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Access With Confidence

Somewhat over a hundred years ago, a small boy walking along the street in front of the White House in Washington encountered a weary old man who sat on the curbing of the fence, quietly sobbing. With a quick gesture of sympathy, the boy touched the old man's arm.

"Why are you crying?"

"A lad like you cannot understand an old man's tears."

"But something must be very wrong to make you feel so sad."

"Indeed there is something wrong. My boy is a soldier who fell asleep while on sentry duty. He's going to be shot today. Only President Lincoln can save him." The old man drew his hand across his eyes. "And the guard at the gate won't let me in to see him."

"Don't cry any more." The boy reached out and took the old man's hand. "Come along with me. I'll take you to see the President."

Bewildered by despair, the old man let himself be led along by the eager lad. He held back a bit as they approached the gate, but the boy casually waved to the guard who stepped aside to let them pass. They walked right up to the White House door and, with the boy tugging at the old man's hand, stepped inside. In a moment they faced Abraham Lincoln himself.

The boy spoke. "Father, here's an old man who has something he wants to tell you." Then Tad Lincoln turned and hurried off to his play, leaving the two together.

No doubt many of the Lincoln stories are apocryphal. I hope this one is true, for it is such an appropriate illustration of how we come to God.

Paul says it this way: "According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him." (Eph. 3:11,12)

"Access with confidence."

Confidence that He will listen.

Confidence that He has ample reserves of everything for which we might ask.

Confidence that He knows what we actually need—not just what we want.

Confidence that His reply will reflect His knowledge of the future.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4:16)

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President



To Ponder . . .

Gogerrico Arrogante and his good wife Cristita lived in Daanbantayan which is in the northern part of Cebu province, in the Central Philippines. Dr. Carlos Fattebert, a Seventh-day Adventist, came to this place, established his practice and also began home visitations. The year—1914. He went to the homes of the people and shared with them his beliefs. A number of families accepted his teachings, a minister came to baptize these converts, and a home church was established. Today many leaders in the Central and South Philippine Unions trace their start in the church to Daanbantayan. However, our story centers about the Arrogante family.

Accepted doctrines

The father and mother readily drank in the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Six children were already in the family. The mother gave birth to Florencio soon after the parents became members. He was the first child to be born into this Seventh-day Adventist home. Later, three more children blessed this family making a total of ten—six boys and four girls.

The father became a colporteur. His earnings were meager but he was faithful to his calling. Later, he became a licensed minister for the denomination until he retired. Forty years after he became a church member he passed away. His wife, now eighty-five years of age, lives on receiving sustentation benefits.

Family of Adventists

The ten children all became Seventh-day Adventists. The eight who married chose as a life partner a believer.

While the eldest child in the family was canvassing, he disappeared and has never been heard from again. What happened no one knows. The youngest boy died at the age of 22.

Two of the girls became church school teachers. Today, one is married to an ordained minister. Florencio, the first child born into this Seventh-day Adventist home, has been president of the Central Philippine Union Mission for two years. He held important posts for many years before his latest appointment.

Do you wonder about the other five? All own or are married to men who own their own business. Two are in the optical business. They are all loyal to the denomination, active in the church,

and liberal supporters of God's Cause. And all live in the Philippines!

We share with you the happenings of just one of these ten children; one of whom is in the optical business. Teodulo was the second oldest child of Gogerrico and Cristita. He and his wife also had ten children, nine boys and one girl.

Married Adventists

All ten children are members of the church. Nine are married to believers. The one single son is pursuing the medical course in Cebu City. One son is already an M.D. on the staff of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital. His wife is also a doctor of medicine and is the anesthetist there. One son is an ordained minister and is educational superintendent and M.V. secretary of the Northeastern Mindanao Mission. The only girl in the family is the dietician at the Mindanao Mission Academy where her husband is on the teaching staff.

Rest from labours

What about the other six children of Teodulo? They are all optometrists! One is in the United States but the other five are serving their own countrymen.

Surely it can be said of Gogerrico, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. . . they rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

What a rich award awaits him and his companion! Even unto the third and fourth generation their children rise up to call them blessed. And it all started in the home when they became members of God's Remnant Church. Right then and there they began to train their children in the heavenly way and taught them love to God and love to their fellowmen. The children responded to their parents' teaching and are living their religion in their own lives and home.

Yes, it pays to

STRENGTHEN THE HOME

Marion S. Simmons

COVER: Kiyo Ishikama (center), secretary of the English Language Center, Osaka, Japan, practices English with two Japanese students who are recent converts to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. These three young ladies and 19 other young Japanese students spent two weeks last summer on the Andrews University campus in the United States. Story and pictures on pages 6 and 7.

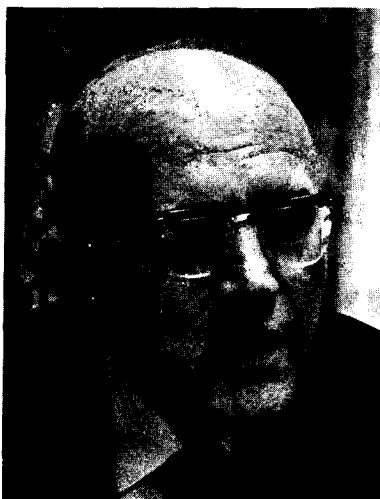
TIME for the SPIRIT

A report on the spiritual atmosphere of
the 1973 Annual Council in Washington

The Annual Council of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a business session. There are scores of items to be considered, recommendations from departments for the future progress of the work as well as financial and worker policies.

