madison area he was employed as a food chemist and production manager at the food factory there. It was there he met May Hatanaka, and they were married in 1944. The family has four children, three of whom remain in the States.

The Kunihiro family returned in 1946 to Japan, where he taught Bible at San-iku Gakuin College for ten years. When they went back to the States, Brother Kunihiro pursued his interest in psychology by taking a B.A. and an M.A. from San Jose State College in this subject. He received his doctorate in psychology in 1967 from Stanford University.

Brother Kunihiro also has experience as a church pastor, serving both the Mountain View and San Francisco Japanese churches in this capacity. Most recently he has been employed as an associate professor of psychology at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

## Church Dedication in Nishinomiya, Japan

**A** DEDICATION service was held in the recently-completed Nishinomiya church with Pastor C. B. Watts, president of the Japan Union, as principal speaker, assisted by Pastor Yonezo Okafuji, president of the South Japan Mission.

This new building, which is also the new home of the South Japan Mission office, is located in a very favored and prominent spot in a neighborhood famous for several universities, other educational institutions, and beautiful homes in the suburban area of Kobe. The church group was originally composed of members of the Kobe church who divided to make a new church body about ten years ago.

—Lois May Watts

## Camp Meeting in the Okinawa Mission

**T**HE first camp meeting ever held in the Okinawa Mission convened at Nago from March 29 to April 2, with a daily attendance of 200, and 400 on the Sabbath. Members arrived from Amamiashima, Miyako, Yaeyama, and Okinawa Islands of the Ryukyu chain. Some of the companies represented have only four or five members that meet from Sabbath to Sabbath. What a thrill it was for them to fellowship with 400 others of like faith.

Pastor Warren Hilliard, president of the Okinawa Mission, aided by Pastor S. Tsukayama, secretary, and M. Nishino, treasurer of the mission, together with local pastors, labored diligently to plan this inspirational convocation. Additional spiritual help was given by Pastors W. T. Clark, secretary of the Far Eastern Division; Carl Watts, president, M. Kamoda, Voice of Prophecy director, T. Iwahashi, ministerial secretary and Voice of Prophecy speaker, A. Yamaji, Sabbath School secretary, and K. Soneda, MV secretary, all from the Japan Union.

Six souls were led into the beautiful China Sea and were buried with Christ in baptism. It was a windy, cold Sabbath, but the joy radiating from the faces of the candidates warmed the hearts of the congregation on the shore as they sang in dedication, "I Will Follow Thee, My Saviour."

The children, from the babe in arms to the youth, were not forgotten as meetings under the capable leadership of Mrs. Norma Hilliard and her helpers were held daily for the different age groups. Pastor Kamoda enlivened the children's meetings with interesting stories.

Music was provided by the Japan Union male quartet, a camp meeting choir, a male chorus, and solos both instrumental and vocal.

All too soon Sunday morning arrived and with it the last meeting, at which time a unanimous vote was taken to have camp meeting again next year. This memorable session closed with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

—Mrs. David Toppenberg



## WEST INDONESIA

### News from the Publishing Department

**L**OCAL mission publishing department secretaries and assistants, with Book and Periodical Agency managers, from the West Indonesia Union met April 16 to 21 in beautiful Tjibogo in West Java. Two and a half days of leadership training school provided up-to-date instruction for these publishing leaders. Following this, a publishing advisory sales development committee laid plans which doubtless will increase literature distribution.

Pastor S. D. Pangborn, associate publishing department secretary of the Division, urged the need for making our publications more available to church members. In addition to this, instruction in recruiting methods and training programs for literature evangelists was given.

From the present number of 216, it was decided to increase the force of literature evangelists to 382 during 1972. Unity of spirit and an eager desire to see the gospel work finished characterize the convictions of this publishing family. —L. R. Colburn



GRADUATES. Voice of Prophecy graduates proudly hold their diplomas. Pastor R. Tambunan and Brather S. Tambunan are standing at the left in the front row.

### 170 Receive V.O.P. Diplomas

**O**NE hundred seventy Voice of Prophecy students received their diplomas on June 24 at the George Wood Memorial church in Pematang Siantar, North Sumatra. Brother S. Tambunan, English teacher at the Perguruan Mars, Pastor D. Batoebara, North Sumatra Mission president, and Pastor R. Tambunan, mission V.O.P. secretary, took part in the ceremony.

Brother Tambunan had been very anxious to take part in MISSION '72 and suggested that his students study the Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons. To his great surprise and delight, the students agreed. They enjoyed the Bible studies and are asking for further Bible studies after the course is finished.

