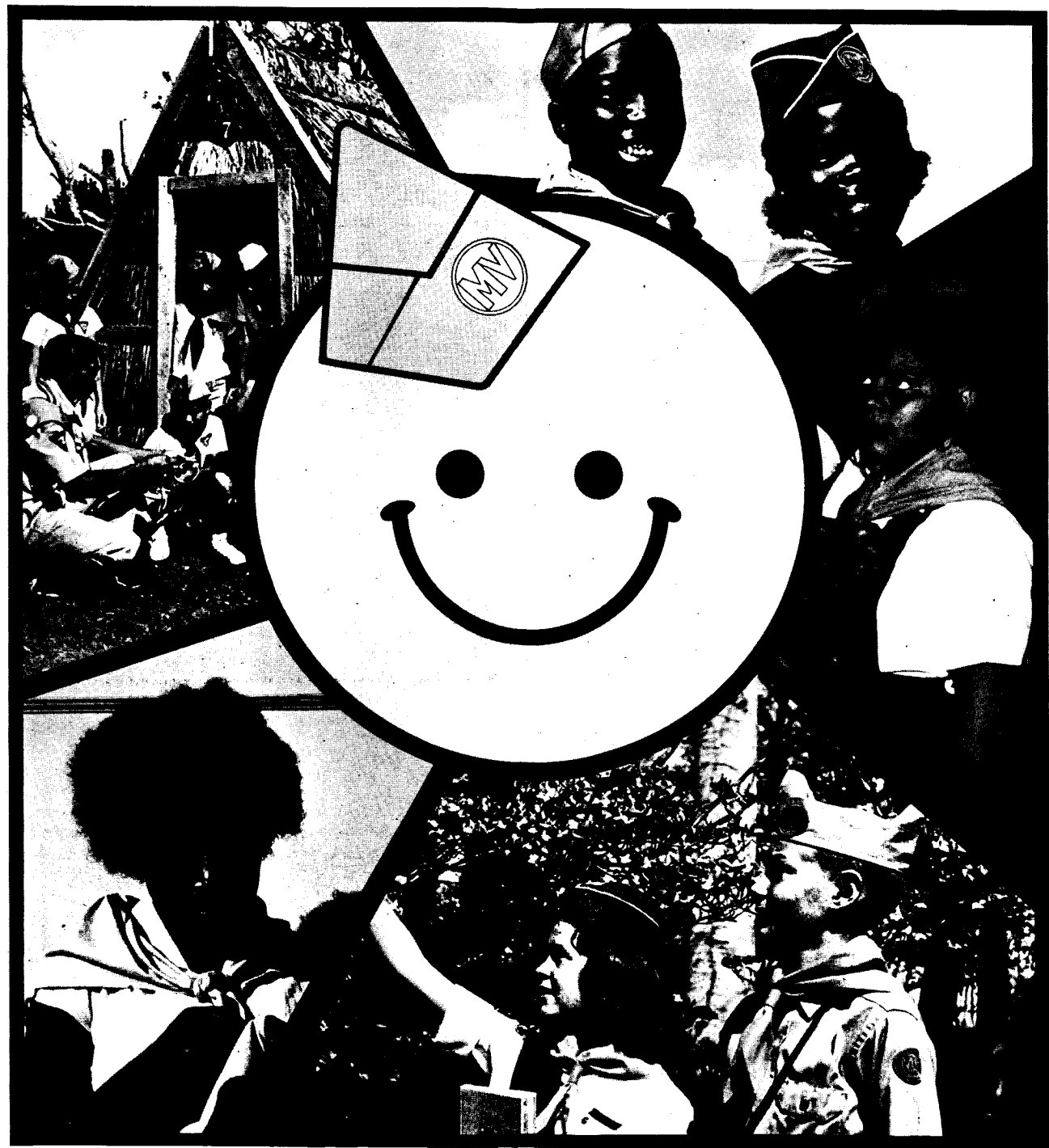


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FAR EASTERN DIVISION

outlook



deskside chats



"How can the church carry its message to the world when it has so many problems within itself?"

A sobering question. The church does have

problems. Love of the world is dulling our sense of need for genuine conversion. Complacency robs the gospel conquest of its urgency, selfishness saps its power.

There's no doubt it. We desperately need a thorough revival.