With 258 items on the agenda, this Annual Council was different. Rather than feeling pressured by the heavy agenda, the leaders of the church set aside the business of the council to give attention to that which they felt should take top priority.

Concerned that the church's task of giving the message to all the world is not yet completed,



General Conference President Robert H. Pierson asked church leaders to put first things first.

concerned because of rapidly fulfilling signs that the end of all things is at hand, the leaders of the church paused to ask the questions: Why are we still here? What is wrong with the church? Can it be something in us as leaders?

Revival and reformation

President Robert H. Pierson called earnestly for a deep revival and reformation that would start with the leaders of the church and sweep right on through the entire membership. He called for a deeper devotion to study of God's Word, a revival in Bible study.

"We need to discover on our knees how our homes can cope with the problems of today, and there are many of them," Elder Pierson said. "We need to bring people back on their knees again with us.

Preachers of the Word

"We need a revival in Bible-based, Christ-centered preaching. We are not psychiatrists or psychologists. We are preachers of the Word. The message that should eclipse all others is Christ Our Righteousness." He said, "This means simply putting Christ first in our lives and through His grace finding victory over sin."

Elder Pierson appealed for the leaders to make first things first and bring the "ship of the church back on course. There are many things happening today," he said, "that make me believe that this is God's hour."

Health message

"I believe that it is providential that medical evangelism is receiving such great emphasis.

"Many of our young people have come face to face with Jesus Christ, and I don't think this is coincidental.

"I think the renewed emphasis on the Spirit of Prophecy is not coincidental.

"It is not coincidental that the Bible conferences are being planned here across the United States for our workers.

Call to come back

"Another thing that has impressed me," he said, "is the response of our separated brethren. Many of these have been coming back as the call to revival and reformation has gone out.

"All these things are part of God's plan to tell us that now is the time. The Spirit of God must come into every board, every committee, every institution."

Spiritual leadership

The president then opened the meeting to the delegates, who responded with declarations of new perspectives in spiritual leadership—a leadership that would find them closer to their Lord.

Requests were made for victory over selfish rivalry, over elation at words of praise. Requests were made for a more spiritual work, a more spiritual thrust in the schools of the church.

One division president stated he had attended Autumn Councils for 21 years, but this one, he said, "will go down in history as a turning point in our church."

Leaders expressed concern for a more spiritual emphasis in existing large institutions of the church and a determination to assure that such institutions would be brought into line with the true focus of the church's mission.

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One division president stated he had attended Autumn Councils for 21 years, but this one, he said, "will go down in history as a turning point in our church." He expressed the concern over ministers who talk about automobiles with their members rather than about Christ.

A publishing house administrator expressed determination to give the trumpet a certain sound in the literature of his institution.

Most important item

Earlier that morning 18 of the staff of the secretariat had met in prayer bands, asking that the Lord would lead in the Annual Council meeting of revival and reformation. General Conference Secretary Clyde O. Franz expressed the opinion that no item on the agenda was so important as the time for self-examination and rededication being at that moment experienced by the delegates.

Relation with Christ

Daniel A. McAdams, publishing department secretary for the General Conference, expressed the

determination that the literature evangelists should focus on bringing men and women nearer to God.

Sabbath school men sought the direction of God in the preparation of the Sabbath school lessons, that they might print that which would help to bring Sabbath school members into a richer relationship with Christ.

