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Paradox

GOD is the owner of all things and the possessor of infinite resources. Then why does the church seem doomed to a never-ending struggle with financial problems?

This apparent paradox defies simple explanation. From local church to General Conference, every level of our organization wages a constant battle with rising costs, increased demands, needs for expansion and new doors of opportunity that should be entered. Why should our committees and institutional boards have to wrestle through agonizing hours with these nagging problems? Why doesn't God, with His total competence, simply provide what is necessary for finishing His work?

The usual answer is that we need the struggle as a form of spiritual exercise, a muscle-building process for our faith factor. Further, the challenge of new opportunities stimulates sacrifice. This kind of total commitment prepares our lives for service and our characters for heaven.

These are good answers, and valid. But there is another significant reason for this paradox, one for which we should be very grateful.

By not providing us suddenly and miraculously with everything we need, God shields us from one of Satan's most subtle approaches. The Bible labels it "the deceitfulness of riches." In the parable of the sower, describing the seed that fell among thorns, Jesus said: "And cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful." Mark 4:19.

God doesn't want a choked up, unfruitful church; so He protects us from the deceitfulness of riches. He sees that not many of us could stand the pressures of prosperity.

A few days ago the newspapers carried the report of a man who was taken from his fabulous villa in a European country to face charges of fraud. This was the same man, who just a few short years ago, was lauded as a brilliant financial genius. He had built a vast investment empire, then found himself forced out of its control. And now, a prison cell. Some may exult at his downfall. He may deserve punishment. But what he really needs is pity. He was a victim of the deceitfulness of riches.

God is the possessor of infinite resources. He is also a wise Father who knows the weaknesses of His children. So He rations His blessings in a perfect blend that builds a rugged, committed and fruitful family.

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President



To Ponder . . .

WHILE traveling by plane recently and reading a Singapore newspaper, we came across a letter to the editor. We think it has food for thought for Seventh-day Adventists. It was written by one not of our faith. However, his philosophy coincides with ours. It also agrees very well with the counsel given by Mrs. E. G. White.

What do you think about the letter? Is it worth pondering? Do we as Christian parents need to spend more time living with our children? The writer, a former teacher, entitled his comments, "There are No Shortcuts to Your Kid's Education." If he has given us worthwhile counsel that we as parents need to check-point ourselves on, let us do so. Far more important, let us atune our ears, our minds, our hearts, to our children's pleas to give them more of our time, to communicate with them, yes, to live with them. Here it is for you to read, ponder, and perhaps make a right-about face in your own family.

"It is unfortunate indeed, that most parents find themselves so immersed with work that they have so little time to spare.

"Every effort, it seems, must be made for higher material yields. But how many parents realize that there are no shortcuts to their children's education?

"They will often believe, most sincerely, that they are providing a good life for themselves and their families by increasing every material security for their families. But alas, how often is materialism gained while family communication is lost!

"To be a parent is not merely to be a breadwinner. We have to give our children our presence as well as our presents.

"We have to understand them, to give them our patience as well as our love. We have not only to teach, but also to listen; not only to criticize but also to respond to their criticism.

"Therefore, it would be a serious error, as parents, to shift responsibility of children's education to the government alone.

"The State can mould its citizens, but it is the parents who make the moulds."

This is true of Seventh-day Adventist schools as well as government schools. Mrs. White has specifically said that our schools are not to supplant the home but to supplement, which means "to add to" or "to enhance" your child's training. They are to aid you in your duties and responsibilities to your children and youth.

Is your child enrolled in a school of God's

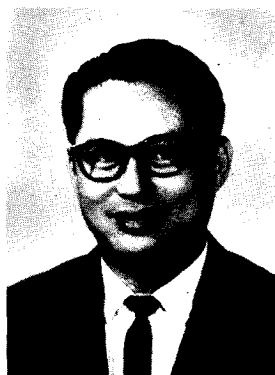
choosing? If so, we commend you for this. However, let us ever be mindful of what the home must provide—not only love, laughter, peace, happiness, contentment and the graces which will make for a happy life here for our children. It must also prepare them for an entrance into the heavenly home.

