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# Deskside Chats



## Context

QUOTING out of context is the "unforgivable sin" of Biblical interpretation. Bible scholars are always perturbed when a single verse or phrase is used to prove a point which the rest of the passage does not support.

We give quick assent to this concern for accuracy. Yet, if we are candid, we must admit that it is often tempting to prove a pet theory by using an apparently apt quotation, even though a careful study will show that the author was talking about something else altogether.

Quoting from Scripture or other recognized authority is always a good way to bolster an argument. It can also be useful for emphasis. But accuracy of words is not enough. We must make sure that our use of the quotation fits the context, that it is loyal to the author's intended meaning.

The problem, however, is not confined to formal quotations. Casual reporting of what others have said can be really dangerous. Habitual quoters invite suspicion. Every church, office or club has at least one of them. He talks a lot, and he names glibly the individuals who have given him the information he passes on. Unsure of himself, he relies on this string of quotations to bolster his own inadequate thinking. He gives evidence of basic emotional insecurity. He is often inaccurate. Much of what he quotes is certain to be out of context.

Another facet of the question is how we listen to what we hear.

A few months ago two letters came to my desk. The two individuals who wrote them had been talking to each other on the telephone about a mutual problem. Now each one reported this conversation, quoting what the other had said. Interestingly enough, the letters were in agreement about the words that had been used. But each person had drawn an entirely different conclusion from what had actually been said.

Studying their letters carefully as an unbiased third party, I saw to my amusement that instead of trying to understand the context of the other's thinking, each one had interpreted the conversation in terms of the opinion he himself already held.

Solomon was talking about context when he wrote: "He who answers a matter before he hears the facts, it is folly and shame to him." (Proverbs 18:13, The Amplified Bible).

Cordially,

*P. H. Eldridge*

Paul H. Eldridge, President

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## To Ponder . . .

Mrs. R. E. Finney and her husband have just completed their first three-year term of service in the Far Eastern Division. As pastor of a Singapore church with a membership of more than 300, and a teacher in Southeast Asia Union College, Pastor Finney has had a busy schedule at an age when many men would be retired. Mrs. Finney assists her husband in church work and also teaches at the college. She writes:

The nicest work God has ever assigned to us is the training of our children for Him. It is not surprising that with this task, He has given us a detailed blueprint to follow. We have found this blueprint to be one of our greatest blessings.

My mother accepted this message when I was a child of six. My father was not a Christian. After his death during my first year in high school, my mother immediately made plans to send me and my two older sisters away to academy leaving her at home with three young children. Due to my mother's great sacrifices and unconquerable spirit, all of her children are today Seventh-day Adventists.

My husband knew nothing of the Adventist faith until he had finished high school. He was influenced by a friend to attend Union College. Here he accepted the message and was baptized.

We established a Christian home in 1927 and God blessed us with three normal, healthy children which in itself is a great blessing. We have a daughter and two sons. Our daughter spent one year in public school because of our evangelistic work, which took us to an area where there was no church school.

When the three children were in academy and college, there were financial problems, of course. There were no frills during those years. All the children worked to help support themselves both during the school term and during summer holidays.

Our daughter married one of our ministerial interns while we were in British Columbia, Canada. They now live in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where he is conference president. They have three daughters.

Also during those Canadian years our oldest son, Conrad, married an Adventist girl at Canadian Union College. They are now living at Vista, California, with their four sons. He is pastor of the Vista church.

Our youngest son attended Pacific Union College and La Sierra College before going to law school in Salem, Oregon. Today, he and his family live in Pallock Pines, California. Terry is district attorney

in Placerville, California, and this year is sending the first of his four children to Gem State Academy in Idaho.

The product of Christian education in our experience has been Christian children with Christian companions establishing Christian homes and helping in various ways to finish God's work on this earth. What better investment could one make?

*Marion S. Simmons*

## Theological Seminary Plans Doctoral Program

A DOCTOR of Ministry degree program will be inaugurated in June, 1973, by the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, according to Dr. Richard Hammill, university president. The degree is the first doctorate to be offered by A.U.

The new program, among the first of its kind in the midwestern United States, has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

"We're very pleased to be in the forefront in receiving accreditation for this most advanced degree that can be offered for ministerial training," Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch, dean of the seminary, commented. "Less than two dozen seminaries throughout the U.S. are presently planning such a program.

"The Doctor of Ministry is not the usual research-type doctorate, as is a Ph.D.," stressed Dr. Murdoch. "Rather, it is intended to be distinctly practical in nature, taking into consideration the development of a more adequate Biblical knowledge and relating this to contemporary issues and problems. Principles of church growth and development, as well as improved methods of pastoral care and worship, will also be studied."

"The formal phase of the program will consist of four quarters of study," stated Dr. Wilber Alexander, chairman of the department of church and ministry and director of the program. "But the field work aspects may require additional time. Material for the field projects will come from the ghettos, inner cities, or other practical phases of a particular minister's work."

## COVER

The Aetas, aborigines of the Philippines, are located in the hinterland of Tigbinan, Lobo, Camarines Norte, where the Smart Memorial Aeta Mission School is located. They were visited recently by a four-woman medical team from the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital.

Dr. Andrea Barja is pictured examining the ear of a baby Aeta, who is held by her mother. Three hundred twenty-seven Aetas and their people were examined by this medical team, free of charge.

T. V. Barja,  
Suburban School Sanitarium,  
North Philippines Mission



**PARTICIPANTS.** This group of men attended the first division-wide temperance seminar, which was held in Japan July 4 to 8. Pastor Ernest H. J. Steed of the General Conference temperance department is seated in the center.

## First Division Temperance Seminar Convenes

**T**HE first division-wide temperance council ever held in the Far Eastern Division convened in Japan at the Fuji Hotel in Hakone, July 4 to 8. The meeting place was quiet and lovely, conducive to meditation and lively discussion.

Pastor W. T. Clark, division secretary, in his keynote speech outlined the importance of temperance work and underscored the responsibility of the church in this intemperate age. He also conducted the midday meditation hour, which everyone enjoyed very much.