Recognition of this sobering situation is important. But it is not enough. Some reformers are content merely to pinpoint the problems. What the church needs now is a fresh injection of hope, a voice of courage, a challenge to action.

Consider what happened to Israel when a remnant returned to Palestine after the Babylonian captivity. They ran into some formidable obstacles in logistics. Even worse were the sinful practices that crept in. Soon the work ceased. A little later when Ezra arrived, he fearlessly rebuked their sins. At a great revival service, he offered an eloquent prayer

for forgiveness and a call for reform. Moved to sincere response, the people wept.

Then came another voice. A leader named Shechaniah spoke up. "We have trespassed against our God, . . . yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this things." (Ezra 10:2)

A welcome voice indeed! "Yet now there is hope."

Israel rallied around Ezra and the other leaders, put away their sins, qualified for God's forgiveness and blessing, and went on to complete their task.

We never hear of Shechaniah either before or since. But this one noble act gives him his place in the sacred record. He saw that an abject sense of guilt was

only a first step. Now the situation called for fresh courage and resolute action.

Today there are many voices pointing out the weaknesses and failures of the church. These must be needed. We dare not fail to recognize our Laodicean condition. Confession and repentance are required. But even as we weep, we need to hear the call that challenges us to new and even more vigorous action. Triumph is the only destiny God has promised for His church.

—Paul H. Eldridge, President

"Yet Now There Is HOPE"

COVER: Smile, you're a Pathfinder! For 25 years young Seventh-day Adventists have been participating in Pathfinder activities. This year is the celebration of the Silver Anniversary of Pathfinders. See story on page 4.

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Health Secretary

R. C. Thompson is the new secretary of health services for the Southeast Asia Union Mission. He was formerly administrator of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital. Hospital treasurer, **Don Brown**, is the new administrator.

Furloughees



The Daquilas

Mr. and Mrs. Romulo Daquila (former Miss Lilia Kabigting) with daughter Cely Joy, missionary teachers from Ayer Manis School in Sarawak, Malaysia, left December 27 for their second term of service after spending a two-month furlough in the Philippines.

Assistant Treasurer

Don Gilbert and family will be moving from Taipei, Taiwan, to Singapore this spring when he assumes his new duties as an assistant treasurer in the division. He replaces H. W. Bedwell who will return to the States after 21½ years of service in the Far East.

Permanent Return

Pastor and Mrs. Angel Biton (nee Nenita Sumalnap) and children arrived on permanent return to the Philippines after serving in the Thailand Mission

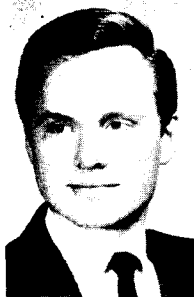
Secretary



Freeman

The new secretary to the Division treasurer is **Ivy Freeman**, formerly secretary to the treasurer of the Wisconsin Conference. Miss Freeman has also worked at the Florida Hospital, the Lake Union Conference, the Review and Herald, the Michigan Conference, and the Inter-American Division.

Pilot to Borneo



Tol

Bill Tol arrived recently in the Far East to begin pioneer mission work in the villages of southern Borneo. A pilot, Tol will have light aircraft to help in his work of public health and evangelism. He holds a B.A. degree in theology from Southern Missionary College and has worked as a pastor and academy teacher. Most recently he was at Georgia Cumberland Academy in the United States.

Dicen Joins PPH

The Philippine Publishing House recently put out the red carpet to welcome **E. N. Dicen**, the latest staff addition to the house. He was appointed circulation manager by the board of directors during its year-end meetings. Dicen was publishing secretary for the Philippine Union Mission before joining the publishing house.

Luther Work Found

Polish experts have found what they believe to be a 16th Century original edition of works by **Martin Luther**. A Polish news agency says the partly rotting leatherbound book was found at Slupsk, Koszalin province.

Protestant President

Brazil for the first time will have a Protestant chief of state. The predominantly Roman Catholic country formally endorsed the name of **General Ernesto Geisel**, 65-year-old grandson of a five-term Lutheran missionary. Geisel formerly headed the state oil monopoly.

TV Communion

Some 200 persons in Louisville, Kentucky, participated in the Lord's Supper via television. Small sealed glasses of juice and pieces of unleavened bread were prepared by a local Baptist church and mailed to those who asked for it. The church has previously televised its communion service, but has never before sent out the elements for TV audience participation.