In 1973, Youth/Family Life Year, let us—

TO STRENGTHEN THE HOME

Marion S. Simmons

New Team in the Purchasing-Transportation Office of FED



Y. F. Choo



Peggy Lee

The team shown here now runs the transportation-purchasing office of the Far Eastern Division office in Singapore. Choo Yau Fang is an assistant treasurer of the Far Eastern Division and takes care of all matters relating to travel and purchasing. He came to the Division office from the Malaysian Signs Press, where he served as manager for many years. He is a Singapore citizen.

His office secretary, Mrs. Peggy Lee, was born in Malaysia and lives now in Johore Bahru, so she travels farther to work than anyone in the Division office. She was educated in elementary schools in Malaysia and then attended Southeast Asia Union College. For ten years prior to joining the staff of the Division, Mrs. Lee worked for the Southeast Asia Union office. Her husband is a science teacher in a government college.

COVER PHOTO

One of the newest institutional buildings in Southeast Asia is the graduate nurses' housing unit at the Bangkok Adventist Hospital in Thailand. The cover photo this issue shows this ultra-modern structure which is now fully occupied by medical personnel of the largest Adventist hospital in the Far Eastern Division.

The building is a monument to the faith of Dr. R. Dean Jennings, chief of staff of the hospital, who was instrumental in raising the funds necessary to construct the building. No appropriations were necessary from denominational organizations in order to complete the building. The new apartment building is in the middle of the hospital compound at the place where the original building stood for many years.



Pastor Montalban

Former Union Mission President Conducting Revivals in Philippines

A former union mission president and now a General Conference field secretary, Pastor Victor M. Montalban, will be visiting his home country for a few months this year conducting revivals in churches.

At the request of the Far Eastern Division committee, the General Conference is sending Pastor Montalban to the Republic of the Philippines to give spiritual help and assistance to all three union missions.

A graduate of Philippine Union College, Pastor Montalban served as a literature evangelist, teacher, bookkeeper, treasurer, and local mission president before becoming a union mission president in 1955. In 1968 he was asked by the General Conference to become a field secretary. He was re-elected at the 1970 General Conference session.

Week of Revival at F.E.A.

"THE Week of Prayer has just begun," declared Pastor B. E. Jacobs, Division youth director, at the close of Far Eastern Academy's second semester Week of Prayer, April 1 to 7. His words were true, for the experience of revival continues on this campus a month later.

Something began to happen during the week, something for which a lot of people had been praying a long time. It is the consensus of the student body that what did happen did not come by chance, by oratory, by play on the emotions, or other gimmickry, but that which did happen was a revival of godliness prayed down from heaven by a lot of concerned people. Who were these people? Dormitory roommates banded together in fellowships of prayer; concerned faculty members who regularly met in prayer; parents, scattered from Tokyo to Tanzania; friends in the community who believed that claiming Bible promises for the power of the Holy Spirit is the solution to all problems.

Wednesday morning, during the Week of Prayer, a young man who had influenced the lives of many

in the school, came to the front of the chapel to tell the student body that by God's grace he was making a change. He couldn't explain all the reasons why. He even found it difficult to speak at all. A hush fell over the chapel. Many found it hard to believe.

As one young person related later, "This was the first time I had really witnessed the conversion of someone who I knew had been pretty bad. I knew the sermons hadn't done it because they weren't that extra good. So I knew prayer had done it."

This one decision had a tremendous impact on the lives of many others. One student said, "The incident that brought me to the foot of the cross was his conversion. I can't really explain why this is except that it was the Holy Spirit's prompting. When he got up and told how Christ had reached him, I realized how I'd been slamming the door of my heart in Christ's face."

But that door was opened again and again throughout the week as Pastor Jacobs, his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnson from Sarawak, along with dozens of students, visited and prayed with individuals in need of re-evaluating their lives and making full commitment to Christ. It was a united effort, and what joy came to many as they saw those for whom they prayed (and in some cases, fasted) yield to the Holy Spirit.

One student said, "I found out later that four boys had fasted and prayed for me all Friday. It surely is good to have so many brothers and sisters in Christ who love me so much."