Dr. T. Hayashi, medical director of the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital, presented the subject, "The Latest on the Relationship Between Smoking and Health." He supported his discussion with graphs, statistics, and reports of scientific experiments. It was a very scholarly presentation that aroused the interest of all.

Pastor E. H. J. Steed, temperance secretary of the General Conference, gave a very spiritual approach to the subject of temperance. He discussed its broad aspects and acquainted us with alcoholism.

There were other lecturers that discussed such subjects as "The Role of the Church in the Dissemination of the Principles of Temperance," "Temperance as a Means of Public Relations," "Temperance and MISSION '72," "Facts About Marijuana and Drugs," and "Why Hold Five-Day Plans?" General Conference temperance policies were also discussed.

Sabbath morning, Pastor Steed gave a very inspiring message at the Tokyo Central Church. In the afternoon, the union temperance secretaries re-

ported on the activities of their respective fields.

Pastor J. K. Senduk of West Indonesia reported that almost every church and school in his field has organized temperance societies, and that plans are afoot to hold stop smoking seminars in the big cities of West Indonesia.

Pastor J. D. Mausea of East Indonesia reported the successful public rally held in Manado, the town where his union headquarters is located.

Pastor D. M. Niere of the Central Philippines, when asked why one of his evangelistic efforts had been especially successful replied, "I did it the temperance way."

"What do you mean?" someone asked.

"Oh," he said, "the first thing I did was to hold a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. After the group had succeeded in overcoming the tobacco habit, I invited them to attend my evangelistic meetings. As a result, 46 souls were baptized."

Pastor P. C. Banaag, tri-union temperance secretary of the Philippines, stated that the temperance work has generated tremendous public relations. He referred to different individuals who have become very friendly to Seventh-day Adventists because of the Five-Day Plan that helped them out of their smoking habit.

Space forbids mention of more reports, but many challenging ideas were presented. The council was very informative and educational and was conducted on a high spiritual level. The delegates returned to their fields inspired to do greater exploits for temperance in the days ahead.

—B. G. Mary



### S.P.A. Trains for Mission Service

The Southern Publishing Association has set up a training program to prepare men for mission service in the publishing work, according to general manager C. L. Paddock. The program will begin immediately.

S.P.A.'s executive committee has named Bruce Vogt, a four-color pressman on their staff, as the first trainee in the mission service program. Applicants are selected on the basis of their stated desire to serve in the mission field, as well as on their technical ability, Pastor Paddock states.

The training program will be designed to give each participant wide experience in every phase of publishing house operation. This will include pressroom, plate making, composing room and bindery work, as well as administrative instruction.

—Paula Becker

### Andrews University Archive Receives Mongolian Publications

A COLLECTION of the earliest Seventh-day Adventist publications in the Mongolian language is one of the latest donations to the Heritage Room, an S.D.A. archive at Andrews University. It was presented by Dr. Otto H. Christensen, the first American missionary to Mongolia.

The Mongolian publications recently added to the archive include a number of printed and mimeographed tracts, books, and Sabbath School quarterlies.

Dr. and Mrs. Otto Christensen, now retired in Spring City, Tennessee, served the Cha-Sui and Mongolian Missions in the North China Union from 1931 to 1941. In the years that followed, songs, tracts, and books, as well as a large Ten Commandment chart, were published under Dr. Christensen's direction.

"To set one tract, approximately 1,000 of each letter or combination were needed," notes Dr. Christensen, "and there were 72 combinations and three different sizes of type. Patience and constancy were the order of the day, as we also had to cast our own ink rollers for the platen. The climate being dry, they would soon shrink and would have to be recast. But in spite of these handicaps, thousands of these pages of literature are now scattered over the plains of Mongolia."

### Adventist Work in Thailand Featured in New Book

**THAILAND and the Seventh-day Adventist Medical and Missionary Work** is the title of a new book by Frederick J. Schwartz, M.D., a student at the S.D.A. Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan. It is a compilation of most of the news releases and articles about the Adventist work in Thailand which have appeared between 1918 and 1972 in the *Review and Herald* and the *Far Eastern Division Outlook*.

The purpose of the book, says Dr. Schwartz, is to present the history of the S.D.A. church and its progress in Thailand and to inspire other persons to seek their work there in order to win more Thai souls for Christ.

The book is dedicated to Dr. Ralph Waddell, secretary of the department of health of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who began the Adventist medical work in Thailand in 1937. Adventist mission work there started in 1918.



### F.E.D. "Alumni Association" Forms in Nashville

The ties that bind workers together are part of the rewards of service. These ties become even stronger when they are formed in overseas service. This was very evident at a recent gathering in Nashville, Tennessee, of former workers in the Far Eastern Division.

The occasion was a Chinese dinner in honor of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Coffin, of Singapore. The Coffins were visiting their daughter, Kathy, and their son-in-law, Terry Phillips. The picture above shows former Far Eastern Division workers representing 355 years of mission service.

The "southern chapter" of the Far Eastern Division "alumni association" is holding regular meetings and is organizing special mission promotion projects.

—E. A. Brodeur,  
Southern Publishing Association



# NEWS *from the* UNIONS



## SOUTHEAST ASIA



### Ipoh Gets New Landmark

Ipoh, situated in the rich tin-mining Kinta Valley of Malaysia, now has a new landmark—a new Seventh-day Adventist church. On July 8, a red-letter day for Ipoh church members as well as the Malaya Mission, Pastors R. S. Watts, and K. T. Kong, Southeast Asia Union president and secretary, jointly cut the pink ribbon across the doorway leading into the sanctuary in a short, simple ceremony before a large gathering of church members from all over Malaya and Singapore. This was followed by a Sabbath School program, which marked the opening of the new church building for services.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is pictured above. From left to right are R. S. Watts, K. T. Kong, and R. I. Gainer, union officers; T. K. Chong, Malaya Mission president; and T. M. Giang, Ipoh church pastor. The church building itself is pictured below.