Many problems

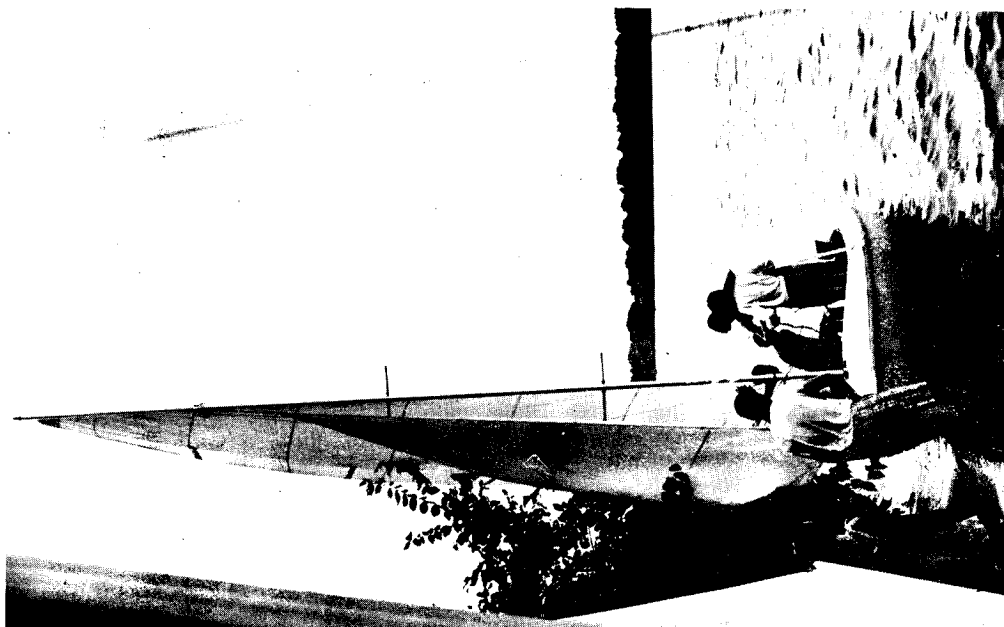
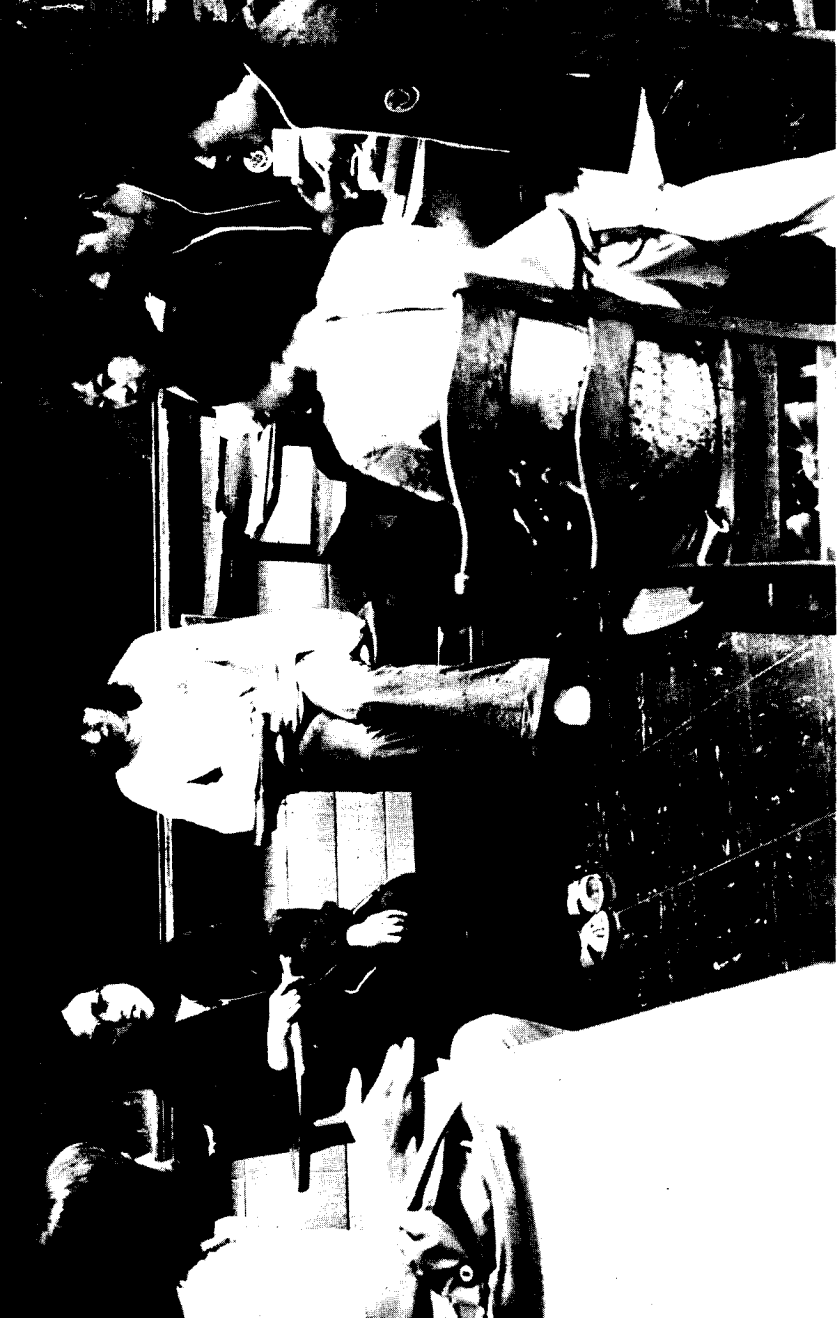
A board chairman urged that when leaders or members hear the church's institutions criticized, they bring the criticism to the attention of the board chairmen, so that the problems might be remedied. "We have many problems," he said, "but with God's help we can meet them."

No credibility gap

An over-all emphasis was the need to make ready a church that can welcome newcomers into their midst without the existence of a credibility gap.

The atmosphere was one of seeking a closer walk with the God who waits for the hearts of men to turn to Him. Truly it was a time for the refreshing of the Spirit.

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JAPAN STUDENTS AT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

The independence and wide age span of American students were among the differences noted by 22 Japanese students who spent two weeks taking an intensive course in conversational English at Andrews University.

The group's visit to AU last summer was designed to prepare them for a tour of the western United States, including visits to Denver, Yellowstone National Park, Salt Lake City, and San Francisco.

Financial independence

The visitors noted that American students are much more independent of their parents than their Japanese counterparts. In Japan it is much more difficult for students to find part-time work to help with school expenses, so parents customarily pay for all of their children's education.

One member of the group was greatly surprised to meet an American student who was 31 years of age. She noted that almost all Japanese students are between the ages of 18 and 24.

The Japanese students had expected to find mainly U. S. students at an American university, but were surprised and pleased to find an array of international students on the Andrews campus.

While in the Southwestern Michigan area, the visitors toured the Cook Nuclear Plant, Warren Dunes State Park, and Scottsdale Shopping Mall. They were also taken waterskiing, flying, and sailing. The men spent much of their free time playing Japan's most popular sport—baseball.

Tour guide for the group was Kiyo Ishikama, who spent ten months at Andrews in 1969-70 earning an instructor's certificate in nutrition. She is a secretary at the English Language Center, Osaka, Japan, which sponsored the trip to the U.S.A.

