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# Deskside Chats



## Confirmation

WHEN Paul wrote his first letter to the church in Corinth, he included among his words of greeting this unique expression: "The testimony of Christ was confirmed in you."

In these brief words, Paul captured the very essence of the gospel program. His long journeys, his tireless missionary endeavor, his survival of harassment and persecution, his concern for the spiritual prosperity of his converts all found ample reward and fulfillment when he could say, "Confirmed in you."

During recent years we have been hearing frequent mention of a disconcerting situation known as the "credibility gap." It is a rather picturesque description of the difference between what is said and what is true. Actually, there is nothing new about it. Satan accused God of a credibility gap way back in the Garden of Eden.

Ever since that time, suspicion has been one of the most uncomfortable by-products of sin. This inherent skepticism keeps us constantly looking for evidence to support or deny what we hear. We have come to accept the necessity of furnishing adequate proof for our own statements, and we call this proof "confirmation."

Frequently my telephone rings, and I find it is the cable office calling. The voice will say, "We have a cable for you," and then proceed to read me the message. It is a fast, efficient system, but it has its hazards. The girl at the cable office may misread. I may mishear. Or perhaps I will make insufficient or inaccurate notes. Aware of these possibilities, the cable company wisely sends a messenger who, a few hours later, delivers a teletyped version marked, "Confirmation."

Confirmation is tangible evidence. It is visible affirmation of something we may have heard but for which we desire proof. We demand it. We need it. We appreciate it.

To a skeptical world has come God's message of hope. It sounds good, and there are many who would like to believe it. They are intrigued with the possibility of forgiveness, the apparent social benefits of Christian fellowship, the amazing potential of eternal life. But how can they be sure? What proof do they have that the message is authentic, that there is no credibility gap?

They have you.

This was Paul's great confidence. This is the church's greatest asset. This is where God rests His case.

"The testimony of Christ was confirmed in you."

Cordially,

*P. H. Eldridge*

Paul H. Eldridge, President



## To Ponder . . .

**S**OUTH of Honshu, the main island of the Japanese archipelago, on which are located Tokyo, Osaka, Hiroshima, Kyoto, and magnificent Mt. Fuji, is the island of Kyushu. Here a baby boy was born into the Yamagata home who was destined to be an educator of note in the Seventh-day Adventist school system. His early training was received in a Buddhist-Christian home. The mother was a Methodist and the father later became one also.

There were four children in this family, who were well provided for by the father, an executive of the famous Mitsubishi Company. He was director of one of the branches on this southern island. Death came in early years to the father, and the mother was left to rear her two boys and two girls alone.

While accompanying one of her daughters on a trip to Tokyo to take a school examination, the mother was introduced to the teaching of the Remnant Church through a faithful church member, in whose home she was staying. In one short month she had accepted the truth for these times and returned to her island with her new-found faith. At a later date, she was baptized and instilled in her family of four this doctrine she now so dearly loved and espoused. Today, all four are Seventh-day Adventists and are a credit to the denomination. One son is a teacher at Japan Missionary College; one daughter teaches music in Osaka; the other daughter is married to a translator for the Japan Union; and the other son is Dr. Toshio Yamagata, educational secretary for the Japan Union.

Dr. Yamagata and his wife have reared two daughters, who are third generation Adventists. One is married and also teaches at Japan Missionary College, while the other lives at home with her parents and her father's mother while studying music in the city.

Dr. Yamagata is credited with 36 years as an educator in the Seventh-day Adventist school system. His assignments have included being a teacher and principal of a girls' high school, and vice-president and dean of our school located at Naraha. After 11 years at these two schools, he became president of Japan Missionary College, a post he held for 13 years. (He and Dr. Andrew Nelson were both president of that school for the same length of time.)

During the war years, he was a professor and did research in two universities and one technical college. Imprisoned for his religious convictions for seven months, he knew the pain of being isolated

from those who cherished the Adventist faith. Unfortunate circumstances during the war years caused Dr. Yamagata to lose his doctoral dissertation, which was in the field of science. However, Andrews University conferred upon him an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1966.

A devout Seventh-day Adventist, a faithful companion to his wife, a kind father, a scholar, and a gentleman with impeccable manners whose decorum is always above reproach, he is known for his thoughtful ways and his true Christian witness in the church, the school, the home, and the ever-widening circle which encompasses the community and regions beyond. Dr. Yamagata, at the Division Council session held in Singapore in November, received from Dr. Charles Hirsch a Citation of Excellence for his contribution to the cause of Christian education, which has its rootage in the home.

## STRENGTHEN THE HOME

*Marion S. Simmons*

### Advanced Clinical Nursing Class

April 23 to June 1

**M**ISS Lucile Lewis, associate professor of nursing from Loma Linda University, will be spending a four-month sabbatical leave in the Far Eastern



Miss Lewis

Division. Her schedule calls for her to arrive in Tokyo about March 30, and she will be leaving from Singapore at the end of July.

She is to conduct a six-week course in Advanced Clinical Nursing at Philippine Union College, April 23 to June 1. Five units of graduate credit from Loma Linda University may be earned by those who qualify for graduate standing. Five units of undergraduate credit is offered by Philippine Union College. In addition to the class at Philippine Union College, Miss Lewis will conduct workshops in nursing at Taipei, Bangkok, and Singapore, and will visit other hospitals and schools en route.

The course at Philippine Union College is open to graduate nurses in all our Far Eastern Division hospitals and schools of nursing, and a maximum enrollment is anticipated. This will offer to the graduate nurse the opportunity to study nursing problems and needs of patients in a hospital situation under the leadership of a recognized authority in clinical nursing. We are grateful to Loma Linda University for making this opportunity available to nurses in Far Eastern Division medical institutions.