### Chinese Businessman Joins Bangkok Church

MR. Chen Ching Nyen, a prominent businessman and owner of a large department store in Bangkok, was baptized last February 26. As a public testimony, he put a big sign in front of his store which announced, "Closed on holy Sabbath." In July he handed a check for 300,000 baht (equivalent to U.S.\$15,000) to Pastor K. S. Hiu for the Chinese church to use in carrying on missionary activities and in soul-winning work.

For about ten years Brother Chen had been attending our evangelistic efforts held on different occasions by Pastor Milton Lee and Pastor D. M. Barnett. Because of his business activities, he was prevented from keeping the Sabbath, and every time an appeal was made, he was in the valley of decision. His wife, who was miraculously healed after a serious heart ailment, had accepted the truth many years ago. It was the prayer of her heart that the Lord would help her husband accept Jesus.

Brother and Sister Chen have eight children, and most of them have attended S.D.A. schools. One daughter is studying at Andrews University, and another is enrolled in the nursing school at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. Two sons are attending San Pasqual Academy in California. It is our fervent prayer that the other members of the Chen family will join their parents in accepting Jesus as their personal Saviour.

—Philip H. Peng



CLOSED. Standing in front of their Bangkok store are Mr. and Mrs. Chen Ching Nyen and daughter Pranee. The sign says, "Closed on Holy Sabbath."

## Voice of Prophecy Rallies in Malaya

**S**TUDENTS, students, students! Thousands of students scattered throughout the great country of Malaya. Voice of Prophecy students, Chinese, Indians, Malays. And they look to our headquarters in Singapore for spiritual guidance. How often we had thought, if only we could meet them personally and have opportunity to talk face to face and pray with them.

God opened the way recently whereby we did just that. Last April, and again in July, teams of instructors from our office made extended visits into Malaya to visit our students. Traveling more than 2,000 miles and visiting V.O.P. students in 11 cities and towns, our teams went in search of souls.

Using an airplane helped cut down travel time and afforded more time for visiting students throughout the day. Then each evening a V.O.P. rally was held. Our largest rally was in Telok Anson where more than 500 youth jammed the hall to hear God's Word preached and to learn to sing songs of salvation.

Within 12 days we had personally visited and prayed with more than 1,150 young people sincerely seeking truth. More than 1,800 attended the night rallies.

The teams returned to Singapore tired from the long hours of visiting and speaking, yet with hearts full of joy for having gone into the highways and palm oil estates of Malaya in search of souls for the kingdom of God.

Even now we can hear their frequent appeal, "When will you come again?"

We long to return to these areas and visit with these wonderful young people in the not too distant future, encouraging them on their way to heaven. Meanwhile, we pray that when Jesus does come again, thousands and thousands of His children throughout Malaya will be ready to meet Him in peace.

—C. H. Damron, Director,  
Singapore Voice of Prophecy



**SECOND TEAM.** This team spent three days visiting students in Kuala Lumpur and Klang, Malaya. From left to right: Daniel Yeo, Chinese instructor; Irene Chua, English instructor; Wang Siew Fong, V.O.P. office coordinator; and C. H. Damron.



**PRAYER.** V.O.P. staff members gather around the table for prayer before sending out to students several thousand invitations telling of the coming rallies and visits throughout Malaya.



**FACES.** Notice the intense expressions of this crowd of V.O.P. students at the rally in Telok Anson, Malaya.



**FIRST TEAM.** This V.O.P. team spent nine days visiting students throughout Malaya. From left to right are C. H. Damron, V.O.P. director and pilot; T. S. Pang, Chinese instructor; M'iss Janet Arulpragasam, Tamil instructor; and Jimmy Mamanua, Malay instructor.



**WITNESSING.** Youth from the Kuala Lumpur churches assisted in the V.O.P. rallies held in their area. Samuel Lin tells an interested group of students what Jesus Christ means to him personally.



## Evangelism in Baybay, Leyte

**T**HE Baybay Better Living Center opened its doors to the public on April 2. This crusade was sponsored by the lay activities department of the Central Philippine Union. Pastor D. M. Niere, union lay activities secretary, led out in the meetings. He was assisted by Pastor Nelson Ornopia, lay activities secretary of the East Visayan Mission, and Brother Wenceslao Solon, district leader. Forty active lay members of the Baybay church helped out in the program. By opening night close to 5,000 tracts, pamphlets, and invitations had been distributed.

On April 29, 46 souls were baptized as the first-fruits of the effort. Among them was Dr. Pacifico Bobila, a dentist and one of the town councilors. Dominador Murillo, a young man employed in the medicare office, decided to be baptized despite heavy pressure from family, friends, and employer. Prayer offered in his behalf resulted in his boss granting him Sabbaths off.

On May 27, an additional 18 souls were baptized, making a total of 64 new believers. A strong follow-up is still being conducted and a third baptism planned.



**EVANGELISTS.** Expectacion Tapaya, second from left, is pictured with the other members of an evangelistic team in the East Visayan Mission.

## Ladies' Evangelistic Team Establishes Church

**E**XPECTACION Tapaya, member of the Calubian church in northern Leyte, is president of the Lighthouse Sabbath School Association. She felt impressed to evangelize a mountain barrio about two kilometers from the national highway. With the help of the local church, a meeting place was built and the crusade began.

Hope for Today filmstrips and Better Life

picture rolls served as visual aids. Three women—Rosalinda Tigley, Nenita Gumapac, and Sarah Gabisay—helped operate the projector and public address system and conducted the song service.

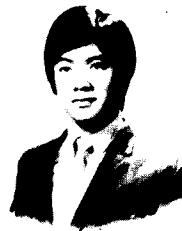
People from neighboring barrios attended every night, with the audience sometimes numbering 200. Laymen from different churches within the area of the Sabbath School Association took turns in the visitation program and in giving Bible studies. Now a fully organized Sabbath School of 15 baptized members gathers in the former meeting place, which has become a church.

Inspired by these good results, the delegates at the latest Sabbath School Association meeting voted to hold another crusade in Bodega II, where we have no church, and to give an additional 20 percent of their tithe to finance the evangelistic program of the mission and local church.