Taste of America

The Japanese group dined at an area restaurant to gain practice in reading and ordering from an American menu. They also attended an American

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Far Eastern Island Missionaries



Sylvia and F. Martin Ytreberg come to the Far Eastern Island Mission, Agana, Guam, from Georgia-Cumberland Academy in the United States

Martin and Sylvia Ytreberg have joined the Far Eastern Island Mission in Agana, Guam, where he is serving as secretary-treasurer.

The Ytrebergs, parents of 3½-year-old Frederick Martin, Jr., and two-year-old Michaele Ann, were at Georgia Cumberland Academy before arriving in Guam.

The new secretary-treasurer is a 1966 graduate of Columbia Union College with a B. S. degree in business administration. He has been an operations analyst for the Ford Motor Company, an accountant and then assistant treasurer for the British Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He was treasurer of Georgia Cumberland Academy for two years.

A letter from Lucile Lewis

A little more than a year ago, Miss Maxine Atteberry wrote me about her desire for a continuing education program for nurses of the Far East. Many letters flew back and forth across the Pacific as we worked out the details. Finally all was set, and I arrived in the Far Eastern Division on March 28.

Now the six-weeks course at Philippine Union College, three workshops and many talks to groups of nurses and other workers are history.

In between the classes, workshops and lectures I have tried to get a feel for life in the Far East.

Two problems are primary concern to me as a result of my observations while in this division. One is the smallness of our work in contrast to the millions of people in this part of the world. Surely we all need to be taught of God how better to reach those who have not heard about our Saviour.

My second concern has to do with the so-called "brain-drain," the numbers of young people who are well educated and have leadership potential yet who do not stay in their homeland and make a significant contribution to the work there. Many look to the United States of America as the Promised Land.

As one who lives there, I can report that there are many problems and frustrations in the U.S., just as well as in the countries of the Far Eastern Division. The United States is not the Promised Land.

If only those leaving their country could understand how much better they are fitted to work for their own people than the overseas workers because they know the language and the culture, what a difference this could make.

As I leave the Far East, I want to say "thank you" for inviting me to come to this interesting and challenging part of the world.

May God continue to bless and guide in the work all around the world so that we soon can meet before His throne.

JAPAN STUDENTS (Continued)

wedding during their two-week visit at AU. "This gave them a chance to understand more about Americans, since language and culture are inseparable," said Dr. Elaine Giddings, chairman of the communication department at AU.

The Japanese students had expected to find mainly U.S. students at an American university, but were surprised and pleased to find an array of international students on the Andrews campus.

One student, who spent part of his free time picking peaches and blueberries, noted that "the sun sets too late here. In Japan the sun sets around six or seven o'clock in the summer." He was also impressed by the large number of lightning bugs he had seen.

Members of the group said they had received more than just exposure to the American culture from their visit, since they were forced to communicate in English on a one-to-one basis.

FROM THE UNIONS

central philippines

Breakthrough on Samar Island

Samar, third largest island in the Philippines, is the most difficult area to be evangelized in East Visayan Mission territory. Facing the broad expanse of the Pacific Ocean, it is often frequented by strong typhoons, and the transportation system is poor. Almost all the large towns are bounded by wide rivers, and motorboats are the most commonly used means of transportation to interior barrios. Among our small force of workers, not one came from this area, with the result that communication is more difficult since the language spoken is different from the rest of our territory.

Preaching to empty pews

In Borongan, capital of Eastern Samar Province, two ministers preached more than 20 years ago. However, they faced empty pews throughout the series since nobody had the courage to enter their meeting place. Consequently there were no baptisms. Since then a few believers from other areas came to town until a small group of less than ten baptized members were meeting in the home of Dr. Jeremias Araba, a successful dentist. Through the help extended by L. E. Smart, former Far Eastern Division educational secretary, funds were raised to buy a piece of property a little beyond the entrance of the Poblacion and to start the construction of a church building.

Evangelistic campaign

This was followed by an evangelistic campaign conducted by D. M. Niere, Central Philippine Union ministerial-lay activities secretary, and assisted by B. R. Arit, union educational secretary, N. L. Ornopia, East Visayan Mission ministerial-lay activities secretary, two of our field workers, and ten chosen laymen. It was also a laymen's training program where classes in lay leadership and preach-

ing were taught in the morning and visitation done in the afternoon.

After four weeks of preaching and follow-up, 23 souls were baptized in two baptisms. Three weeks later a second series of meetings was conducted by L. E. Montana, mission president, assisted by his son Eric, a medical student in Cebu City's Southwestern University, as the health lecturer. With more follow-up Bible studies conducted in the home by B. D. Gulfan, district leader, the second series resulted in the baptism of 30 souls.

The church building is still unfinished, but the new members have begun a church school to provide their children with a much-needed Christian education.

Laymen Win Souls

Some 532 souls were baptized in the East Visayan Mission during the first six months of this year. Of that number, more than 400 were won by laymen through evangelistic campaigns, Bible studies, and Sabbath school associations. One active layman is Epifanio Urboda. He was baptized by the writer in 1966. Migrating to the island of Mindanao, he became an active layman and once was named "Layman of the Year" by the South Philippine Union. Returning to his home town, he immediately launched an effort, and after three weeks, 20 souls were baptized as a result of his work.

More baptisms

Laymen of the Anislagan church in the sub-province of Biliran launched an effort and baptized more than 20 souls. Now a company is meeting in that area. Just recently two public school teachers were baptized there as a result of laymen contacts.