—Maxine Atteberry

# Saigon Hospital Moves

**O**N Wednesday, March 14, the Saigon Adventist Hospital moved into the former Saigon Army Hospital. The contract, signed in Saigon January 31, arranges for a one-year lease by the United States government to the Saigon Adventist Hospital of the property and equipment of the 325-bed army hospital. The one-year contract arrangement will be renewable until the new hospital now under construction is completed.

Patients from the former hospital building a mile away were transferred in a fleet of ambulances provided by the United States Army. Equipment, supplies, and other items were transferred later. The staff of the hospital found that facilities of the army hospital were so drastically different that it took some time before the adjustment was made.

On the very first day after the takeover there were more than 300 outpatients who showed up at the new facility. Five days after the takeover I stop-

ped in Saigon and found that they had 65 inpatients. More than 100 were expected by the end of the month, and probably 150 before six weeks.

The "Stars and Stripes," military newspaper printed in Japan, announced on March 15 that, "the last American military hospital in South Vietnam became the Saigon Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Wednesday.

"With little fanfare Colonel William McIlroy of Tacoma, Washington, handed the keys of the Saigon Army Hospital to Vernon Small of Denver, Colorado, administrator of the Adventist Hospital.

"Since the military opened the Third Field Hospital in 1965 a total of 66,622 civilian and military patients had been admitted—many war injured and quite a number with broken bones, heart problems, drug problems, and tropical diseases. That figure does not include thousands of outpatients."

One large ward of the new hospital has been

**OLD AND NEW.** To the left is the former Saigon Adventist Hospital, now empty. Below is the administration building of the former army hospital, which now has a new sign, "Saigon Adventist Hospital."





provided for Vietnamese medical-surgical cases. A section has been provided for obstetrical patients. As the need arises other wards will be opened for Vietnamese patients, according to Mr. Small. In accordance with the contract, 40 beds are being reserved for Americans and other Europeans in Vietnam.

Some members of the staff of the former army hospital have been retained, according to Mr. Small, but the bulk of the employees are from the Adventist hospital. A total of five physicians were on hand the day that I visited the hospital, and a dentist was expected to arrive within a few days.

Work progresses on the new hospital building a few blocks away. Construction will continue as long as funds are available, says Mr. Small. It will be at least two and possibly three years before the project is completed and another move can be made to the new building. In the meantime, medical work in Vietnam will be conducted in the former army medical complex.

—D. A. Roth

OUR COVER: Vernon Small, administrator of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, looks over part of the United States Army hospital complex which has been leased to the Saigon Adventist Hospital. With him is one of the army's top administrative officers. The Adventist hospital took over operation of the hospital in mid-March.

THIS PAGE: Pictured clockwise on this page are the new outpatient waiting room; Dr. Philip Pritel, Adventist surgeon, and the top surgeon of the United States Army for Vietnam at work in one of the four large surgical suites; Miss Esther Oldham, director of nursing service, with the first baby born in the new hospital; and the signing of the contract by Vernon Small, R. S. Watts, and a representative of the United States Embassy.



## Disaster and Famine Relief Offering to Be Received Sabbath, May 12

**F**AMINE, epidemics, and natural disasters have long been considered by Seventh-day Adventists to be signs that the end is near. In a more immediate sense, however, they also present our people with a practical problem of rehabilitation and assistance.

For a number of years one of the events on our calendar of special offerings has been a specific Sabbath when funds are received for Disaster and Famine Relief. As a result, it has been possible for assistance to be given on an emergency basis in any part of the world. The Far Eastern Division has received help from these funds on a number of occasions in the past.

This year the date set for this special offering is May 12.

Since no spot on earth is immune from disaster, we never know where the next call for help will arise. It is important, therefore, that this source of funds be maintained so that response can be immediate. We hope every church and every member in the Far Eastern Division will participate this year when this offering for Disaster and Famine Relief is received on Sabbath, May 12.

—Paul H. Eldridge, President,  
Far Eastern Division



## G.C. President Meets International Students

Elder Robert Pierson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, recently met with international students attending Andrews University. The special reception was held while he was on campus for the semiannual A.U. Board of Trustees meeting. Some of the students attending the reception are shown above with Elder Pierson, including Abner Jimada of Manila (far left).



Pastor W. R. L. Scragg

## Consolidation Brings Exciting Promise

**E**XCITING things are happening in the public relations and radio-television area at Adventist world headquarters! Consolidation—that sometimes dreaded happening—is opening bright new horizons for the erstwhile separate departments of the General Conference.

The action joining the two departments came at the Annual Council in Mexico City. It knit the Department of Radio and Television and the Bureau of Public Relations into one department as of January 1, 1973.

Elected to head the new department was Walter R. L. Scragg. Remaining on in a special advisory capacity until his retirement, which he announced at the council, will be the Bureau's former chief, E. Willmore Tarr. Dr. Tarr has set a late summer date for his retirement.

Selection of a name for the new department has been postponed until a survey of preference can be made of those engaged in public relations and the broadcast ministries.

## Dr. Siegfried Horn Appointed Dean of Seminary

**D**R. Siegfried Horn, professor of archaeology and history of antiquity, has been elected dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, effective in September. He has been on the seminary faculty since 1951.

Dr. Horn succeeds Dr. W. G. C. Murdoch, dean since 1959, who is semi-retiring but will continue to teach and accept appointments in the field.

Dr. Horn is widely known for his archaeological work in the Middle East. He has made 17 expeditions there and is planning another to begin in June. He has written several books and numerous articles for both popular and scholarly publications.

Dr. Wilber Alexander, professor of systematic and pastoral theology and chairman of the church and ministry department, was at a previous board meeting elected assistant dean of the seminary to administer the new Doctor of Ministry program.