Hungarian Translation

After 20 years of work Hungarian translations of the Old and New Testaments geared to the "Sober Middle Road" are ready for the presses in Budapest. Translators say they aimed at a version which updated the language without falling into current idioms that may prove to be shortlived.

Food Shortage

A special study of the world food shortage is being undertaken by the World Council of Churches. The project is aimed at determining the causes of the current shortage and studying methods churches can use to help alleviate the crisis.

PATHFINDERS

Silver Anniversary

By Leo Ranzolin

The embers of the campfire were still glowing as the sun set in the west. It was time to go to bed, but the Pathfinders were still enchanted by the program, the rustling of the trees in the wind, the singing. They watched the last logs smolder in the campfire. A stillness was in the air, a mysterious quietness.

One hour later the wind began blowing violently. All the counselors and staff tried to reinforce the tent stakes and get ready for an emergency.

I visited each of the tents, warning the campers to hang on and be ready for the storm. At one tent after another I tried to cheer and encourage the young people. Just as I got to the last tent, it swooped to the ground. We put the campers in other tents for the night. And finally after hours of raining, it stopped.

It was one of the worst storms I've seen in my life. Did the

Pathfinders mind? No! As a matter of fact, those who got drenched when their tent fell down were the ones that remembered it as a fantastic event in their lives!

This is the spirit of junior youth and Pathfinders around the world. That's why we've chosen the slogan "Smile, you're a Pathfinder!" for the Pathfinder Silver Anniversary.

The term "Pathfinder" was first used in the JMV program by two laymen in Santa Ana, California, in the early 1930s. It is hard to realize how such a program could have been opposed, but it



Pathfinders in Thailand prepare a fire.

was. In fact, those laymen were threatened with church expulsion if they didn't cease promoting such activities for the boys and girls.

The Southeastern California Conference used the name Pathfinder for their summer camp at Idyllwild, California, calling it the JMV Pathfinder Summer Camp. In the early 1940s a number of conferences throughout North America experimented with a program similar to the present Pathfinder idea. It caught on and was furthered by several youth leaders, including John Hancock, present world youth leader. Part of Elder Hancock's enthusiasm for this venture came from a mother who asked, "Why can't summer camp last all year long? My son comes home from camp with the light of heaven in his eyes."

Emblem designed

In 1946 Elder Hancock designed the Pathfinder emblem, which embodies the ideas of a Pathfinder character-development program with the following objectives:

1. To demonstrate the attractiveness of Christian ideals in an activity program.
2. To guide boys and girls into active missionary service.
3. To develop character and good citizenship.
4. To promote the MV classes and honors.

The first conference-sponsored Pathfinder Club was begun in 1946 in Riverside, California, and one year later the General Conference asked the Pacific Union Conference to develop the Pathfinder Club organization. J. R. Nelson developed the Pathfinder plan, and in 1950 the General Conference officially adopted the JMV Pathfinder Club program for the world field.

Leo Ranzolin is an associate secretary in the Youth Department of the General Conference.



Division Youth Director Bob Jacobs inspects a good-looking group of Pathfinders.

Officially the celebration of the Silver Anniversary of Pathfinders is 1974 to 1975, although the anniversary dates actually span the years 1950 to 1975. Because of the General Conference session in 1975, the celebration will be launched in 1974 and extended into 1975. Many plans have been developed to make 1974 and 1975 the biggest years in the Pathfinder program.

Ready for 74

The theme for the 1974 Pathfinder camporees is "EXPLORE 74." Special campfire story programs of great Adventist pioneers have been prepared, and Pathfinders will explore their lives and the life of the greatest Explorer of all, Jesus Christ.

Pathfinders are not content with mere entertainment. There is a zest, a restlessness, and a spirit of adventure among junior youth that must be channeled into worthwhile projects and achievements. In 1952 a Pathfinder Club in Wisconsin responded to the idea of making Halloween a night for missionary activity rather than mischief, beginning the treat-instead-

of-a-trick project. Pathfinders in North America alone collected 237,000 cans of food and distributed more than 4,000 food baskets to the needy in 1972.