Laymen of the Conalum church, Leyte, assisted Intern Rufino Urboda in an unentered mountain village. Just recently, 15 souls were baptized, and these new believers have plans of building a new church in their barrio. A nearby village is calling for the public preaching of the Word, and our intern with the laymen are preparing for an immediate thrust there.

A lay evangelist, Expectacion Tapaya, held her effort in Bodega II with other laymen. There

is no church building there, but plans are to make their meeting place the future church. About 25 persons are receiving Bible studies as a result of interest generated by these meetings.

A village leader was baptized recently through the work of the laymen of the Buac church. Another man, with his own funds, built a Catholic chapel in his barrio. He was then baptized and now plans to let that building be used as the place of worship for Adventists.

Growing church

In 1972 the brethren at Cangang in the mountains of Isabel, Leyte, added more than 40 members to their church. They are branching out this year and are planting another church in a nearby barrio where a Sabbath school association will be held soon. Coordinating the laymen's work through the mission is N. L. Ornopia, lay activities secretary of the East Visayan Mission.—*L. E. Montana, president.*

The First Church School

Twenty-eight pupils were enrolled this year in the first church school to be established in this province. This is in Nava, a barrio of Hinunangan, southern Leyte. There were six pupils in grade one, five in grade two, five in grade three, and twelve in grade four.

For years the church members have been longing to open a school for their ever-increasing number of children. Then, early in 1972 the 44 church members pledged to open a church school this year. From proceeds of their rice fields, coconut trees, and other farm produce the brethren willingly gave their means in supporting this school.

Surely there could be no better choice than that which the members made—to give their children a Christian education.—*I. B. Sarsoza, church school teacher.*

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indonesia

Books for Prison Library

On Monday, July 2, J. Sahetapy, PR secretary, and the writer visited Artadi Fanany, warden of the Ambon prison, and donated religious books for the prison library. These were gratefully received.

"Any help you can give that will develop the character of these prisoners will be much appreciated," Warden Fanany stated. "If you men have educational films, please feel free to arrange with me for their showing."

He went on to explain that he was a Moslem and his wife a Christian.

"I am still learning to see which religion fits my heart," he said. "I have a Voice of Prophecy diploma from Jakarta. Please don't forget to visit me at home and pray for me." —*R. Wawondatu.*

Amurang Lamb Shelter

A lamb shelter, built beside the Amurang church in the South Minahasa Mission, was dedicated Tuesday afternoon, August 7. Guests from the mission office were B. J. Sakul, Sabbath school and lay activities secretary; W. Rantung, MV and education secretary; S. Laoh, mission secretary-treasurer; and the writer.

A. T. Rompas, the Amurang district leader who led out, welcomed the guests warmly. The church elder unlocked the door of the lamb shelter after one of the ladies had cut the ribbon. — *N. Ruhupatty, South Minahasa Mission.*

Academy in Ambon

Waime Academy is located on 40 hectares of land, 20 miles from Ambon City. We have seven dedicated teachers. The enrollment averages 100 students each year, of whom about 20 are non-Adventists. There are three academy buildings, built of wood with palm leaf roof. There are also two small teachers' homes and a clinic building. The need is for permanent buildings, more strongly built, for administration, teacher housing, and student dormitories. Then these buildings would weather the frequent typhoons that come this way.

Food from garden

Waime Academy has a vegetable garden that just meets the needs of the school. Clove trees in the school garden furnish some cash.

For many years water has been a problem, with the only available supply that from a small creek. Finally we dug two wells, but the project did not turn out well. Because of insufficient funds we were not able to line them with cement. Students had to go to the river to bathe. This year the Division MV secretary and his wife, Pastor and Mrs.

B. E. Jacobs, sent enough money to finish the well project. Now the students and teachers no longer need to drink and cook with water from the creek. What have they called their new well? "Jacobs' well" of course!

Transportation from the school to the city is another real problem. Every month the school needs to hire a truck to bring rice in from the market. Every week our matron and several students walk four miles one way to buy supplies.

Plea for transportation

"Please get us a medium-size canoe with a 20 h.p. Yamaha motor," pled the principal when I visited the school nine months ago.

"Do you know what it would cost?" I asked.

"At Ambon, about US\$750," he replied.

But I do not know where so much money will come from. We are praying—and waiting.

One night I visited the school and observed students in study hall using two gas lanterns for light.

"We need at least five more—two for the boys' and girls' dormitories, one for the kitchen, and two for this study hall." spoke up the dean of men who was in charge.

In my heart I prayed, "Lord, this school needs a generator. If not, by the time the students graduate, they will need glasses. The light is so dim."

Top students

Waiame Academy has a good reputation with the government's department of education. Almost every year 100 percent of our students who take government examinations pass with high grades.

Next year part of the second quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow will come to Waiame Academy. Will we spend it for buildings? a generator? a canoe with outboard motor? Maybe it will not be enough, but we will continue to pray, and we trust that God will give a joyful answer.

Temperance Week

Early in July a week of temperance meetings was conducted at the Ambon church and Waiame Academy. R. H. Kesaulya, temperance secretary, and J. Sahetapy, PR secretary, worked closely together in arranging the program. The films, "One in 20,000," showing the dangers of smoking, "The Challenge of the East" about the medical work in the Far East, and "The Hungry Angels" about children's

nutrition, were shown to church members, students, and hundreds of non-Adventists, many of whom were government officials, army officers, and university professors. Preceding the film showing, Mr. Kesaulya lectured about the dangers of smoking and how to keep a healthy body. A Five-Day Plan is arranged for the near future to help those who want to stop smoking.