—L. E. Montana, President  
East Visayan Mission

## Adventist Student Honored by Highest Leadership Post

**S**EVENTH-DAY Adventist students at Cebu City's prestigious Southwestern University received a big boost in morale when one of their number, Eric Ristau Montana, was recently elected president of the Supreme Student Government in the first presidential elections under its new constitution.



Eric Montana

Eric came to the university as a junior premedical student from Philippine Union College and immediately became active in campus student activities. During his first year at the university, he was elected vice-president of the College of Liberal

Arts organization and later on the first of the 12 elected senators among a field of 36 candidates in the old Supreme Student Council.

The university paper had the following to say about him: "Eric was born in Cebu City but considers himself a native of many places. He is a son of an evangelist whose profession has enabled them to stay in one place after another in our country. Eric's experiences in these places have afforded him the opportunity to meet people of different cultural and social orientations."

Eric's election carries with it a full year's scholarship, as well as the opportunity to lead out in the affairs of the more than 8,000 students. Through his influence with the faculty and school administration, he has helped the Sabbath problems of many Adventist students enrolled in the university. He is planning to hold a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking and to organize a temperance chapter on the school campus.

—D. M. Niere, P.R. Secretary



## Dan Lim and Temperance Work

**D**AN Lim, an outstanding young Adventist, was born in a family of leaders. His father is the city councilor of Tagbilaran City in the Philippines. His mother is manager of the biggest construction company in the city and a very active leader of our Adventist church. Dan's late grandfather was a city judge in another city of Ozamis. His parents believe that their four children must have a Christian education, and this has been accomplished.

Last April Dan's classmates at Philippine Union College elected him class president. Then some weeks later, he took subjects at Bohol University in Tagbilaran to qualify for his law course. The summer students, numbering 3,000, unanimously elected Dan as their president in the Student Republic. He ran on a platform of opposition to smoking, alcoholism, and drug addiction.

One day I promised Dan by long distance telephone that I would go to his school in Tagbilaran on a certain date and hold a temperance rally. When the time came, Dr. Manuel Tornilla, Jr., medical secretary of the Central Philippine Union, accompanied me. I took along films, projector, and other equipment.

It was late in the afternoon when we reached the university. Classes were going on. Dan introduced us to the president of the school, who was so impressed with our program that he ordered classes suspended so that all could attend our rally. The program lasted until 10 p.m. and was attended by the whole student body, teachers, and even others of the public who had been invited.

Next day Dan brought us to the biggest radio station in the city, and the manager offered one hour of time as a public service. Dr. Tornilla spoke of the evils of smoking, drinking, and drug addiction. While he was talking, many listeners phoned in their questions, which he answered over the air.

During this time, Dan went to another radio station and negotiated for free time. Here he found the manager very anxious for us to repeat the program for his radio listeners. This we were willing to do, and once again telephone calls brought in many questions.

During the noon hour of that same day, we attended a banquet at the Rotary Club. Dr. Tornilla outlined the dangers of smoking, drinking, and drug dependency to 30 club members, and after the speech there were many questions.

It was almost 2 p.m. when we left the Rotarians and hurried over to the Catholic school. While Dr. Tornilla talked with 700 students up on the fourth floor, I was busy showing films on smoking and LSD to 300 students on the first floor. After the showing of the films, I dismissed the group, and the 700 students came down from the fourth floor. Despite the heat and inconvenience of the small hall, these students too were most eager to see the films.

The final event of the day was a rally in the town plaza. Here again we stressed the evils of smoking, drinking, and drug addiction. Even inclement weather did not discourage the 2,000 people who attended.

It was a busy 36 hours in Tagbilaran City. But Dan is not satisfied. Already he is urging us to return because "the people want to know more about smoking, drinking, and drug addiction."

—D. M. Niere,  
Temperance Secretary

## Sabbath School Association Wins Souls

**T**HE majority of souls won in the East Visayan Mission during the early part of this year can be credited to eight of the 12 Sabbath School Associations in the mission. Due to our lack of ordained ministers (only three in the office and one in the field), not all Sabbath School Associations have been visited by ordained ministers, so four have not yet reported any baptisms.

On one occasion Pastor L. E. Montana, mission president, had to hike 12 kilometers to visit a Sabbath School Association in Cangag, just a little below the highest mountain peak in the Northwestern part of Leyte. He baptized 26 persons, and then immediately set out by foot, two boat rides, and two bus rides to reach another church in Samar, two days distant, to baptize another 35. One week later he traveled by motorboat to another Sabbath School Association in northern Samar and baptized 24 more.

In the East Visayan Mission, Sabbath School Associations are potent instruments in the soul-winning program of the church.



Templeton  
Completes  
Service  
in Far East

Pastor L. R. Templeton, treasurer of the East Indonesia Union, has returned permanently to the United States after serving the Far East for eight years. When he first arrived in the Orient he was an assistant treasurer in charge of purchasing and transportation for the Far Eastern Division office. While in Manado, Templeton directed in the program to obtain a boat for service between islands in East Indonesia. The craft is now in service and is under the direction of the union officers.



## NORTH PHILIPPINES

### ACT Visits Remote Village

**P**HILIPPINE Union College ACT (Adventist Collegiate Taskforce) members decided to make a breakthrough into the hinterland of the Mountain Province Mission. This they did after graduation in April as a MISSION '72 project.

The group left for barrio (village) Concepcion, Del Pilar, Ilocos Sur, at the foot of the famous Tirad Pass, where Gregorio del Pilar, a brave Filipino hero, made history.

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Rosete, first chairman and secretary of ACT who are now working among these people, had initiated plans for a group from P.U.C. to visit the place. They were visiting elsewhere when the group arrived in the village, and no one in the group could speak the village dialect. The village chief and the people became suspicious. But the next morning the climate became more favorable when the town councilor, who is an Adventist, and the Rosetes arrived on the scene.

The group made health their "opening wedge." They talked to the simple village people about health, nutrition, education, and family planning. On the first day 180 patients were attended to. One afternoon the students prepared food for the people. More than 400 people came—practically everyone from the 80 homes in the village.

The students help rebuild three houses that had burned shortly before. They were also honored guests at the elementary school graduation, where Miss Thelma Pallasa, the group's sponsor, was invited to speak.