For many, it was a brand new experience of definite answers to specific prayers and the joy that always follows such answers. A second-year student exclaimed, "This week God answered more prayers for me than all the other prayers I've ever prayed. A group of us girls would get together in a little prayer group and pour out our hearts asking God to help specific people, and the very next day those people would give their lives to Christ. I never liked religion to be emotional, but when something like that happened you couldn't help but weep for joy. It's a kind of joy you can't explain or express that just takes hold of you and won't let go."

The climax of the week came during the Friday night service which consisted of a baptism of two young men and the communion service, both of which took approximately three hours. The Lord's Supper was interspersed with testimonies of praise and thanksgiving, along with singing. It was such a warm fellowship that it was difficult to end the meeting.

During the days and weeks since, the young people have eagerly shared their new-found love for Christ in prayer fellowships, other schools, churches, at the airport, in taxis, wherever anyone will listen. There has been an unprecedented buying and reading of Bibles, especially the new Living Bible. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! As Pastor Jacobs said, "The Week of Prayer has just begun."

—John F. Harris



Mrs. Longway

Inez Ruth Miles-Longway 1899-1973

MRS. Inez Ruth Miles-Longway was born in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, on March 5, 1899, and passed to her rest in Corona, California, on March 14, 1973. Between those two dates was a life of selfless devotion to her family and more than 50 years to mission work in the Far East.

Three services were held in memory of Mrs. Longway. One at which Pastor C. P. Sorensen, former Far Eastern Division president, officiated at the Grimes Funeral Home in Corona on March 18. Another at the Pioneer Memorial Church in Hong Kong on the same day. And a concluding service the next day in the South Lancaster church, with interment in the family plot at the Eastwood Cemetery in Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Pastor and Mrs. Longway were married on May 22, 1918, and five months later sailed for the Far East where he filled an appointment as treasurer of Seventh-day Adventist work in the kingdom of Siam (now known as Thailand). During the three and a half years spent in that field, two daughters, Eva and Myrtle, were born.

Then followed a long and distinguished service on the China mainland, working successively in the Central China Union and the West China Union, followed by 20 years in the city of Shanghai, where China Division headquarters were located. During those years of political uncertainty, there were three evacuations, but each time the Longways returned to carry on. Their three sons, Delbert, Ralph, and David, were born during this period.

When war clouds threatened in 1940, Mrs. Longway and her two younger sons, together with the China Division staff, sought safety in the Philippines. Here they were interned, and after nearly four years were finally united with Pastor Longway.

Following World War II, the Longways served in Shanghai for a time, then in Tokyo, and finally in Taipei, where they lived for nearly ten years. The last eight years of her foreign mission service were spent in Hong Kong, where here again Mrs. Longway faithfully and cheerfully went about her duties—this time in assisting many missionaries as they passed through that crossroads of the world.

Dr. H. W. Miller, another veteran worker in China, reports that in 1970 Mrs. Longway's health began to deteriorate. She had a most trying affliction—air hunger. Every breath was a struggle, and finally oxygen became a constant requirement.

In late 1971 she returned to the United States with her husband. After a few months' stay with their son Ralph in Maryland, the couple located in California. The last three months of her life were tedious, as she was bedfast most of the time. The doctors pronounced her sickness pulmonary fibrosis, complicated by a heart condition. After four days' hospitalization at the Corona Community Hospital, she fell asleep on the afternoon of March 14.

Claiming the blessed promises of a resurrection are Pastor Ezra Longway, their three sons and two daughters with their families, two sisters, and a host of fellow laborers and friends.



Waysinger Group Tours Indonesia

This group of 43 students and faculty members of Far Eastern Academy, Singapore, are this month itinerating in Indonesia. The Waysingers have scheduled appearances in all of the major cities on the islands of Java and Bali. Directed by Pastor John Harris and Miss Patricia Gustin, faculty members, the group is traveling in a bus provided by Indonesia Union College. Pastor Milton Thorman, of the West Indonesia Union Mission, is coordinating the trip. Last year the Waysingers music group toured Malaysia and Thailand. This is the first overseas trip for the group.