Brother Tambunan is now requesting the mission to hold a special church service for these young people of various faiths on Sabbath afternoons.

—D. Batoebara



## SOUTH PHILIPPINES

### Lay Evangelism in the South Philippines Means . . .

. . . holding training classes for lay preachers each year. In the South Philippine Union there are 1,000 lay preachers.

. . . lay preachers receiving instruction on how to present our health message. They return to their respective churches with practical knowledge to teach people how to avoid disease and give treatments using simple and natural remedies.

. . . giving aid to thousands evacuated due to the Muslim-Christian conflict in the provinces of Lanao and Cotabato. Our "Adventist concern" touched the hearts of many and resulted in reaching our Ingathering goal in a very short time.

. . . Dorcas society members visiting hospitals and giving bags of food as well as sewing linen for the patients.

. . . unceasing work for inmates in prison. Nine men were baptized recently at the provincial jail of Oriental Davao. Lay preacher L. Fernandez and his team studied with these men.

. . . field school training. In South Cotabato the lay activities and ministerial secretary of the union conducted a field school which resulted in the baptism of 200. Five laymen labored with much prayer and fasting and were directly responsible for the winning of 100 precious souls.

—P. M. Diaz, Treasurer,  
South Philippine Union

### An Angel Came at Midnight

**"B**E not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Brother Eniego Petronilo, a native of San Patricio, Agusan, follows this instruction. He is kind and hospitable and extends a cordial welcome when friends come to his home. In fact, he is no respecter of persons but entertains everyone, regardless of religious affiliation.

One evening at midnight someone came and knocked at his door. Brother Petronilo woke up, opened the door, and politely ushered his visitor in. After a few minutes of conversation, he began to realize that his visitor was dressed in white. He felt in his heart that the person with whom he was talking was an angel of the Lord.

Before his visitor disappeared that night, Brother Petronilo was given a mission to accomplish. He was commanded to visit some backsliding brethren.

"Go and, with much prayer, strengthen thy

brethren," were the angel's words.

Constrained by this unusual challenge, early the next morning Brother Petronilo visited the family of Brother Emeterio Durano. Then he went to the rest of the members who for some time had been absent from church.

His humble efforts were rewarded. As a result of prayer and entreaty, a revival of true godliness was experienced both by the members of the church and also by the backsliding members. The brethren whom he visited felt the presence of the angel who had come to Brother Petronilo's house by night, and all of them are back in the fold again.

—A. A. Villarin, P.R.O.,  
Northeastern Mindanao Mission

## SAWS Goods Distributed to Flood Victims

**WHIRLING** flood waters from the mountains of Agusan moved swiftly into Butuan City and its suburbs, devastating both rural and city areas of the province.

After the flood, an on-the-spot survey made immediately by the mission SAWS team disclosed that 600 homes had been heavily damaged and that more than 200 families had suffered property loss. Two persons had perished. However, none of our church members had been injured nor did any report severe loss.

The health and SAWS team from mission headquarters, together with the local Dorcas Society in Butuan City, were on the job immediately with one truckload of 400 bags of bulgur wheat, corn, and soyamilk. Relief goods included medicines as well.

From Atty. Sarabosing, private secretary to the mayor of Butuan City, came the following response: "It will be impossible for us to express our appreciation for the assistance provided by your church. We can only say, 'Thank you,' for your concern for the welfare of the people in our city."

—A. A. Villarin



**RELIEF.** Pastor A. A. Villarin, president of the Northeastern Mindanao Mission, and mission workers are ready to distribute SAWS commodities to flood victims of Butuan City.



## Prisoners Baptized

Eleven prisoners from the Malaybalay provincial jail received the rite of baptism during 1971. They are pictured at their baptism with Pastor J. H. Zachary, chairman of the Bible department at Mountain View College. Brother E. Eleorin, district supervisor, also worked with the prisoners.

## Ground-breaking Ceremonies Held for New Academy

**FORMAL** ground-breaking ceremonies for a new academy in the Northeastern Mindanao Mission were held on June 15. The affair included the actual turning of the first shovelful of ground by the mission president, Pastor A. A. Villarin.

The project marks the fulfillment of a dream by former educational leaders in the South Philippine Union and Northeastern Mindanao Mission. The congregation of more than 100 persons has been voluntarily working for the school since March, and the building materials needed have been obtained.

Four years ago 124 hectares of land were donated to the mission for a school five kilometers from the town of Bayugan.

The academy at present is run by a local academy board. Pastor T. C. Cabaluna, a retired worker, is working with the local board of management in developing plans for a permanent administration building.