Prejudice and suspicion changed into the V.I.P. treatment and an earnest invitation to come back! This short but interesting safari into an out-of-the-way village is something the young ACT members will not soon forget.



**BUILDERS.** ACT members helped build three houses in the barrio of Concepcion. The owner of one (with cigarette) directs the work.

### The Great Philippine Flood of 1972

**A**FTER 35 days of almost continuous torrential rains, the island of Luzon is slowly beginning to rehabilitate itself following the typhoons and killer floods which left the central plains a vast, swirling sea of muddy waters covering over 200 miles and 18 provinces and measuring 30 feet in depth in some places. In this, the worst natural disaster in Philippine history, the statistics have mounted daily in a seemingly endless succession of calamities—massive landslides, drownings, starvation, epidemics of typhoid, cholera, and flu.

By the first week of August the last big typhoon finally departed, leaving us with only the regular monsoon rains. Assessment of damages revealed more than 550 dead, two million homeless, rice fields destroyed, and many of the faithful carabao that plowed them drowned. Guesses at property losses are still only tentative but already staggering. Ironically, during this same time, the southern islands of the Philippines were also declared a disaster area—due to drought.

When the weather improved sufficiently for relief operations to begin, tons of food and medical supplies poured in from all over the world. U.S. air and navy forces worked constantly with the Red Cross and government agencies in transporting supplies to barrios where families had lived for weeks on their rooftops, eating snails and frogs—and rats and snakes that had taken refuge in the tops of trees and bamboo thickets.

#### P.U.C.'s Part

And what part did Philippine Union College play in these activities?

Our campus was not inundated, and we might have succeeded in securing a special government permit to resume classes. It was decided, however, to respond wholeheartedly to the appeal of Ferdinand Marcos, president of the Republic of the Philippines, when he urged all colleges and universities to join in the rehabilitation operations. After long rainy days without classes, our students threw themselves into the work with great energy. Although several hundred young people spent the week at home (or in trying to reach their homes) in the flood-ravaged provinces, a large number remained in Manila to support P.U.C.'s relief projects. Here are a few random views from on and off our campus:

\* A road gang made up of our medical cadets and staff members worked at road repairs on Quezon Boulevard and the Balintawak cloverleaf.

\* A mammoth bread-baking project sponsored by faculty members of the school of science and technology converted about a ton of flour into bread and buns which were baked in the college bakery and in faculty homes all around the campus. In a few days the micro-biology lab was wall-to-wall with bags—nearly 1,200 sacks of bread and rice, as well as boxes of other food, ready for delivery.



**BAKERY.** Philippine Union College students operated an emergency bakery service for flood victims. Here they pack bread into bags for delivery.

\* Then the ACT team (Adventist Collegiate Taskforce) took over. Three doctors and several nurses joined the food-distribution group in three towns which were P.U.C.'s special care—Calumpit (in Bulacan) and Apalit and Macabebe (in Pampanga). Four rifle-bearing soldiers went with the party to keep order as supplies were distributed. More than 1,700 families were served.

\* In the physics lab a battery of sewing machines ran hour after hour until every broken zipper, missing button, and split seam had been remedied on more than 2,000 pieces of clothing.

\* The overseas students association joined another working force of Filipino students who reported daily to the National Flood Center in Manila where they packed more than 1,000 boxes of foodstuff and clothing.



**LINEUP.** Residents of a Pampanga town stand in line holding tickets which entitle each family to a bag of bread and rice.

Human interest episodes are an inevitable part of traumatic events. We might mention,

\* Dogs, cats, chickens, and people all living together in apparent goodwill on top of a single roof.

\* An old church standing window-deep in a lake, flood water up to the toes of the images at the altar.

\* Men arriving home, sailing their **bancas** (dug-out canoes) into the front room of their houses and ducking their heads to avoid hitting the top of the doorway as they passed through.

Classes have resumed at P.U.C., but we have not returned to "life as usual." Food shortages and disease will be with us for months yet, and the end cannot come until the last need has been supplied. Relief teams still go out several times weekly.

Faith and courage build up as relief supplies and financial aid have come to this country, together with assurances of prayers and loving concern from all over the world. It was perhaps something more than mere coincidence that marked this text as one of our family-worship readings for last week: "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, . . . then the waters had overwhelmed us." Psalm 124:1-4.

—Dorothy Minchin-Comm



**PEOPLE.** A welfare worker from the Central Luzon Mission talks with housewives on a flooded street in Malolos, Bulacan.

### News Notes

\* A Philippine Publishing House council and Book and Periodical Agency managers seminar was held at Baguio City in April. Under discussion were plans for reaching the department's six-million-peso sales goal for 1972.

Inspirational talks, suggestions for better publishing house-literature evangelist relationships, and new sales ideas were presented to the 85 delegates. Publishing leaders attending included Pastors M. R. Lyon and S. D. Pangborn from the Far Eastern Division, and Pastors A. N. Santiago and E. L. Villanueva from the Philippine Publishing House.



## SOUTH CHINA ISLAND



FAMILY. Mr. and Mrs. Kang Chen-Hui and their son posed for this picture on February 4, 1972. Their small daughter was too weak at that time to have her picture taken.

### Taiwan Hospital Cares for Fisherman's Family

THE response of the **China Post**, a Taipei English language newspaper, to the invitation of the Taiwan Adventist Hospital to conduct a drive for funds for the benefit of a tragedy-stricken family has revealed the confidence of the newspaper publishers in the program and work of Adventists.

One day last October, Kang Chen-Hui, a fisherman living on Matsu, an offshore island of China, tied up his fishing boat and headed toward home on the hillside above the harbor, only to see it explode into flames. He sped home and found that his wife had rescued their two small children but all three were seriously burned.

Mr. Kang admitted his family to the military hospital on the island where they were hospitalized six weeks, but the facilities were inadequate and his little girl grew weaker each day. In desperation Mr. Kang sold his fishing boat and brought his wife and children to Taipei. He had seen the help given in the Adventist medical and dental clinics conducted on Matsu and was sure they would help him. He was not mistaken.