# NEWS *from the* UNIONS



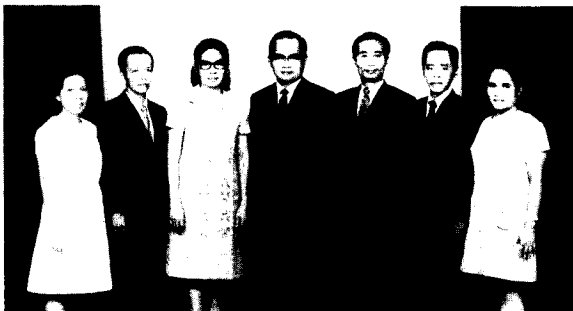
## CENTRAL PHILIPPINES

### Six Workers Ordained to the Ministry

**L**AST December a laymen's congress, held on the campus of West Visayan Academy in Iloilo, drew about 400 regular delegates and guests. About that same number of visitors also attended the congress daily. At the opening of the meetings, Governor C. J. Norada of Iloilo lauded the Adventists for "their contribution to community development" and spoke on the necessity for every citizen to become involved in nation building.

General Conference and Far Eastern Division lay activities leaders were Pastors C. E. Guenther and C. L. Shankel respectively. A delegation of 30 from the North Philippine Union headed by Pastor E. J. Tanguan, lay activities secretary, added to the inspiration of the congress. Discussion groups and classes covered a wide range of valuable instruction.

On Sabbath morning, Pastor Guenther spoke to a capacity audience of 2,000 people. In the afternoon a solemn ordination service climaxed the congress. The sermon by Pastor Shankel, the charge by Pastor Guenther, ordination prayer by Pastor J. R. Obregon, president of the Central Visayan Mission, and welcome by Pastor F. M. Arrogante, union president, made up the impressive service for the ordination to the ministry of: J. M. Tiano, evangelist; E. S. Romero, publishing secretary; S. C. Cuizon, treasurer—all of the West Visayan Mission; and F. P. Penola, Sr., union auditor and stewardship secretary.



**ORDAINED.** At a service held during a laymen's congress at West Visayan Academy, four men were ordained to the gospel ministry. They are Pastors S. C. Cuizon, F. P. Penola, Job. M. Tiano, and E. S. Romero.

A week later another ordination service was held in the East Visayan Academy auditorium at which time C. R. Colo, Bible teacher, and Sigredo Rada, Sr., principal, were ordained to the ministry. Those who took part in the service were Pastor Arrogante, who gave the sermon; Pastor E. A. Capobres, former union president, gave the charge; Pastor Penola, union auditor, prayed; and Pastor Obregon welcomed them into the ministry.

### Union Reports Literature Sales In Excess of One Million Pesos

**T**HE prophecy of Lamentations 2:16,17 was abundantly fulfilled in God's tremendous blessing to the publishing work in our field during 1972. "Certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it. The Lord hath done that which He had devised; He hath fulfilled His word that He had commanded in the days of old."

In some parts of our union territory devastating typhoons came in quick succession last year. There was a time when three struck in one week, causing floods for 40 days. But these did not dampen our courage. As a result of carrying forward the work despite difficulty, for the first time in Central Philippine Union history book and magazine sales reached one million pesos—and that by the end of November. Last year we had only 17 publishing leaders; this year we have 23. Last year we had an average of 270 literature evangelists reporting monthly; now we have 420.

We also launched a magazine leadership training program to provide magazine leaders. After three months of rigid training, 13 trainees from the four local missions graduated on December 16. Now we have 13 ladies ready for leadership. We plan to continue this program of training during the last three months of every year.

These are indeed the days that we looked for. But we know also that the best days of literature evangelism are still before us. Great records have been made, but still greater ones are yet future. We have set a delivered-sales goal of 1,600,000 pesos for 1973, for we know that God will cut short His work and finish it rapidly. To this urgent task we of the publishing department of the Central Philippine Union pledge our unstinted cooperation, full consecration, and untiring efforts.

—E. N. Dicen, Secretary,  
Publishing Department,  
Central Philippine Union

## Field School of Stewardship Convenes in Cebu City

A FIELD school of stewardship was held from February 1 to 8 in the Cebu City church, the first of its kind in the Far Eastern Division and "possibly in the world," according to Pastor C. A. Williams, Division stewardship secretary. The school was attended by 51 delegates composed mostly of district leaders, church pastors, administrators, departmental secretaries, and institutional workers. The Cebu Central Church had been chosen for this pilot school because in membership and income it is the largest in the union.

Pastor F. P. Penola, Central Philippine Union stewardship secretary, was the director of the school. Every morning featured devotional and instruction periods. The entire afternoon was spent in house-to-house visitation by the students, who went out by twos. In the evening, reports were given of these visits.

On Sabbath, Pastor Williams presented the true concept of stewardship at the morning church service. In the afternoon he discussed systematic benevolence and then ten reasons why the Christian is impelled to give. For both services the church was full—ample evidence of revival on the part of the membership.

Sunday was spent in visiting the homes of the members to collect covenant pledges. It was suggested that our people give five percent of their income, in addition to the tithe, which would be used in the new concept of a combined budget. The response was most encouraging.

—D. M. Niere, P.R. Secretary,  
Central Philippine Union



SECRETARIES. Stewardship secretaries in the Central Philippine Union include C. T. Garilva, B. L. Mahinay, V. D. Quijada, and L. O. Sabino, all standing. Seated are Pastor C. A. Williams, Far Eastern Division stewardship secretary, and Pastor F. P. Penola, Central Philippine Union stewardship secretary.