The girls' dormitory is under construction, under the supervision of Pastors Villacampa and Moralda, both retired ministers.

Prayers are requested for the growth of the educational program in the Northeastern Mindanao Mission.



## NORTH PHILIPPINES

### News Notes

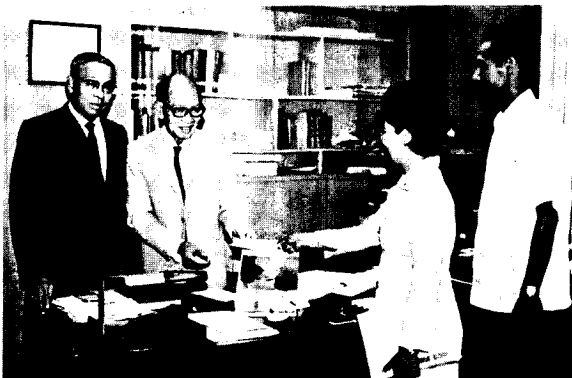
\* Twenty students were baptized after the Week of Prayer at Palawan Adventist Academy conducted by S. G. Miraflores, Philippine Publishing House editor.

\* April 8 was a very memorable Sabbath for the Tagudin church. A five-week crusade headed by Pastor E. J. Tangunan, lay activities secretary of the North Philippine Union, ended with the baptism of 32 persons. Helping in this effort were Pastor G. D. Mostrales and Mrs. Ursula P. Orille, lay activities and child evangelism secretaries, respectively, of the Northern Luzon Mission.

\* Mr. and Mrs. Wilfredo Loriezo (she is the former Jasmin Romua) left for New Britain on April 12 to connect with the Kambubu Adventist High School. Prior to the call, the Loriezos were connected with Northern Luzon Academy in Pangasinan.

\* Twenty-nine Philippine Union College seniors received their diplomas during the summer commencement exercises. Pastor Ambrocio A. Alcaraz, former head of the theology department and presently pastor of the Filipino church in Los Angeles, California, delivered the commencement address.

\* A total of 190 baptisms have resulted from several Voice of Youth efforts held by Philippine Union College students in various towns of the North Philippine Union for the school year 1971-72. The efforts as a rule were about two weeks in length and held during vacation periods. From 10 to 20 students participated in each one. Towns were chosen where church members had previously done preparation and the Voice of Youth was a reaping effort. Two of the efforts were month-long ventures.



\* Mr. and Mrs. B. Nonato, literature evangelists in Central Luzon, received a check from Mr. Lim of the China Banking Corporation in payment for 100 copies of the magazine, "Enlist in the War Against Drugs," which the bank bought for the students of the National Teachers College. At the left is Professor L. L. Pan, executive vice-president of the bank.

### Ribbon Cutting Opens New Clinic

**T**HE Palawan Adventist Clinic was inaugurated on June 9 in Puerto Princesa, capital of Palawan province in the Central Luzon Mission. The ribbon cutting was done by Dr. Natividad Q. Socrates, wife of the governor of Palawan, assisted by Mrs. Rafaelita Oliveros, wife of the mayor of Puerto Princesa, and Dr. Emma Sayoc, Philippine Medical Association counselor-at-large.

Others present were Dr. A. Palafox, project director of the Philippine Medical Association; Dr. Oseas C. Pilar, medical director of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital; Pastor B. O. David, district pastor of Palawan; Pastor B. A. Martin, president of the Central Luzon Mission; and Dr. Alejandro Santiago, director of the clinic.

In her address, Dr. Socrates cited the shortage of medical services in the city, which has a population of 37,000. Dr. Pilar, in his remarks, explained the objectives of the medical work of Seventh-day Adventists and pledged the support of the Manila Sanitarium for the new clinic. —S. G. Miraflores



OPENING. A ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened for business the new Palawan Adventist Clinic on June 9. Dr. Natividad Q. Socrates, wife of the governor of the province, was the one who cut the ribbon.

### Fire Destroys Union Headquarters; Relocation Being Considered

**A** THREE-HOUR fire almost completely destroyed the office building of the North Philippine Union on the night of July 4, damaging supplies and equipment estimated to be worth about 250,000 pesos. Faulty wiring was the cause, according to an investigation by the Pasay City police department. The building is insured with the General Conference Insurance Service.

It was about 11:40 when the guard on duty that night saw smoke at the second floor corner nearest the gate. He called the telephone operator of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, who summoned the firemen of Pasay City. Firemen of Paranaque, Las Pinas, Makati, and Caloocan City later joined in.