When Roy Henrickson, the hospital manager, was called early that December morning, he could not refuse admission to the pitiful little family although they were destitute of funds, and he knew they would be three long-term cases.

The hospital employees responded to Brother Henrickson's invitation to forego some of their parties and exchange of gifts at the Christmas season and instead contribute to the Kang Family Fund. The employees and several hospital friends together contributed NT\$28,417 (US\$710).

In February, the **China Post** featured the Kang family and sponsored a drive for funds for their

rehabilitation. In all, 11 articles including pictures appeared in the newspaper. The response of the foreign and local community was most gratifying. Contributions came from school children, tourists, women's clubs, university students and professors, U.S. military personnel, U.S. Embassy personnel, veterans associations, **China Post** overseas subscribers, and private citizens, many of whom asked to remain anonymous. To date over U.S.\$4,000 has been donated to the Kang Family Fund.

Of special interest is the reaction of Mr. Kang to the Man actually behind the project. While looking at a mural on the pediatrics wall showing Jesus with the little children, he said, "I feel I should worship Him. It is He who has brought such wonderful care and generous help to us."

—Jewel H. Henrickson

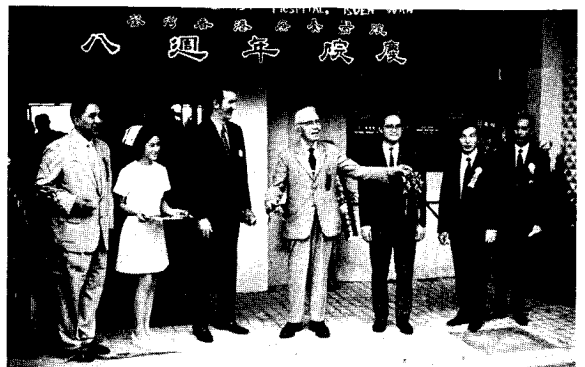
### Tsuen Wan Hospital Celebrates Anniversary

THE Tsuen Wan branch of the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital held an open house on May 22 to celebrate its eighth anniversary of serving the community and people in the New Territories.

The hospital was opened in 1964 as the only major medical facility in Tsuen Wan. C. P. Yang, business manager, gave a report of the hospital's progress, mentioning that it was built through contributions from local businesses and industrial firms, charitable organizations and individuals, and that we still rely on these friends for their support. Special mention was made of Dr. Harry W. Miller and Pastor E. L. Longway, who worked hard in raising funds.

R. W. Burchard, administrator, gave in his opening address a short history of Adventist hospitals and what they stand for.

Guest speaker was Mr. Lam Kwok-wan Dominic, social welfare officer of the Tsuen Wan area. He recently had helped organize a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking campaign in the local community center.



OPEN HOUSE. Main participants in the anniversary open house at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, Tsuen Wan branch, are C. P. Yang, business manager; H-len Choi, of the nursing office; R. W. Burchard, administrator; Dr. Harry W. Miller; Lam Kwok-wan Dominic, guest speaker; Dr. Kelvin Hon; and Chaplain John Chow.

## Good News from Sydney

**E**VER since the 1966 organization of our Chinese church in Sydney, Australia, its membership began thinking of a permanent church home. But there were several requirements.

First, a suitable location.

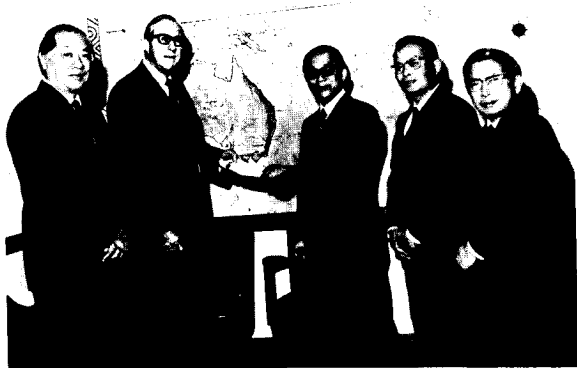
Three years later this became reality when providential leading pointed to property at 14A Jersey Road, Strathfield, five minute's walk from the Greater Sydney Conference office.

Next, modern, yet functional, floor plans.

These were furnished through the combined efforts of Architects James O'Young and George Betterworth and Engineer C. W. Ing.

But most important of all—adequate financial backing.

This was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Chan Shun of Hong Kong who, after making a detailed study of the church site and its potential for Chinese work, contributed A.\$50,000.



CHECK. Mr. Chan Shun, center, presents a check for A.\$50,000 to the Australasian Division for the Sydney Chinese church. Pictured are Architect James O'Young; Pastor R. R. Frame, Australasian Division president; Pastor E. Ho; and Pastor Hon.

Generous support of the Lord's work is no new venture for Brother and Sister Chan. Owners of the biggest shirt and garment business in Hong Kong, this dedicated couple have long desired to evangelize overseas Chinese communities around the world.

Their latest venture, the Gospel Development Company Limited, organized on April 16 of this year, is most unusual. Capital is put out by Brother Chan and his wife and will be managed by them. Among the eight directors are four laymen and four ministers, all working without pay. Whatever profit there is will go toward Chinese work around the world. Any loss will be suffered by the Chans. Thus the church has everything to gain—and nothing to lose!

The Gospel Development Company has started the construction of 48 apartments and a car park. So already things are on the move.

Not content with giving only money to God's cause during the past two decades, Brother Chan decided early this year that he must render also

part of his time, energy, and business talent. The result was the organization of this Gospel Development Company. Certainly God's blessing will attend this further evidence of outstanding Christian stewardship and its avowed purpose of providing funds for evangelizing overseas Chinese, whether they be in Hong Kong, Australia, or elsewhere around the world.

—Edward Ho

## Teachers Attend Institute in Hong Kong

**M**ORE than 100 teachers met from July 17 to 21 at South China Adventist College in Hong Kong to review the Adventist concept of Christian education and its application. Present to lead out in various activities of the institute were Dr. James Wang, former president of our college in China and now a clinical psychologist in the Illinois State Research Psychiatric Hospital; Dr. A. N. Nelson of Loma Linda University and now an AVSC faculty member at our college at Clear Water Bay; Dr. Boyd Olson and Mrs. Marion Simmons of the education department of the Far Eastern Division; and Pastor Richard Liu, dean of our college as well as principal of the South China Adventist College Academy.