NEWS *from the* UNIONS



SOUTH PHILIPPINES

Interviewing a Missionary-Doctor

"WHAT is that in your hand?"

"A used disposable syringe with a broken off needle."

"Why are you taking it to church?"

"You see, after church service and when others are in Sabbath School, a doctor and three or four student nurses visit the city jail and they have a Branch Sabbath School."

"Why don't you go in the afternoon?"

"Because we go to the provincial jail then for another Branch Sabbath School."

"But what is the purpose of the syringe?"

"The prisoners have wooden bunks and there are deep cracks where the boards are joined. We have tried painting with a brush and spraying but found that an old syringe with a broken off needle will squirt chlordane solution in the cracks better than any other method to kill the bed bugs. Today we are going to have to use it again. After the bugs are gone the men are much more interested in what we have to say."

"Your prison box has some other things, too."

"Here is a box of medicines to treat colds, fever, headache, stomachache, asthma, toothache, and diarrhea. We get these through SAWS and couldn't give medicine without Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service."

"But that is not all."

"Here are five ball-point pens. They are for the men to write the answers on the Voice of Prophecy and Friendship Bible Courses that they are studying. This sack has nine bars of soap. Some of the men have no friends or relatives to visit them, and no money to buy, so they welcome soap for washing clothes and for bathing. Some lack clothes so we often give a shirt or pair of pants along with the gospel. Speaking of gospels—we have today 24 copies of the Gospel of John. These and ten New Testaments and one **Great Controversy**, and six copies of **Steps to Christ**, were all sent to us by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Lukens of St. Helena Health Center in California."

"But these old newspapers?"

"They are eagerly sought by the prisoners. They

have no other reading material than what we bring them. Papers are a link with the outside world. We have a copy of **Time** magazine and also one of **Newsweek**. **Reader's Digest** is in brisk demand, but we have none today. Hattie Belle Howard at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium and Hospital, and many other faithful people have sent **Bibles**, **Signs**, **Junior Guide**, **Health and Home**, **These Times**, **Insight**, **Liberty**, **Review**, and **Listen**, and all are eagerly received by the men. I say 'men' for there are no women prisoners just now. They seem to keep out of jail pretty well."

"What about the Sky Flake cracker can?"

"Oh, that is to mix the water and chlordane."

There is water at the prison so we don't have to take that. Good we didn't have to carry water the time we filled a 55-gallon drum to baptize five men. Of course, the minister had to remain outside the drum. Seventeen were able to go for baptism in the sea. All these were from **MISSION '72**."

—W. G. Dick, M.D.,

Medical Director,

Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital



BAPTISM. Prisoners in Iligan City converted through the ministry of Mindanao Sanitarium workers are baptized drum style. Very seldom are they allowed to leave prison premises.



SOUTH CHINA ISLAND

New College Campus for Taiwan

IN mid-July of 1972 the dreams of moving the Taiwan campus of South China Adventist College to a more suitable location were made real by the purchase of new property near the center of Taiwan.

During October the college was able to take possession of the major portion of the land being purchased. If present progress continues, the land will soon have a new fence to clearly mark off its boundary.

The major use of the land at present is for growing oranges and bamboo. As buildings are constructed, a few of the 7,000 orange trees may be removed. It is anticipated that the care of these trees will provide much useful labor for students.

Under the able and vigorous leadership of the college vice-president for development, Dr. Samuel Young, plans are being drawn for the campus master plan as well as the buildings to be constructed.

Much work lies ahead. On April 26, a groundbreaking ceremony was held on the new site. It is our prayer that the occasion ushered in a bright, new chapter for Christian education in the South China Island Union.

—Don Christensen



EATING. Hong Kong-Macao Mission officers enjoy sampling the oranges at the new Taiwan campus of South China Adventist College.



Meet the Forsyths of Hong Kong

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Forsyth and their two sons are located at the Clearwater Bay Road location of South China Adventist College in Hong Kong. His speciality is electronics, and he also works with the industrial education phase of the college program. Included on the staff of the Hong Kong college are full-time overseas workers, student missionaries, and sustentation and A.V.S.C. workers, who are also giving volunteer help.