## Educational Leaders Meet in Bacolod

LAST December 24 delegates attended the educational council held at Negros Mission headquarters in Bacolod City. Those present included Central Philippine Union officers and departmental leaders, the principals of three academies, local parent-home

secretaries, mission educational secretaries, and mission officers. A 40-item agenda occupied consideration for three days.

Pastor B. R. Arit, union educational secretary, led out during the council. Each day was begun by a devotional period when the educators held communion with the Master Teacher.

In the matter of school curriculum it was encouraging to note that the "new society" promulgated in the Philippines since martial law emphasizes the work program in public as well as in private schools and sounds like an adoption of the Adventist principle of the "harmonious development" of students.

Standards of dress, music, and morals were discussed, and all were unanimous in upholding the old landmarks which have identified us as a people. How Bible classes can contribute to the saving of our youth was also studied, since having our children saved in the kingdom of God is a goal which takes priority over all other objectives. —D. M. Niere



## "Man from Micronesia" Ordained in Palau

Willy Nobuo, center, was ordained a Seventh-day Adventist minister in Palau on December 16. The ordination service was the first one Palauan church members had ever attended.

Pastor Nobuo is the "Man from Micronesia," whose life story was told in the Far Eastern Division's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering promotional film for the fourth quarter of 1971. He was born in Palau and educated at Guam Mission Academy and Philippine Union College. After receiving his master's degree in religion, he returned to Palau to serve his own people as Bible teacher and church pastor at Palau Mission Academy.

Pictured with Pastor and Mrs. Nobuo are representatives from the General Conference, Far Eastern Division, Far Eastern Island Mission. Pastor Nobuo's ordination service was held in connection with the Far Eastern Island Mission annual meeting.



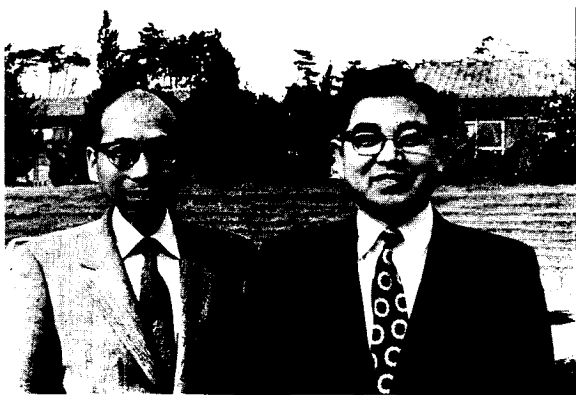


## Literature Evangelists Meet at Institute

**A**BOUT 160 literature evangelists from the four missions in the Japan Union gathered together for their biennial institute at Hotel Okukuji, Daigo Hot Springs, Ibaragi Prefecture, from January 22 to 27. Pastor M. R. Lyon, publishing secretary for the Far Eastern Division, was the featured guest and speaker during these meetings, which were under the direction of Pastor N. Nakagawa, publishing secretary for the Japan Union.

Besides the series of instruction conducted by Pastor Lyon, two special features of the program were outstanding. One was the introduction of songs written and composed by the colporteurs about their experiences in laboring for God in the literature ministry. The other featured the special honors presented to the top colporteurs in each of the missions. Those cited were Tadao Ito of the Hokkaido Mission, Masaharu Ichikawa of the North Japan Mission, Tomozo Kobayashi of the South Japan Mission, and Kazuo Nohara from Okinawa. Miss Akie Shimotsunagari of Nara City was awarded a silver star pin for her service during the year 1971, when she was selected as one of the ten top colporteurs in the Far Eastern Division.

—Y. Seino,  
Japan Publishing House



## New Officers in North Japan

At the year-end annual committee meeting of the Japan Union, Pastor Y. Yokomizo, right, was named president of the North Japan Mission, and M. Nemoto, secretary-treasurer. These two men have been working together in the same capacities in the Hokkaido Mission for the last year and a half. They are now living and working in the Tokyo area. The Hokkaido Mission is presently being administered by Dr. S. Kunitomo and R. L. Rawson, president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Japan Union.

—Lois May Watts



## Michigander Teaches in Japan

Miss Claudia Gene ("Genie") Soper, new church school teacher for Yokohama, Japan, comes to the Far Eastern Division from Michigan, where she was born and attended school. She is a graduate of Adolphian Academy and Andrews University. Two years of teaching experience in Texas plus five in the Michigan church school system gives Miss Soper a good background of understanding and experience for her work out here. Her presence and her contributions to the education of the missionary children in Japan are much appreciated.

## Japan Missionary Works in Brazil

**P**ASTOR Kojiro Matsunami has arrived at his mission post at Belem, Brazil, and is spending full time learning the Portuguese language.

Pastor Matsunami and his family left Japan in September, 1972, for his new post of duty. He is the first Japanese to be sent as an overseas missionary outside the territory of the Far Eastern Division.

Pastor Matsunami writes concerning his work: "We are spending a great deal of our time learning the Portuguese language, although we had studied some in Tokyo. Belem is the headquarters of the North Brazil Union, which has the Amazon district as her territory. Belem itself is a large city with a population of 850,000 people.

"This city is hot and humid. As it is the rainy season, it rains practically every afternoon for about an hour.

"Most of the pastors of this union do not speak English, so I must study Portuguese more earnestly. There are many Japanese living in Belem and its suburbs. They even have some Japanese colonies. In general, the Japanese are very successful in making a living in Brazil. Many of their children can't speak Japanese.

"We have a very good Adventist hospital here in this city. We will make contact with many of the Japanese who are patients at the hospital."

Let us pray for Pastor Matsunami and his family as they labor for the Japanese people in Brazil.