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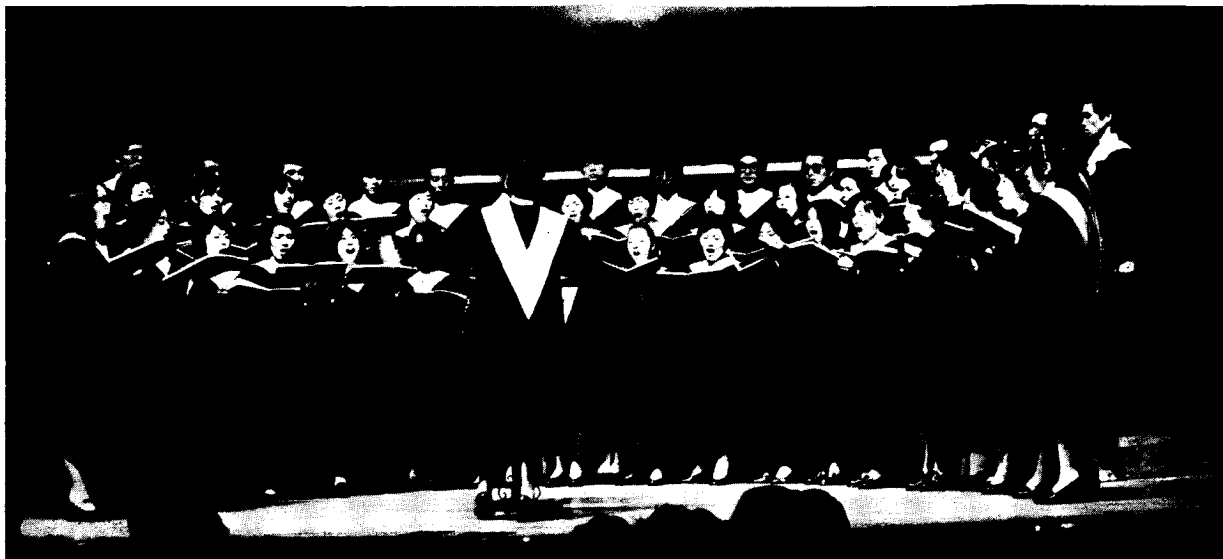
Dr. and Mrs. K. R. Stringer, Ashley and Anne

New Doctor in Tokyo

Dr. and Mrs. K. R. Stringer, Ashley and Anne, arrived in Japan recently to connect with the medical staff of Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital. Dr. Stringer graduated with honors from Andrews University with majors in chemistry and biology. He received his M. D. degree from Loma Linda University in 1969. He has taken his internship and residency in internal medicine at Medical College, Virginia, and is board certified.

Mrs. Stringer, nee Joyce Larcom, attended Southern Missionary College where she received her diploma as a medical secretary.

Dr. Stringer is now in the intensive language study program, looking forward to taking his examinations in Japanese very soon.—Lois May Watts.



Corna Choir of Tokyo

Singing Adventists

The annual concert of sacred music by the Corna Choir of Tokyo was held on July 24 at the Tokyo Metropolitan Hall. This choir group, composed of 51 members of the Amanuma and Tokyo Central Churches, is under the direction of S. Mimura. It is the purpose of the choir to witness for Jesus, thus the opening of each concert features the song, "Lift Up the Trumpet," reminding many of the Voice of Prophecy radio program. The most recent choir program consisted of a variety of Christian numbers such as "How Great Thou Art" and "Little Brown Church in the Vale," as well as classical numbers from Mozart and Handel. The program opened with prayer and closed with the "Three-fold Amen."

News Notes

B. E. Jacobs, Division director of youth activities, recently spent several weeks in the Japan Union with K. Soneda, director of youth activities in Japan. Together they inspected camp sites and various camping activities. Pastor Jacobs visited the English camps of the North and South Japan Missions as well as the Pathfinder club of Yokohama.

Dentists on tour

Dr. Keiichi Ito of Kobe, Japan, a Seventh-day Adventist dentist, recently led a group of Japanese dentists on a study tour of the United

States. During this time they took a two-day continuing education course at the School of Dentistry at Loma Linda.

Tour of Bible lands

A tour group of 14 Seventh-day Adventists, under the sponsorship of Japan Missionary College, left Tokyo International Airport for the Bible lands on August 7. T. Watanabe, teacher of Old Testament History at the college, was leader of the group. During their 17-day tour, one Sabbath was planned for Greece and the other was to be spent on the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem.

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Seminary Evangelism

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (Far East) of Philippine Union College conducted a 45-night evangelistic campaign in the Manila Center during the second semester and summer session of this year. A dozen students from Hong Kong, Korea, Indonesia, and the Philippines united their efforts to apply their seminary training to the realities of the field.

This was the seminary's first spiritual-health series, with J. P. Acosta, evangelist; W. O. Comm, health lecturer; C. A. Galang, program coordinator;

and Marietta Deming, director of the physical fitness program. The campaign was the field project for the seminary health majors and resulted in 122 baptisms.

On Sundays, several doctors from the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital provided a free clinic at the center, and on Wednesdays Miss Deming operated a free physical fitness checkup program. Their help was greatly appreciated. During the week, students visited the homes of interested people, answering questions and giving Bible studies.