WEST INDONESIA



Introducing Pastors of Java

Here is the ministerial force of the Seventh-day Adventist church on the island of Java, Indonesia. The photo was taken at a tri-mission ministerial retreat held in the highlands of central Java. Visitors from the Far Eastern Division and the West Indonesia Union attended the week-long event. The last two days of the retreat were devoted to a public relations seminar.



NORTH PHILIPPINES

News Notes

* Dr. B. E. Bandiola, professor of education at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, has been nominated for the 1973 awards volume of **Outstanding Educators of America**. This volume is published to "recognize the achievement of the nation's most distinguished college and university teachers and scholars" and describes Philippine Union College's former dean "as a truly exceptional member of the academic community, devoted to the highest principles of education."

* Florencio (Jun) Jereos, Jr., was recently appointed by the union committee as acting coordinator of the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service. He takes the post vacated by Pastor P. C. Banaag, who has retired.

* Mr. and Mrs. Eliseo Camagay (nee Perla Acot) and Mr. and Mrs. Feliciano Gutierrez (nee Marcelita Fadri), missionaries at the Ekamai Adventist School, Mr. and Mrs. Diosdado Corpuz, publishing secretary of the Thailand Mission, arrived for their regular furlough in the homeland. All will be returning for another term of service after a three-month furlough.



Missionaries

Dr. Francis Solivio and family, formerly with the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital, left January 7 for Bangladesh, where he is now medical director of the Gopalganj Adventist Hospital. Mrs. Solivio is the former Merlita Portuguese.

Joseph Layson Brings Home a Trophy

JOSEPH, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Abundio Layson, brought home a bronze medal and 200 pesos in cash by winning third place in the inter-high school grand oratorical contest on the evils of drug abuse. The event took place at the Fortune Theater in Grace Park, Caloocan City, in the Philippines.

Naturally shy and self-effacing, Joseph surprised his friends when he voluntarily joined the preliminary oratorical contest held at P.U.C. Academy, where he won first prize and thus represented his school at the grand oratorical contest of the Kalayaan Lions Club.

Eleven schools entered the contest. Participants were rated according to bearing, sincerity, voice, gestures, originality, organization, grammar, use of idioms, worth of the speech and its achievement of purpose or effect upon the audience.

—Mrs. Lapaz Coo, English Teacher,
Philippine Union College



TROPHY. Joseph Layson receives his trophy from Bernardo Chan of the Kalayaan Lions Club.

Dorcas Welfare Gathering in South-Central Luzon

SABBATH, February 10, was a memorable day for the Dorcas Welfare Societies of seven districts in the South-Central Luzon Mission. Delegates gathered at mission headquarters, almost everyone in uniform. There were three male workers in Adventist welfare uniforms, and others wearing T-shirts with the Adventist Men insignia displayed on them.

The union lay activities secretary spoke during the morning hour of worship. The brethren were greatly impressed by the nearness of the end and saw the urgency of responding to God's call for revival and reformation.

In the afternoon, the mission president and the lay activities secretary, together with the writer, gave important counsel and instruction. Greater and more effective service by our Dorcas societies and Adventist Men was the goal of this all-day meeting.

—E. J. Tangunan, Secretary,
Lay Activities Department,
North Philippine Union



MOTORBOAT. On their way to Cortina for a special church dedication are from left, Pastor C. E. Guenther, Pastor C. L. Shankel, and Urbano Castilla, Pastor J. L. Tulio, mission president, is the man with the white hat.

Guenther Visits South-Central Luzon Mission

AFTER the laymen's congress which was held at West Visayan Academy last December, Pastors C. E. Guenther, C. L. Shankel, and J. L. Tulio took the morning Philippine Airlines jet from Iloilo to Manila. They were met at the airport, rushed to the union guest house and then to Batangas to catch up with the last trip of the boat from Batangas to Calapan.