B. O. Sumicad, acting union treasurer and the only union officer on the compound that night, led the office secretaries, men of the business office, Manila Sanitarium and Hospital employees, and friends in the area in rescuing what they could from the different offices. President M. G. Jereos, who also lives on the compound, was in Naga City that night.

The following offices sustained 100 percent loss in materials, records, and supplies: parent and home, health, Sabbath School, treasury, auditor, and section II.

"Not a sheet of paper was saved in my office," bewailed Pastor T. V. Barizo, union Sabbath School secretary.

The library of 607 books and 47 bound volumes of denominational magazines was also a total loss.

Other offices suffered less extensive losses from fire and/or water. Damage to equipment was about 50 percent. The contents of the vault suffered little water damage, and valuable documents were saved. But the majority of the offices lost very important records and collections.

Although the second floor of the north end of

the building, which was built in 1968, was not burned as much as the rest of the building, and its first floor was only water damaged, the building has been completely abandoned. The older, larger part of the building was built in 1946.

The building was also damaged in November, 1970, by typhoon, but not as heavily as this time.

On July 6, the union committee in a special meeting appointed a subcommittee to study the matter of reconstruction or relocation of the office. Members are B. O. Sumicad (chairman), B. B. Alsaybar, E. L. Villanueva, B. A. Martin, and E. C. Corpus. Whether a new building will rise on the ashes of the burned building or on a new location will be decided soon by the union committee.

In the meantime, temporary offices have been set up in homes on the compound and in the ground floor of the union guest house. This is only a temporary setback, and everyone on the staff is agreed the work will go on as before.

"We don't know the meaning of this fire," said President Jereos, "but let's pray and see what is God's will for us in this."

—B. B. Alsaybar



**BURNED OUT.** Helpers stand ready to rescue what they can from the charred remains of the North Philippine Union office, which was destroyed by fire on the night of July 4.



**EMPHASIS.** Pastor B. G. Mary, Division temperance secretary, emphasizes a point to his attentive audience in the Iloilo Central church.

## Temperance Activities in the Central Philippines

**M**AY 1 to 7 began the first of a series of temperance seminars ever held in the Central Philippine Union. Pastor B. G. Mary of the Far Eastern Division and the writer visited all four missions in the union. There were about 300 people in attendance at the seminar held in the Iloilo Central church. Pastor Cornelio Gravino, temperance secretary of the West Visayan Mission, held a huge temperance rally in Aklan City to which about 1,000 people came.

In all the seminars, Pastor Mary challenged the delegates to fight intemperance. He stressed that to be more effective soul winners, our church members should break down prejudice by helping the people first in overcoming the filthy habits of smoking, drinking, and drug addiction.

"Drug abuse is infiltrating our institutions," Brother Mary warned, declaring that some of our academy students have fallen victim to drug pushers.

The writer briefed the church members in regard to their responsibilities as temperance workers. Before the delegates left, they were given materials on how to conduct a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking and a seminar on alcoholism.

Another temperance rally, held in the public market of the town of Baybay, Leyte, attracted a huge crowd of more than a thousand people. Temperance films were shown, and Brother Mary appealed for a united drive against the evils of smoking, alcoholism, and drug abuse.

—D. M. Niere,  
P.R. Secretary

## News from Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital

\* The Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital's goal to have a baptism every month since January of this year has been realized so far, and by the end of June 40 persons had been baptized. During the first Sabbath of January, 10 persons were baptized as the firstfruits of MISSION '72. In February two persons were baptized; March, 12; April, 2; May, 11; and June, 3. It is interesting that the 11 persons who were baptized in May were all inpatients of the hospital.

\* The Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, an informal association as yet, has been instrumental in beautifying the hospital. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. Esther Geslani, wife of the medical director, they beautified the pediatric ward, planted a rose garden near the cafeteria, hung draperies in private rooms, and designed a pool complete with water plants and goldfish for the front of the hospital. Plans for the future include the planting of trees on the compound, the development of a miniature Japanese garden, and the addition of a fountain to the pool.



**GOLDFISH.** Mrs. Esther Geslani and members of the Ladies Auxiliary pour a bucketful of goldfish into the recently completed pool in front of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital.

## Better Life Crusade Held in Najaba

**T**HE Better Life Crusade, conducted by ministerial intern G. B. Buhat in Najaba, a sitio of Bago City, Negros Occidental, continued from March 25 to April 22. The 24 nightly lectures culminated in a baptism of 28 candidates, with Pastor O. T. Aguirre, Jr., Sabbath School secretary of Negros Mission, officiating.

To further strengthen the progress of church work, an adult education program of several months duration was planned and then sanctioned by the Bureau of Public Schools.