Cooking class too

Another well-attended feature was the Thursday afternoon cooking class, conducted by the evangelist's wife and assisted by the Bible instructor. Instruction was given in the preparation of tasty and wholesome vegetarian meals.

Among those attending the meetings was a retired lady who declined to accept comfortable accommodations rent free because transportation to the center would be difficult. Needless to say, she was among the many candidates baptized.

Under God's care

A prosperous business couple were driven away from the home of the wife's parents with whom they were in business partnership. All their assets were taken away by the irate father, but God did not abandon them. In their new location they came in contact with Seventh-day Adventists who gave them Bible studies and brought them to the Manila Center. When the decision to be baptized came, it was felt that a letter of reconciliation should be written. Seminary students helped write a letter to the father, who was greatly surprised at the humility demonstrated. The parents were happy about the baptism of their daughter and her husband and decided to study the Bible also.

Need for whole truth

"It is not partial truth but the whole truth that we must have," a woman lawyer explained to her sister and a Moslem who were wondering why a devout Catholic for 38 years would become a Seventh-day Adventist after just a month's attendance at the meetings. The husband, who was working for a Catholic school, stood with his wife and both were baptized together. "We love the Lord, and we are going to live for Him," they declared.

Only eternity will reveal the final results of a field program such as was held at the Manila Center. The seminary plans to hold an evangelistic campaign each year because we believe that the

purpose for our existence is to learn in order to serve more effectively.—*Norman R. Gulley, dean of the seminary.*



With a brand-new ambulance the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital expands its service to better meet the needs of the people in that city.

New Ambulance for Manila

A brand-new 1973 Pontiac model ambulance for Manila Sanitarium and Hospital has recently arrived from the United States. It was purchased through ESDA in San Francisco, California, through SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist World Service).

The vehicle was dedicated on September 21 with hospital chaplains A. T. Aristorenas and T. B. Frias offering the dedicatory prayers. Others present for the brief services were Oseas C. Pilar, medical director; E. C. Corpus, business manager; and Diosdado de Asis and Carlito Fetalino, ambulance drivers.

This new ambulance is giving MSH more prestige and is always in great demand among the hospital's patient clientele.—*Emmeline Amy Arriola-Flores, editor, MSH News and Views.*

Soul Winning

Layman S. Viernes of northern Isabela keeps preparing souls for baptism. During MISSION 72 he won Vicente Asio, who is the assistant secretary to the mayor of Magsaysay, Isabela. The next year he won Vicente Tumulba, youngest brother of the vice-mayor of Magsaysay. But the good work did not stop there. Mr. Asio responded to MISSION 73 by bringing Rolando Curameng, brother-in-law of the mayor of this same town, into the church.

In all, 21 souls were baptized during the educational fellowship held at San Antonio, Magsaysay, Isabela.

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Crocodile Garments Ltd.

Chan Shun, a faithful member in Hong Kong, is well known by Adventists around the world for two things: his faithful observance of the Sabbath and his liberality in giving to church projects.

He owns many retail stores in Hong Kong. Every Sabbath all these stores are closed, with a sign hanging on the front gate bearing the words, "Closed In Honor Of The Holy Sabbath." Everyone who sees this knows that the owner of these stores is a faithful Sabbath keeper who honors and obeys the Creator of the universe.

Another store

On Sunday, August 12, another retail store (the 15th) was officially opened. It is located in the basement of the recently completed Sheraton building, Kowloon. As is customary, the opening ceremony took the form of a religious service.

After a song by those present, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," the writer offered prayer. Then Mr. Chan, general manager, gave thanks to God for many blessings received in the past and reaffirmed his continued dedication and support to His cause through his business. Handel Luke, principal of Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School, preached a short sermon. Roger Lee, secretary-treasurer of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission, offered the benediction. The ceremony concluded with the Doxology.

Another witness

Beginning the very next Sabbath, August 18, this new store joined its sister stores in bearing witness to the Lord of the holy Sabbath. It is another lighthouse in the chain of Crocodile Garments stores to shed light on the fourth commandment which has been forgotten by most people in the world.—*H. S. Lo, principal, Kowloon Sam Yuk Middle School.*

MV at Chien Shan

An MV Society Association meeting was held at the mountain village of Chien Shan where youth from seven different villages gathered 600 strong on the first day. Report is that on the second day approximately 1,000 were in attendance. The program and activities were planned by the local MV

society but included many youth from other churches and surrounding villages. Government officials and the Presbyterian minister who were present highly commended the activities of Seventh-day Adventist youth.

Contests in music, storytelling, drills and marches were participated in by large numbers. Homes throughout the village of Chien Shan provided sleeping accommodations for the participants. They cooked their own food out in the open during the three days of activities. —*Paulene Barnett.*

Selling Literature in Macao

A group of Hong Kong student literature evangelists spent a busy week in the Portuguese overseas province of Macao. This small Chinese border town is located at the mouth of the Pearl River, 40 miles west of Hong Kong. Communist China is nearby, and the soldiers of the People's Republic can be seen at the "red gate." Sampans and fishing junks in the harbor anchor only a short distance from the Communist Chinese boats.

In this setting, Hong Kong's student literature evangelists sold Chinese *Signs of the Times* and Adventist books from door to door. The week's campaign was very successful. Nearly 75 percent of those contacted were happy to purchase our literature.