Pastor Gucilar and the writer left Iloilo Saturday afternoon and went to Pinamalayan ahead of Pastor Guenther's party. It was our understanding that because the brethren in the surrounding area of Pinamalayan would gather for a meeting, we should begin at seven in the evening, while waiting for the arrival of our leading brethren. We began the meeting on time, and every seat in the chapel was taken. The writer spoke for almost an hour. Then Pastor Gucilar followed with some instruction, but the party had not yet arrived.

When they did reach the chapel where we were waiting, it was a little past nine, but no one left as we all were anxious to hear from our leaders. Pastor Shankel spoke for a few minutes, then introduced Pastor Guenther who spoke very inspiringly. Afterward we learned why the men had been delayed in getting to our meeting. The jeep in which they had been riding missed the running board of a wooden bridge, turned around, and then fell 30 to 40 feet down a steep bank. On the way home, we stopped at the scene of the accident and saw it was a miracle that no one had been hurt. Clearly it was a manifestation of the protecting power of God.

The following day we went to Cortina, a village of the town of Pola, Oriental Mindoro. We first rode in a jeep up to the town, then took a motorboat to Cortina. The village is situated on the top of a hill, and the chapel, painted white, can be seen as one approaches the shore.

This chapel in Cortina is the 27th church built



TWENTY-EIGHTH. Mr. and Mrs. Urbano Castillo stand in front of the 28th church organized as a result of his evangelistic activities. A Bible worker is standing with the couple.

by Brother Urbano Castillo, and it is the 28th church organized as a result of his evangelistic activities. Brother Castillo held an effort in this place during July and August—the rainy season. Despite the rain and mud, he and his team pressed on in search of souls. As a result of their labor, 17 individuals were baptized on August 26; then four more were baptized on November 25. With five other believers who moved to this place, the church was organized by Pastor Samuel Ada with 26 charter members.

While Pastor Guenther was with us in December, we dedicated the chapel. He gave the dedicatory message, Pastor Shankel offered the dedicatory prayer, and Pastor Tulio, president of the mission, led out in the responsive dedication. It was a solemn occasion attended by the members of our nearby churches. All present felt the wonderful blessings of God.

—E. J. Tanganan, Secretary,
Lay Activities Department



For Increased Sales

A brand-new baakmobile is in operation now in the Central Luzon Mission. R. Z. Laurel, left, assistant Baak and Periodical Agency manager, is shown with B. E. Capule, mission secretary-treasurer.



FAR EASTERN ISLAND MISSION



Dentist Transfers from Pakistan to Guam

After seven years as a staff dentist at the Karachi Hospital in Pakistan, Dr. Arthur Garner and family are now on the island of Guam, where he is a member of the staff of the Seventh-day Adventist dental clinic. The family went to Pakistan in 1965 from private practice.

Mrs. Garner is a secretary, cashier, machine accountant, and dental assistant, as well as mother to three lively boys.



SOUTHEAST ASIA

Church Dedication at Muar, Malaysia

THE work in Muar in the state of Johore, Malaysia, was started in 1954 when a group of colporteurs came and interested people in the Third Angel's Message. This thrust was followed by an evangelistic campaign that resulted in several baptisms. However, it took a few years to have sufficient money through Ingathering campaigns to finally build a church in this growing town. Meanwhile a number of pastors cared for the members: namely, Jonathan Ng, Cheng Kwai Yong, Chin Chow Khoon, K. T. Chin, and presently, David Hor.

On March 31 the new church building was ready for dedication through the untiring efforts of Pastor K. T. Chin, who took time, despite a busy program, to supervise the erection of the present church building. Visitors from the Southeast Asia Union included Pastors R. S. Watts, R. I. Gainer, and C. H. Damron, president, treasurer, and ministerial secretary respectively. From the Malaya Mission were Pastors K. T. Chin and Joshua Chong, and C. K. Han.

Sabbath morning services on March 31 included Sabbath School, the dedication of Shu Ren, young son of Pastor and Mrs. David Hor, and a preaching service at which time Pastor Damron presented a challenging sermon.