Pathfinders have developed new dimensions. In the mid-50s the camporee was introduced—a camping experience of three or four days in a primitive area. Also, through JMV classes, Pathfinders can achieve distinction and be invested as Friends, Companions, Explorers, and Rangers. Advanced JMV classes were added in 1958: Trail Friend, Frontier Companion,

Range Explorer, and Wilderness Guide.

Although the world membership goal is 85,000 Pathfinders by 1975, as of December, 1972, we had already expanded to 85,191 members. Praise the Lord for this remarkable growth!

Me help?

How can you help celebrate 25 years of Pathfinding? Very simple.

If you are a junior youth, get involved in Pathfinders right away. Talk to your pastor about starting a club in your church if you don't already have one.

If you are a senior youth, take time to help lead our boys and girls as a counselor, deputy, or even club director.

If you are an adult, give sound leadership and support to the club as director, deputy director, counselor, or instructor.

If you are a parent, make sure your children are members of the club. This is the plan of the church for our junior youth.

If you are a pastor, make sure that your church has a Pathfinder club and that it has full church support.

You will catch their spirit when your young people say, "Smile, you're a Pathfinder!"



Yokohama Pathfinders raised \$1,500 in five hours in a welfare appeal at Yokohama Central Station. These funds went to help the Red Cross.

Energy Crisis Hits Adventists Hard

The energy crisis is hitting keepers of the seventh-day Sabbath harder than most folks. In Britain they are losing their jobs, and business hardship threatens in at least two states of the U.S.

Seventh-day Adventist world headquarters has received word that the three-day work week in England has thrown many of the church's members out of work, because they cannot meet business appointments on Saturday.

Assigned days

In England the work week has been divided into two three-day segments with specified businesses assigned to Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; and other concerns assigned to keep offices open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

In the U.S., Sunday-law bills have been introduced in the states of Indiana and California, prohibiting the operation of businesses with the exception of liquor stores, sports, and certain related operations. The bills are aimed at helping meet the energy crisis, proponents claim.

Far East Grads

Among the 558 students graduated from Andrews University during 1973 were seven students from the Far Eastern Division. They included: Vincent Chan, of Hong Kong, bachelor of science in biology; Thanh Dao, Saigon, master of business administration; Jan Hutaaruk, Sumatra, master of divinity; Katsumi Kaizuka, Japan, master of arts in religion; Linda Koh, Singapore, master of arts in education; Oliver Koh, Singapore, master of arts in religion; and Yasua Shiba, Japan, master of business administration.

The denomination is urging that any law that would deprive a man of part of his livelihood because of his religious faith is unconstitutional. "They impose an unjust burden on the citizen," declares Marvin E. Loewen, director of the Adventists' Religious Liberty Department.

The General Conference Committee at the church's world headquarters voted to present the Adventist viewpoint to legislators considering the laws, and urging that some provision be made that would enable members of the church to cooperate in meeting the energy crisis without having to jeopardize their livelihood.

New Director

The Andrews University board of trustees recently named Dr. Arnold Kurtz, professor of church organization, to direct the Doctor of Ministry program at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Dr. Kurtz replaces Dr. Wilber Alexander, who left AU to assume duties as professor of theology and clinical ministry at Loma Linda University.

Dr. Kurtz, who earned his Ph.D. in rhetoric and public address at Michigan State University, was a pastor and evangelist for 25 years before joining the seminary faculty in 1969.

Name Change

The name of the Malaysian Signs Press in Singapore was changed to Southeast Asia Publishing House as of October 1, 1973. This change-in-name was made because the press serves a number of countries in Southeast Asia. The Southeast Asia Union Mission also operates the Thailand Publishing House in Bangkok and the Vietnam Signs Press in Saigon.

Henry W. Peterson 1905-1973



After two and one half months of struggle with heart attack and lung congestion, and after he had heart surgery, Henry W. Peterson died in St. Joseph, Michigan,

on October 30, 1973.

Elder Peterson served as pastor-evangelist for the Southeast Asia Union Mission, then home missionary secretary and later publishing secretary of the Malaya Union, rendering a total of 11 years of service in the Far Eastern Division between 1947 and 1959. In addition to serving in several positions in the North American Division, Elder Peterson worked five and one half years as lay activities secretary of the Trans-Africa Division. He leaves a widow and four married children.