—D. A. Roth



## NORTH PHILIPPINES

### Hospital Begins Last Phase of Expansion

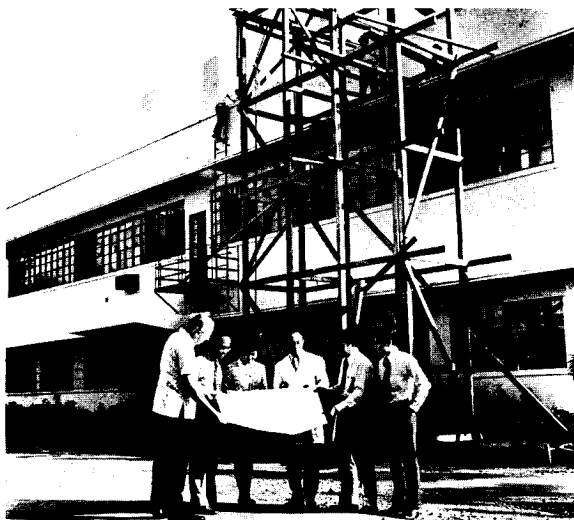
**W**ITH the New Year began the third and last phase of the renovation-expansion program of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital which would complete its third and fourth floors.

The project will expand the service units of the operating rooms on third floor and the pediatrics department on fourth but will not increase the hospital's bed capacity of 150.

The third floor will accommodate four major operating rooms, each with doors through scrub areas between the rooms to enable surgeons to conveniently move from one operating room to another. A much larger and improved sterile room, work room, nurses' lounge, surgeons' lounge, cast room, storage room, pathology room, and conference room are included in the plan. The recovery room will be adjacent to the whole unit toward the left (opposite the present recovery room location) and the intensive care unit at the extreme end toward the last.

The fourth floor will have the pediatrics' four isolation units, four semiprivate rooms, two private rooms, and three wards. Pediatrics will have a 30-bed capacity. The permanent conference room of the hospital will also be located on the fourth floor.

The completed phase three of the renovation-expansion program will provide another elevator for passenger use. The present one will be for service use only.



**PLANS FOR EXPANSION.** Looking over plans for the expansion and renovation of Manila Sanitarium and Hospital's third and fourth floors are Pastor G. E. Bullock, building committee chairman; Pastor M. G. Jereos, board of directors chairman; Dr. Mercy Lyn Jereos, pediatrics department head; Dr. O. C. Pilar, medical director; E. C. Corpus, business manager; and F. S. Minda, treasurer and assistant business manager.

Phase two of the program was completed in 1972. Phase one was started and finished in 1970.

The first two phases cost the hospital 1,140,077 pesos. Equipment furnished these expanded units cost 1,387,000 pesos. The contract for phase three is for 890,000 pesos.

—**Rogelia Y. Gayoba,**  
Dean of Women,  
Manila Sanitarium and Hospital



**HANDSHAKE.** The new President of P.U.C., Dr. A. P. Roda, is congratulated by Pastor B. E. Jacobs, Division youth director, while Pastor G. O. Bruce, Division treasurer, and Pastor M. G. Jereos, North Philippine Union president, look on.

### Roda Becomes P.U.C. President

**“W**ITH my limited capacities I have accepted the challenge once more; first, because I know the Lord's work needs human instrumentalities, and second, I was certain I could count on the whole-hearted cooperation from all our faculty and staff in carrying on this great task of educating the youth for places of responsibility here on earth and preparing them for eternity.” Thus responded Dr. Alfonso P. Roda, who was elected president—for the second time—on November 27 during the board of directors annual meeting.

The new president plans to extend the influence of the graduate and seminary programs beyond the Far Eastern Division, strengthen the undergraduate programs in science, math, and business, follow through the development of the Silang campus, strengthen the spiritual condition of the staff and the students, and upgrade the faculty to acceptable levels in all departments.

Dr. Roda's predecessor, Dr. Ottis C. Edwards, resigned from the presidency and now occupies the newly created post of vice-president for development and academic affairs. Dr. Edwards succeeded to the presidency in 1969, first in an acting capacity, when Dr. Roda left for three years of study in the United States, which culminated in his graduation last September from the University of California (UCLA) with the Doctor of Education degree.

## Theological Association Visitors

ON February 13, Dr. Kosuke Koyama, executive director of the Association of Theological Schools in Southeast Asia, and Dr. Paul Clasper, dean, Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, visited the S.D.A. Theological Seminary (Far East) at Philippine Union College. The purpose of the all-day visit was to continue work on preparing for accreditation in the Association.

The Association is the second oldest theological accrediting body in the world and has nearly 30 members now, according to Dr. Koyama. The previous day the writer had a worthwhile two-and-a-half hour session in Manila with the two visitors in preparation for the committees to convene the next day at P.U.C.

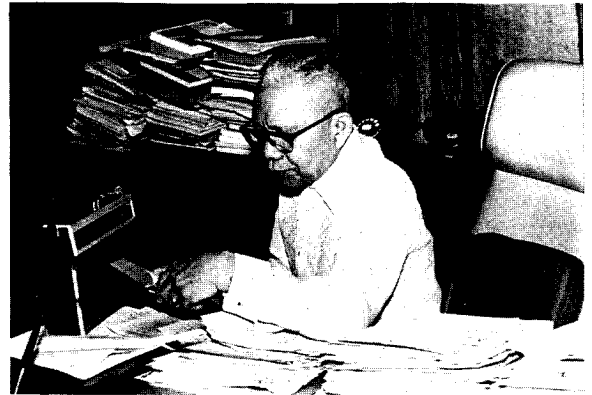
Accreditation in ATSSEA provides several advantages to the Seminary program, for a student can take fifteen hours each semester instead of the twelve allowed by the Philippine Bureau of Education degree program, and can therefore finish the M.A. in just one year instead of the one and a half years that the bureau degree takes. This is a time saving of one-third, helping the ministers to be back that much sooner to their responsibilities. Another advantage is that classes can be taken instead of the thesis that the bureau requires. For most students this is far more practical in training them to meet the realities of the field.