In the afternoon, following the ribbon cutting which formally opened the church, Pastor W. T. Clark, Far Eastern Division secretary, preached a dedicatory sermon. Pastor John Harris and the Waysingers from Far Eastern Academy in Singapore sang religious numbers at the Sabbath services, as well as at a special musical program that evening.

A short series of evangelistic meetings began immediately. Pastor Clark planned these and was assisted by Brother Hor and the church members.

—T. K. Chong, President,
Malaya Mission



Youngberg Hospital Anniversary Observed With Opening of New Section

The 25th anniversary of the Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital in Singapore was observed in connection with the official opening of a new surgical-maternity wing. The main speaker at the hour-long event held on the hospital lawn was the Minister of Parliament for the area, Ivan Cuthbert Baptist. Speakers included Dr. Paul Gensler, medical director, and Ralph S. Watts, board chairman.

The master of ceremonies was Dr. Roger Heald, chairman of the program committee. The Far Eastern Academy band gave a concert before the start of the official program. An "Open House" followed the formal program, during which time guests were shown the new third floor section which gives first class accommodations for hospital patients. Left to right in the photo are Dr. Gensler, B. C. Goh, Mr. Baptist, Dr. Heald, and Pastor Watts.



THANK YOU. Tran Ngoc De, center, publishing secretary of the Vietnam Mission, and Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen Sau, literature evangelists, say thank you to their brethren in the publishing field all around the world who responded to their need for help.

Vietnamese Literature Evangelists Say Thank You

THE literature evangelists of Vietnam have found that a war society can be one of the more inconvenient social forms in which to live and work. They have been impressed with this fact time and again as their ranks have been thinned by capture or death.

The offensive from the north that disrupted things in the northern provinces of South Vietnam affected a greater segment of colporteurs than had been the case before. Beginning in April of 1972, problems multiplied that made it impossible to work. Four literature evangelists went to Qui Nhon in Binh Dinh province. They took a good stock of books as they went, for travel by bus took time, and they wanted to be stocked up to work out in the province for some time before having to return for more supplies.

They were in the field for only two weeks when a big attack occurred that seemed to cover the whole province. They retreated to the seaside city of Qui Nhon to wait until things cooled down a bit, hoping they could continue soon. But the situation grew more dangerous, and they realized they would have to leave. They put their stock of books in safe-keeping and then flew out to Danang. It was six months before they were able to return, but when they did, their books were waiting as they had left them and soon sales blessed them with success.

Early in this same period two literature evangelists, Nguyen Huu Luc and Nguyen Dinh Lan, boarded a train to go into the northernmost province of Quang Tri. As they rocked along, they were lulled by the swaying of the cars and the clicking of the wheels and had visions of successfully placing their books in many needy homes.

Suddenly their peace was shattered by a noise that accompanied a very abrupt stop. The train had set off some mines that had been planted on the

tracks. Several cars had been derailed and wrecked. Two men had been killed and several wounded severely, but our literature evangelists, seated near the end of the train, were safe.

Not all of the results of war are totally bad. Nguyen Sau and his wife, Huynh Thi Xuan, are both colporteurs who lived in Danang. While the children remained with their grandparents, the husband took his books southeast to the highland province of Pleiku and the wife went north to Quang Tri. After a month of canvassing, they both would return to Danang and spend a short time with the family before going out again.

Both of these areas felt the full heat of the war. It became impossible to work and stay alive. Then, too, it was difficult to stay alive without working. So they appealed to the mission for help and guidance. Brother Tran Ngoc De, the Vietnam Mission publishing secretary, gave the order to evacuate the entire family to Saigon. Now they are rejoicing in literature evangelism in the same area and have the added blessing of being with their family.

The worldwide call for help for our colporteur-refugees was heard by our people everywhere. Generous literature evangelists and publishing house workers in every country gave help to their brothers and sisters in Vietnam. Their love was appreciated as much as their gifts, and those who received these gifts now send their love in return. They are earnestly looking forward to the time when the last earthly war is over and we meet beside the quiet waters of the river of life to recount the goodness of our God.