The one-week campaign conducted by our enthusiastic Hong Kong students was a first for Macao. Both Hong Kong and Macao have for many years been considered very difficult territory for the sale of our literature; but doors are now opening, and the Chinese residents are happy to see such helpful literature in this age of uncertainty.—*Monte Mohr, former publishing department secretary.*

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News from Mindanao San

Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital has opened its physical therapy department and expanded its service to the community. With Lydia E. Flores, who recently returned from Manila Sanitarium and Hospital after a six-week training in hydrotherapy,

electrotherapy, and physical therapy, the new department has attracted a number of patients daily, including some prominent city residents. The department also trains student nurses in the use of equipment such as medcolator, diathermy, ultrasound, whirlpool tank and a mediquart.

For patients' watchers

A new four-door mini-apartment for patients' watchers is nearing completion. Especially built for both Muslim and Christian patrons from distant places, the apartment is equipped with sleeping, cooking and bath facilities. The construction of this 12,500-peso building was started when Dr. W. G. Dick received a considerable donation from Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Skeoch of San Diego, California.

New Faculty

New teachers at the MVC school of nursing include Dr. Rogaciano Imperio, formerly with the PUC graduate school; Myrna Novilunio (B.S. N. '69 PUC); and Phoebe Lachica (B.S.S. '69 MVC), dean of dormitory and secretary to Julita I. Imperio, MVC school of nursing dean. —G. U. Ellacer, *Public relations officer.*

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Carl and Emily Von Kuster

Saigon Missionaries

The new treasurer and a registered nurse arrived at Saigon Adventist Hospital early in August. Carl E. and Emily Von Kuster came to Southeast Asia from Boulder Memorial Hospital in Colorado. Mr. Von Kuster is a graduate of Walla Walla College with a degree in business administration and religion. Mrs. Von Kuster is a registered nurse

graduated from the Portland Adventist Hospital in Oregon. They have three grown children, Nancy, Larry, and Kent, living in the United States.



Arthur Bell, principal of the Ekamai Adventist School.

School Bell Rings at Ekamai

"Mission service is one of the best things that has happened to my life," says Arthur Bell, new principal of the Ekamai Adventist School in Bangkok.

Coming from Kailua, Hawaii, Bell has at least a few familiar faces on his staff: his wife, Viola, and his 20-year-old daughter, Patsy, who is spending one year in Thailand with her family. Mother and daughter both teach English in addition to general subjects such as history, geography and math.

Susanne, their youngest daughter, is a freshman at Far Eastern Academy.—Dave Roth, *FED communications intern.*

College Day at SAUC

The target date for College Day at Southeast Asia Union College was set for July 20. Wong Yew Chong, dean of students, coordinated the weekend program and laid the groundwork months in advance. Department heads were called together to help plan the program. Each department was assigned the task of putting up displays depicting its activities. Professional and extracurricular clubs were also given an opportunity to display their activities and exhibits.

Operation clean up

Teachers and students worked hard to clean up the college campus. Floors were scrubbed, windows cleaned, and things put in order everywhere. Colorful displays were put up after Operation Clean-

up, and the classrooms were transformed into rooms that looked clean and inviting. This working together on a common project helped to build a school spirit that was a joy to see.

High school seniors

On Friday, July 20, our special visitors, seniors from San Yu High School and the Seventh-day Adventist School, arrived on campus. They assembled in the auditorium for a program featuring the tumbling team, the college band, the college academic program, and student personnel services.

The campus tour included a visit to the school plant, the departmental exhibits, club exhibits, and college food products. Travel club members, in colorful national costumes, served as guides.

On Sabbath, July 21, members of the faculty went to different churches to preach on Christian education.

Parents and friends

On Sunday the program was repeated for the benefit of parents and friends who filled the auditorium to capacity. A choir festival, featuring all the Singapore church choirs, was added to the program, and this was followed by a food festival organized by the Sovereign Singers, SAUC's witness team. A film, "The Ugly Dachshund," ended the day's program.

The college students thoroughly enjoyed College Day, and many remarked that they would like to have the special feature once a year.

—Maggie Tan.

Seamount Visits Singapore YOP

Bob Seamount, a former member of the Voice of Prophecy's famed King's Heralds quartet and now radio-TV secretary of the Texas Conference in the United States, recently paid a brief visit to the VOP Bible correspondence school office in Singapore. He was glad to hear from Mrs. Beth Coffin, assistant director of the Bible correspondence school, that at present the school serves more than 19,000 active students scattered over West and East Malaysia and Singapore and that of these, 33, were baptized during the first quarter of this year alone.

Pastor Seamount, an airplane pilot, and Dale Tillay, an active layman of Walla Walla, Washington, who is also a pilot, were on their way back from Mountain View College where they had delivered the new missionary plane donated by the Quiet Hour radio broadcast. — *B. U. Donato, public relations director.*

Saigon Worker

Mary Jon Waldron comes to the Saigon Adventist Hospital as director of the school of nursing from New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham, Massachusetts. She received her B. S. degree in nursing from Union College in 1961, and her M.S. from Loma Linda University in 1965. Miss Waldron served as nursing instructor at Southern Missionary College for seven years and three years at New England Memorial.



Mary Jon Waldron

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Senior Class Gift



A paved road will now make travel easier onto the campus of Indonesia Union College and improve the appearance of the school grounds. Since the work on the road was a gift of the senior class, it shall bear the name J1. Seniors 73.



In a ribbon-cutting ceremony in which the improved road was presented to the college, Mrs. A. G. Simorangkir, wife of the college president, was given the honor of snipping the ties.