To obtain such accreditation we have to offer a B.D. degree. It is our understanding that when the B.D. degree is accredited, then the M.A. degree as the first third of it will also be accredited. This is the second academic year that we have offered the Seminary M.A. degree. Our plan is that we will begin offering the B.D. only after we have sufficient qualified men to teach the six major areas that will comprise the core curriculum, and after permission to commence the same has been given by the Far

Eastern Division and the General Conference. This third visit of Dr. Koyama to our campus was yet another step toward the full realization of a strong, fully-accredited B.D. degree program in our Seminary.

In May, Dr. Koyama will recommend to ATSSEA that our Theological Seminary at P.U.C. become a member of the Association.

—Norman R. Guley, Director,  
S.D.A. Theological Seminary (Far East)



## Bible Reading

Secretary of Education Juan M. Manuel reads Isaiah 20 to 27 in Pangasinan. He was one of the 11 distinguished citizens enlisted by the mission public relations office to participate in the New Year's Bible reading project of the Voice of Prophecy in Glendale, California.

Other Bible readers were Senator Gerardo Roxas; Vice-president Fernando Lopez; Juan Salcedo, Jr., president of Araneta Foundation University; Greg Tingson, Constitutional Convention delegate; Serafin D. Quizon, National Library director; Narciso Albarracin, undersecretary of education; Julian B. Yballe, director of private schools; Liceria B. Soriano, director of public schools; Clodualdo Leocadio, assistant director of public schools; Francisco Duque, former provincial governor of Pangasinan; and Governor Brigido Valencia of Pampanga.

## Green Revolution

Take one box of the thousands of packets of seeds worth \$74,000 received from the Southern Adventist Welfare Society in Washington, D.C. They are a donation of Adventist Church members. S.A.W.S. member P. C. David, P. I. (Mandarin) says that some 90,000 packets of vegetable and flower seeds have been distributed to Philippine farmers.





## SOUTH CHINA ISLAND

### How God Kept His Promises

**F**OR more than 20 years, the Crocodile Garments Company Limited, owned by Mr. Chan Shun, a faithful member in Hong Kong, has been following the practice of having a special service to mark the resumption of work following the Chinese New Year holiday. This year at 8:30 on the morning of February 6, when more than a thousand employees returned to their places, ready for work, they were asked to wait until religious services had been conducted. Present for the occasion were Pastor T. M. Chu, president of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission, who offered the opening prayer; C. Y. Wong, pastor of the Kwun Tong church, who led out in songs of praise; the writer, who spoke briefly; and Pastor Roger Lee, secretary-treasurer of the local mission, who pronounced the benediction.

Reference was made to Matthew 6:33, which promises: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Brother Chan gave an inspiring testimony about his firm belief in Isaiah 58:13,14, which concerns Sabbath observance, and Malachi 3:10, a faithful tithe. He related that this year the lunar New Year's Day, February 3, coincided with the Sabbath, and New Year's Eve, of course, with Friday. It is customary for the people of Hong Kong to do shopping and to have a New Year's fair that evening until four the next morning. Usually there is good business and considerable profit during those busy hours.

Before New Year's Eve, Brother Chan instructed his leading men to prepare for closing their stores before sunset that Friday evening. Many of them, being non-Adventists, voiced their objection because they thought it would cause inconvenience to the customers and a loss in business. But our faithful brother was adamant. Instead, he paid a large sum of money to advertise through newspapers, radio, television, and other media that since New Year's Eve would be Friday evening, all Crocodile-owned stores would close before sundown in honor of the holy Sabbath and that those desiring to buy garments should do so early. This announcement was made repeatedly so that no one would miss it. What a testimony to the four million people of Hong Kong honoring the true God and His sacred day.

Brother Chan reported that though his stores cut short many business hours that evening, the total sales during the light hours of Friday exceeded the expected amount estimated for day and night business. How thankful we are that we serve a living God who never fails to keep His promises.

—H. S. Lo



## SOUTH PHILIPPINES

### Iligan Hospital Staff Holds Effort

**T**HE chaplains of Iligan Adventist Hospital conducted a 30-day evangelistic effort at Sta. Filomina, Iligan City, which led 33 persons to accept Jesus. Assisted by selected staff members and several lay preachers of the Tibanga church, Chaplains G. U. Ellacer and R. A. Tabingo and their wives conducted these meetings despite heavy schedules at the hospital.

The groundwork of the evangelistic thrust included literature evangelist work in the area, periodic extension clinics, a Vacation Bible School by the church school teachers of Tibanga, and distribution of **Signs of the Times** magazines by church members. The life and influence of two Adventist families living in that section of the city contributed a lot to the success of the missionary project.

Unique nightly programs included pre-preaching lectures on family planning, baby care, evils of tobacco and liquor, home sanitation, and other pertinent health subjects by the hospital staff and students and teachers of Mountain View College School of Nursing. Other subjects presented by invited speakers were fire prevention by the assistant chief of the Iligan City fire department and cooperatives and land reform by Carmelite Fathers Von Leopold and Valeriano. Movies and film slides were also featured.

Barrio captain Telesforo Penaflor of Sta. Filomina contributed to the meetings every night by bringing in the drunkards and problem youth. He required the gambling centers of his barrio to stop their games just before the preaching service. At the end of the effort, he spoke favorably of the contribution Adventists made to civic order. He urged residents to join the Adventist church and pledged to do so himself.