—Clyde R. Bradley, President,
Vietnam Mission



From Inter-America to the Far East

The E. J. Heislars, shown above, have spent many years in the Inter-American Division. They are now in Penang, Malaysia, where he is the business manager. Before becoming a hospital administrator Mr. Heisler was a teacher, Book and Bible House manager, and departmental secretary. Mrs. Heisler is a registered nurse, but she keeps busy managing a family with four children.



More Sales, More Souls for Christ

I LOOKED at her face. She was smiling, waiting for my decision.

"I'm sorry. I can't leave my work in the office, Mrs. Genis," I said firmly to her. "I can't rest with you on your Sabbath."

She looked back at me with compassion.

"You can if you will," she replied softly.

"Do you mean to say that I should leave my work for the college president?" I asked in dismay.

"If he will not let you have Saturday off, why shouldn't you?" Mrs. Genis asked.

"Oh, that could not be," I responded sarcastically, looking straight at her. "My husband's salary can't support us as it is. We have a large number of children, you know."

Silence settled down for a moment. Then, "I must go now, Mrs. Solis," she replied, standing up and clasping my hand tightly. "But remember this—if you commit your life to God, I'm sure He will open a way for you."

That conversation took place two years ago. Yes, two years have passed, but it seems like yesterday for I cannot forget her words.

One year later I was still an evaluator in charge of the graduating students of the liberal arts and education department of West Negros College on Negros Island. And still I was keeping Sunday as my Sabbath.

During the half year that followed, God revealed Himself to me with such love that I gave myself to Him with unspeakable joy. Then I knew that I had been making a terrible mistake and that I could indeed safely trust Him wherever He might lead. One thing seemed plain—I must follow where God should lead. I saw finally that God must come first.

After my baptism, I joined the canvassing work with the kind help of Mrs. Emma P. Genis, the topnotch colporteur who made that meaningful statement two years ago. She trained me. In my first day of canvassing with her, we had good sales. One contact was with the brothers of La Salle College, an institution where my husband was once a librarian. I could hardly believe that in one day of selling books I could make more money than I had previously made in a month in the office. Day by day God has really opened a way for me. Even during my training period, our sales exceeded expectation.

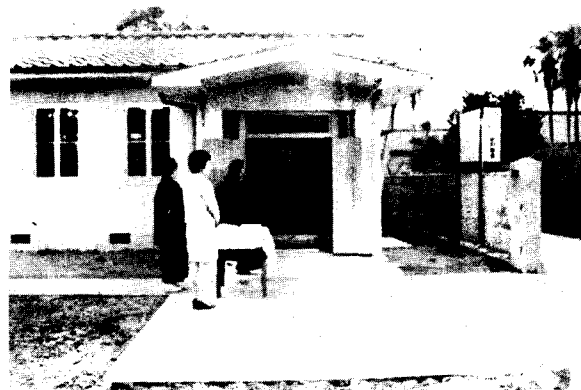


Mrs. E. P. Genis

Then came the day when we also found some souls longing for Christ. With the kind guidance of Mrs. Genis, and of course with the power of the Holy Spirit, my husband gave his life to Jesus. He left his work with La Salle College, and after baptism he joined the canvassing work. How God blessed him! On his first day he received an order for books valued at 9,950 pesos from the Bacolod City division superintendent. He could hardly believe it.

Other results followed. My cousin, Miss Luviz-minda Solis, decided to serve the Lord and joined the canvassing work. Another lady in the same place gave her life to Jesus and also entered the path of duty. And so with many others. All of these are the fruits of Mrs. Genis' labors for the Lord.

—Edilla A. Solis,
Negros Mission



Church Dedications in Japan

South Japan Mission recently dedicated two new churches in Hofu (above) and Nara (below). Services had been held in the respective parsonages, but as the congregations grew, space was extremely limited. New buildings, both 800.55 square feet in area, have just been constructed and are now in use.

The dedication ceremonies were held on February 17 for the Nara church and on February 25 for the Hofu church. Pastor Y. Okafuji, president of the South Japan Mission, led out in these services, assisted by Pastor Y. Mukai at Nara and Pastor R. Usuda at Hofu.

—Lois May Watts