Each day's program began at 8:30 a.m. with prayer bands. The first morning the group remained together to listen to Dr. Wang's discussion of the philosophy of Christian education as a philosophy of total living: healthful care of the body; mental health, which is closely related to spiritual health; and intellectual development, which is closely related to the physical as well as the spiritual condition of each individual.

Following this presentation, Dr. Nelson and Dr. Olson discussed the application of this philosophy of Christian education in a very practical way. Then the group divided into two sections. The administrators participated in a seminar in school administration conducted by the writer. The other teachers



DELEGATES and instructors attending the South China Island Union teachers institute gather for a group photo.



**SPEAKER.** Mrs. Marion Simmons, associate secretary of the Far Eastern Division education department, lectures, and Mrs. Roger Lee, teacher in Hong Kong, translates at the South China Island Union teachers institute.

remained to study general teaching methods presented by Mrs. Simmons. After lunch, Pastor Liu lectured on school health education.

The following committees served: administration and spiritual activities, chaired by the writer; curriculum, textbooks, teaching aids chaired by Pastor Roger Lee; teaching of Chinese by Hsu Hung; teaching of English by Gloria Chen; teaching of Bible by John Lu; teaching of math and science by Ng Tat Wai, and social science by Shum Kong.

The full program for the five days of the institute kept everyone very busy. In fact, the teachers who lived in the city, especially those on the Hong Kong side, had to get up before five in order to catch the chartered bus to avoid the heavy traffic and arrive at the college for breakfast. Yet everyone felt rewarded by a spiritual uplift and a good review of the Adventist concept of education as it relates to modern educational problems.

Twenty teachers continued with additional study following the institute. The church school group, directed by Mrs. Simmons and Mary Jane Bruce, the English church school teacher at Stubbs Road, Hong Kong, continued for two more weeks in a specially arranged workshop at Happy Valley. This also was very beneficial and those participating expressed a desire for a similar one in the near future.

—**Dr. Samuel Young, Secretary  
and Education Secretary,  
South China Island Union**



## Baptism at the Okinawa Servicemen's Center

**O**N Sabbath, July 8, five individuals were added to the National Service Church family through baptism. These were all directly associated with the U.S. armed forces, and their experience was another evidence of the faithfulness of our servicemen in sharing their faith.

Dr. Frank Fowler (Major) in the Army Medical Center had been studying with Ed Ward and his wife for several months but left Okinawa before they had reached a decision for baptism. During this period of waiting, Brother Ward shared his new faith and brought a friend to Sabbath School.

At the close of the lesson study, this friend, Jose Delgadillo, was leaving the church when the pastor invited him to remain for the worship service. He replied that he was not permitted to do so by his church. He was assured that he would not hear anything contrary to the gospel and remained. Following the service, he went home to read the literature that had been given to him. He had also enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy's faith course.

Each week he returned with doubts and questions, but one by one they were cleared up. Unknown to us, he was under deep conviction and decided to be baptized. This he requested, and although he had been studying only a short time, investigation showed he was ready.

Being a close friend of the Wards, he encouraged them to be baptized with him. After further study and earnest prayer, they too made their decision. It was a happy day for the church when Ed Ward and his wife and their daughter, Jose Delgadillo, and Mrs. Mala Marlow, wife of one of our servicemen, were baptized.

God is using our servicemen everywhere to find souls who are looking for something better. They need our prayers and our interest.

—**Clarence N. Kohler, Chaplain,  
Okinawa Servicemen's Center**

## Quarter of Students Request Baptism

**W**HEN 21 of the 84 students at Kitaura Academy requested baptism, Pastor Soneda had to call for help! Pastor K. Soneda, director of youth activities of the Japan Union, recruited Pastors A. Yamaji and M. Hayashi, both of whom had their elder sons in this group, to assist in the baptismal ceremony—the largest in recent years in the Japan Union. Pastor Soneda had been holding a Week of Prayer series at the academy and the response was both heartwarming and overwhelming. These young people, all

of them active Pathfinders, were eager to give themselves to the Lord and then start working for Him.

"I shall never forget the wonderful experience of being baptized in the Pacific Ocean. The Lord has been so good to me this week. My first goal as a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist church is to win my parents for Jesus." This was the enthusiastic testimony of one of the girls.

The Parent-Teacher Association of the academy presented new Bibles to each of the candidates as a memento of this precious experience.

Professor Funada, principal of Kitaura Academy, looks forward to the time when these students will become leaders and workers in the church. With this baptism, 86 percent of the student body are church members. With the remaining 12 studying diligently in the baptismal class, all are looking forward to the next baptism and hope to raise their standard at that time to 100 percent.



**BAPTIZED.** These students of Kitaura Academy were recently baptized. All are wearing their Pathfinder uniforms and are shown holding their new Bibles.

## Japan Missionary College News Notes

\* Y. Takahashi, presently at Andrews University, has been requested to serve as assistant dean of college men, starting with the second semester of the present school year.

\* **The Japanese Cook** magazine, with a circulation of 80,000 copies, reported on the food program and the vegetarian cafeteria of San-iku Gakuin College. Associate Professor Tabuchi arranged for the interview and the illustrated eight-page article.

\* Dr. S. Kunihira, vice-president of the Japan Union, has donated about a thousand books to the college library. This kind donation will greatly improve the library offerings in the areas of sociology and religion.

\* Mr. and Mrs. David Rawson have arrived at the college to start their duties as service volunteers at the San-iku Gakuin Academy of Continued Studies at Chiba. Mr. Rawson is a graduate of Columbia Union College in business and Mrs. Rawson is a graduate of the same college in nursing. Mrs. Rawson will also teach some classes at the San-iku Gakuin Junior High School.