—G. U. Ellacer



**BAPTISM.** Retired minister D. B. Ladion and Chaplain G. U. Ellacer baptize firstfruits of the hospital evangelistic series.

## Inter-Federation Fellowship Reports

**F**OUR thousand people attended the inter-federation fellowship meeting held at the Bagontaas church in Malaybalay, Bukidnon, last December. This large group represented two federations, North Star and Southern Cross, each of which has five local associations composed of Sabbath School, lay activities, MV, parent-home, and Dorcas workers.

Officers of every association gave the highlights of their soul-winning endeavors. It was the first time in the Northern Mindanao Mission that our laymen had such a good report. They had held several spearhead and cottage meetings, and as a result of this work, 705 souls had been brought into the church during 1972. Our mission reported total for the year of 1,438—146 individuals being baptized the Sabbath afternoon of this meeting.

The inter-federation fellowship meeting was climaxed by the ordination of nine dedicated workers to the gospel ministry: T. R. Rojas and G. S. Ondap, secretary-treasurer and publishing secretary, respectively, of the Northern Mindanao Mission; W. D. Baliton, Jr., Ulysses Camagay, and H. S. Bugayong, district leaders; A. G. Tiangha, principal of Lake View Academy; and N. N. Macarine, B. M. Atiteo, and D. J. Generato, Jr., faculty members of Mountain View College.

—B. P. Moralde, P.R.O.,  
Northern Mindanao Mission



**MINISTERS.** On December 17, during the Inter-Federation Meeting of the Northern Mindanao Mission, nine workers were ordained to the gospel ministry. They are shown in the center of the picture, with the ministers officiating in the ordination service on either side of them. From left to right are Pastors S. L. Ulagano, M. M. Cloveria, and R. B. Bermudez, A. G. Tiangha, Ulysses Camagay, G. S. Ondap, T. R. Rojas, H. S. Bugayong, W. D. Baliton, Jr., B. M. Atiteo, D. J. Generato, Jr., N. N. Macarine, B. P. Moralde, and A. A. Villarin.

## Church Organized in Remote Salug

**A** CHURCH group composed of the followers of Manobo Chieftain Datu Mampatilan in the hinterlands of Salug, which is 40 kilometers from Esperanza, Agusan del Sur, was finally organized with 114 members Sabbath morning, November 25, last year. The service came to a climax with the baptism of 17 souls.

Pedro Ebag, whose consistent Christian life has gained the respect of seven datos, was the first tribesman ever to be ordained as church elder. Fellow tribesman Ondog was ordained as deacon.

The chapel, costing nearly 8,000 pesos and having a seating capacity of 200, has been put up with no mission aid. Only eight months ago, the congregation was transferred to this new building from a makeshift meeting place that was only one-third its present size.

Active in missionary work, the church conducts two Branch Sabbath Schools from which 14 individuals have already been baptized. Others are being prepared for future baptism.

Accessible only to occasional logging trucks when the weather clears, Salug, though far removed from modern civilization, is surprisingly almost fully developed by our brethren, who are practically self-sufficient in food. With no doctor in the area, they look forward to a minister's prayer for healing and relief. Let us remember these people in our devotions.

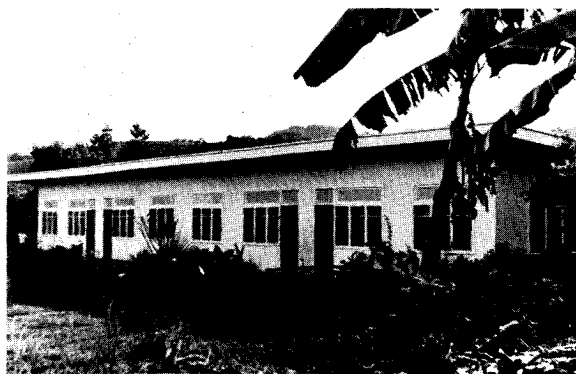
—C. P. Ranario

## Reading Workshop in Bukidnon

**A** READING workshop held in Bagontaas, Bukidnon, for local teachers started the experiment on a pilot reading program which established the usability of a beginning reading series constructed by Mrs. W. R. Bolinger and Mrs. V. C. Diaz. After using the books for about two months, the teachers participating in the experiment recommended the use of these books as basic readers for grade one and as material for remedial reading in succeeding grades.

At a recent meeting of tri-union elementary supervisors, the printing of 5,000 sets of these books by the Philippine Publishing House for the coming school year was approved. These books will not only solve our problem in teaching beginning reading but will also meet the government's requirement for Filipinization of textbooks.

—P. J. Moreno,  
Elementary Supervisor



## New Staff Housing

Steps have been taken toward solving a most pressing problem at Mountain View College. Dr. Donald Halenz, college president, announced the completion of a new four-unit apartment building for staff use. The building is hollow block construction. Each unit has four rooms and bath. Also nearing completion is an additional two-unit apartment.

—J. H. Zachary



NEW. Church members and visitors gather in front of the new cement block church at Puhus-Kapa, which was dedicated free of debt on November 18.

## Dedication of Puhus Church and Lamb Shelter

**S**ABBATH morning, November 18, was a high day for the church members at Puhus-Kapa. It was on that day that a beautiful new cement block church was dedicated, and a cement block lamb shelter was opened.

For many years the members had hoped and prayed and worked for a new church. Land had been found, and it had been cleared and leveled, but then nothing more had been done for a long period of time.

Then a few months ago the Sabah Mission inaugurated a plan by which each quarter funds would be collected for church buildings. This offering would be taken up in all of our churches and sent in to the mission office. The mission then would match this offering dollar for dollar, and the funds would be used to build the church that had been voted by the mission committee.

Puhus-Kapa, because of its great need, was the recipient of the first offering. How happy everyone was to find that the offering for that day, when added to the mission's share, was sufficient to build the church at Puhus-Kapa. Immediately plans were laid to start construction as soon as the drawings were completed and supplies in hand. So it was that a few weeks ago, the foundation was dug and the first cement blocks laid. Free labor was contributed by church members. How faithfully they worked until finally the church was completed and ready for dedication. This beautiful little chapel cost only U.S.\$1,000 to build.

It so happened that the week the church was

completed, the Sabah Mission had its workers' retreat in Tamparuli, only about a 40-minute drive from this mountain village. Since all the districts had a part in raising funds for this church, it was planned that all of the pastors should attend the dedication on November 18.

To begin the Sabbath School program, the new lamb shelter was formally opened. The writer spoke on the purpose of lamb shelters and their blessing in the saving of children. Pastor D. P. Siagian, a retired worker, offered prayer for God's blessing upon the lamb shelter. Mrs. Audrey Wilcox, then cut the ribbon, and the children with happy, smiling faces took seats inside the building. Miss Nony Sha'ah, child evangelism secretary of the Sabah Mission, led out in an interesting program for the children.

Following the Sabbath School, everyone gathered in front of the new church. The door was unlocked, and the ribbon was cut by the writer. Pastor L. S. Sibarani, a retired worker, offered special prayer, after which the members and visitors filed inside for a special service.

Brother E. Danielson, a member of Pastor Glen Coon's evangelistic team, preached the dedication sermon. The responsive act of dedication was read by the writer. Pastor L. Pandjaitan, Sabah Mission publishing secretary, then offered the dedicatory prayer.

—W. L. Wilcox



## Three Workers Ordained in Sarawak

Three workers, shown above with their wives, were ordained to the gospel ministry during the Sarawak Mission annual session on Friday evening, January 5. They were Pastor Jonathan Ng, mission evangelist, temperance, P.R., and stewardship secretary; Pastor Poul Nyungga, mission Sabbath School, lay activities, and MV secretary; and Pastor Joseph Sapok, pastor-evangelist of the Putah district.

The ordination sermon was given by Pastor W. T. Clark, secretary of the Far Eastern Division. The candidates were welcomed to the ministry by Pastor R. C. Hall, Mission president.







## WEST INDONESIA

### Steadfast in the Truth

**L**IFE for me began in a small village tucked away in a dense forest in central Kalimantan (Indonesian Borneo). To get there one has to travel from the city of Banjarmasin on the east coast of the island, up the deep Barito River by motor boat, for ten days.

My mother died when I was only four years old, and this meant that even as the youngest of the children, I had to work hard to help the family make a living. Despite this, I determined early that I would get an education. I went to school when I could, but often had to drop out for lack of money.

Just when I feared that I would never be able to go to school again, an Adventist mission school opened in Bunda village near my home. This school was to change my entire life.

New experiences came to me. I began to study the Bible, and little by little my outlook changed as Jesus' love filled my heart. In Him I began to have assurance for the future.

Many times I had to leave school for a week or two in order to have money with which to live. I would tap rubber trees for a period and then return to continue studying. This retarded my education, but God helped me.

Two years after enrolling at the Adventist school, I wanted to join the church. My life had been completely changed. I used to hate Christians, but now I was a happy believer in Christ. On May 6, 1962, I was baptized. How sorry I was that my family could not understand.

Satan did not leave me alone. The rumor spread that the Adventist students could never pass their government examinations. I had just finished mine when the news was passed around. What a time of worry and trial we students passed through. However, the final report showed that every one from the Adventist mission school had passed the secondary school examinations. God had helped us.

From that time I determined to study either at our nursing school in Bandung or at our college on the island of Java and sent for an application. Just when it seemed that I might go, another obstruction came in my way.

A ritual was to be performed in my village, and my father, a devout animist, insisted that I remain for it. I could not disobey, and this delayed my departure.

Afterward I went to the city to work and earn money. Because there was no Adventist church there, Satan tried to plunge me into darkness and discouragement. I had dedicated my life to God and was determined to be a worker for Him, but I knew I must have a Christian education.

God heard my prayers. Evangelistic meetings were held in that city by a minister from our union headquarters. Seven souls were baptized and a new church organized as a result.

Jesus says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find." By September, 1965, I was at the college, studying and working hard as a self-supporting student. The newly organized church had promised to help me and did get me started that first year.

I tried canvassing. It was good for me. It gave courage and strength and patience. And I learned to really pray. Without the comfort of prayer, my life today would be dark and hopeless.

It seemed that I was on my way to success in my studies when a great tragedy struck. Immediately my plans for the future changed. In May, 1969, during tumbling practice, I fell and injured my spine. The nerve was dead. I could not get up. There were no sensations in my lower extremities. From that time until this, I have not been able to use my legs.

I spent one year in the hospital in Bandung, but not studying to be a nurse as I had dreamed of doing. I had surgery, treatments, and pain, but God was with me, and I have many people to thank for their loving care and assistance, both with my health and financial problems.

Now I am in a rehabilitation hospital in the city of Solo, Java. I cannot walk and am glad for a folding wheelchair. My life is still dedicated to God.

Praise God. He does not leave me alone. Last year I gave a series of Bible studies along with the youth of the Solo church. One of my friends in the rehabilitation center gave his heart to the Lord and another was baptized in November.

Please pray for the patients in the rehabilitation center that they may learn the truth and accept Jesus.

—Joshua Ma'anjan



**FRIENDS.** Joshua Ma'anjan says goodbye to his college friends as he leaves Bandung Mission Hospital for a rehabilitation center in East Java.