## Okinawa Mission Session Reports

**D**ELEGATES to the sixth Okinawa Mission session met in the city of Nago on March 28 and 29. Present to assist in these meetings were Pastors W. T. Clark, secretary of the Far Eastern Division; C. B. Watts, president, K. Soneda, acting secretary, and R. L. Rawson, treasurer of the Japan Union. Pastors A. Yamaji, Sabbath School and lay activities secretary, and T. Iwahashi, Ministerial Association secretary and Voice of Prophecy speaker, from the Japan Union were also present.

Pastor W. I. Hilliard, president of the Okinawa Mission, made arrangements for the meetings but illness prevented his attendance. Pastor S. Tsukayama, secretary, and M. Nishino, treasurer, of the Okinawa Mission, stepped in and carried these meetings to a successful conclusion. —Lois May Watts



## North Sumatra Academy Reports

**T**HE first stone for the new classroom-laboratory building at North Sumatra Academy was laid by Pastor D. Batoebara, mission president. This special ceremony on June 5 was attended by faculty and students of the academy, as well as by the staff of the North Sumatra Mission. It is hoped that the new building will be ready for use early in 1973.

Under the leadership of Professor U. Aritonang, academy principal, many improvements have been made. A church school building is almost ready for occupancy. The school is planning for fowl farming. Since a pineapple canning factory is being built at Pematang Siantar, the brethren are discussing the possibility of changing the farm crop from tapioca to pineapples which should have a better market.

Present enrollment exceeds 300, and this indicates a future need of more teachers and additional housing. However, the courage of our workers there is good. They say, "We are building in faith, trusting that the Lord will provide in His own good time."



**FIRST STONE.** The mission staff and school faculty watch as the mission president lays the first stone for a new classroom-laboratory building at North Sumatra Academy.

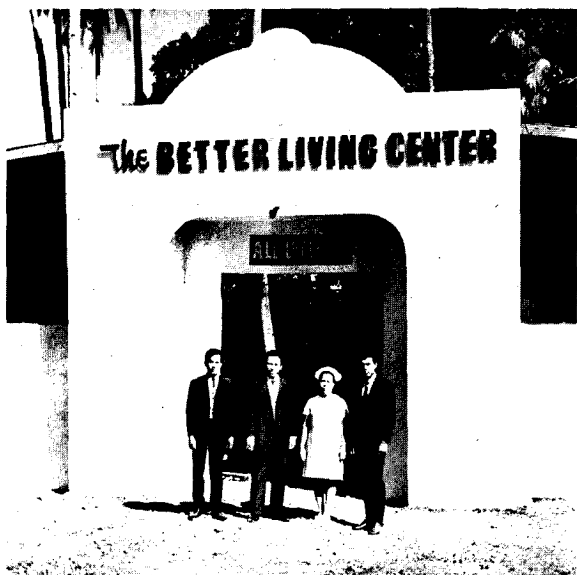


## Tidings from MISSION '72

**T**HUS far, 11 MISSION '72 crusades have been held in the Northeastern Mindanao Mission—eight in churches and three where there was no church. During the first six months of this year, due to accelerated emphasis on evangelism, 396 souls have been baptized in this mission.

### Mission President Conducts Crusade

Mission President A. A. Villarin conducted a series of meetings in Tandag, Surigao del Sur. His team consisted of Pastor Rudy Yap, district leader, Mrs. Ruth Balansag, mission nurse, and Jethro Calahat, ministerial intern. Last May 27 a baptism of 17 candidates took place. Two weeks later another 28 souls were baptized.



TEAM. This MISSION '72 evangelistic team is made up of Pastor R. R. Yap, district leader; Pastor A. A. Villarin, mission president; Mrs. R. Z. Balansag, mission nurse; and J. S. Calahat, ministerial intern.

### Efforts by Pastors Arranguez and Israel

The evangelistic crusade in Bayugan, Agusan del Sur, conducted by Pastor M. C. Arranguez and Pastor S. L. Israel resulted in 38 baptisms. Our faithful members in Bayugan supported the meetings with their presence, and many brought their friends each night. Though the crusade ended May 30, there

are more interested people, some of whom are planning on baptism in the near future.

Prior to this, Pastor Arranguez also held a series of meetings in San Isidro, Jabonga, Agusan del Norte. Before the close of the effort on April 30, 28 individuals had been baptized.

### Laymen Support MISSION '72

In Tagbina, two laymen, F. Bulala and R. Custan, conducted a series of meetings, each taking turns in presenting the Bible lectures. It was reported that 20 decisions for baptism have been made. Of these, 11 have already received the ordinance.

M. B. Abuyme, district leader in Upper Agusan, held two MISSION '72 crusades, one in Loreto and another in Sto. Tomas. His attendance averaged between 70 and 100, with nearly half of these non-church members. Already 28 have been baptized.

P. S. Tubera, district leader on the islands of Siargao and Dinagat, reported excellent attendance during his recent efforts in Socorro and Plaridel. Twelve persons were baptized at the close of the meetings.

Brother Gultiano, a lay preacher in Buhangin, Butuan City, decided to hold meetings. These began on June 5 in an old public school building. Attendance from night to night was very encouraging. Follow-up was carefully planned, and 21 souls were baptized at the close of the crusade.



### Volunteer Workers Arrive at M.V.C.

On July 23 Walter Bolinger and wife were welcomed to the Mountain View College family. They came to the Philippines from Glendale, Arizona, where they have lived since retiring from Pacific Union College in California, where Brother Bolinger taught physics and electronics for many years. While at P.U.C. he built and supervised the college radio station.

Mrs. Willeta Bolinger is a teacher and educator of many years experience. Her books and magazine articles have contributed much to elementary education.

While at Mountain View College, Brother Bolinger will supervise the installation of electronic equipment in DXCR, the new 5,000-watt AM college radio station. As funds become available, he will also supervise the mounting of the 13-inch telescope that has been donated by Dr. Andrew Nelson, first president of M.V.C.

The Bologers are sustantation workers who are donating their services to the Adventist church in the Philippines. M.V.C. is honored to have the fellowship and services of these experienced workers.

—J. H. Zachary, Chairman,  
M.V.C. Bible Department