God is Testing Us

"God is testing every soul that claims to believe in Him. All are entrusted with talents. . . . He has made them His stewards, and has placed in their possession money, houses, and lands. All these are to be regarded as the Lord's goods, and used to advance His work, to build up His kingdom in the world. In trading with the Lord's goods, we are to seek Him for wisdom. . . . The amount entrusted varies, but those who have the smallest gifts must not feel that because their talent of means is small, they can do nothing with it. . . . Remember the words: 'Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful'." —*Testimonies*, vol. 9, pp. 245, 246.

NEWS

FROM THE UNIONS

east indonesia



Division Evangelist Bruce Johnston and E. Kamuh explain the Division-wide TARGET 80 evangelistic program.

Tondano Evangelism

Last October a crusade was started at Tondano, South Minahasa, by Bruce Johnston, Division evangelist, assisted by E. Kamuh, ministerial association secretary of the East Indonesia Union. With them were the workers, lay preachers, and literature evangelists of the South Minahasa Mission. On opening night, government officials were also present and stressed the importance of the crusade.

Two days later a field school was begun by Pastor Johnston, assisted by F. Macarewa of Mount Klabat College, and Pastor Kamuh. In attendance were the workers and lay preachers of the mission. The two-week field school provided them with new weapons and a deeper insight into their own spiritual life.

Camping at Watuliney

A mile-long beach, coconut palms, and many shade trees contributed to the joys of 70 young people and their instructors who came to the camp site at Watuliney, ten miles south of Ratahan, South Minahasa, for several days of pleasant activity.

Present at the opening ceremony was the village chief who spoke his appreciation for the camp. Directing the program was W. Rantung, mission

youth leader. Assisting him were F. Matindas; B. Sakul, camp pastor; and N. Ruhupatty, swimming instructor. In addition several school teachers and church members helped in various ways.

Rigid inspection was made during the camp, and every camper was carefully graded. At the close of the camp, the prince and the queen of the camp were selected.

On Sabbath more than 200 church members came from the surrounding area to attend services. How happy everyone was when two campers decided to become literature evangelists, and six were baptized by Pastor Sakul as a fitting climax of the youth camp.—*N. Ruhupatty.*

New Year's Day Baptism

Islamic New Year's Day marked the beginning of a new spiritual life for four Moslems who were baptized in Menado, Indonesia, on October 27.

A total of nine persons were baptized at the ceremony which climaxed a Voice of Youth Crusade at the Likala Church held by B. E. Jacobs, Division youth director.

The Far Eastern Division is planning an all-out thrust of Voice of Youth Crusades during 1974. Jacobs reports that if every church in the Division has results comparable to the Likala Church there would be 19,692 baptisms in 1974.

japan

Hiroshima Saniku School

Last year on December 24 a ceremony celebrating the completion of the church school building in Hiroshima was held. Dr. H. Kodama, chief executive of the department of private schools in the prefecture, spoke of the uniqueness of this school inasmuch as "the God of heaven is the head teacher." Others present were S. Kunihiro and M. Inada, president and education secretary of the Japan Union respectively; and Y. Okafuji and S. Imamura, president and treasurer of the South Japan Mission respectively.



Including kindergarten students, some 345 children attend the new Hiroshima elementary school which was officially opened in December. This modern school replaces the original small wooden building where the first Hiroshima church school began in 1953.

This school in Hiroshima began in April, 1953, in a small wooden building. Now there is an enrollment of 240 children in kindergarten and 105 elementary boys and girls.

Many of these children are from non-Adventist homes, but their parents have a high regard for the Christian philosophy of education. In fact, our educational work is a soulwinning agency. Many of the Hiroshima graduates choose to attend our college.

north philippines



Newly elected president of the North Philippine Union Mission, F. M. Arrogante, is pictured with his wife and four children, (left to right) Florencio, Jr., Lelita, Zelle Flor, and Lysenia.

New Union President

The North Philippine Union has welcomed a new president, Florencio M. Arrogante, president of the Central Philippine Union for the last two years. Pastor Arrogante has had 33 years of denominational service since his graduation as an Associate

in Arts from Philippine Union College in 1941. This experience includes ten years as district pastor and evangelist, nine as mission/union departmental secretary, 12 as mission president, and two as union president.

Large Union

The North Philippine Union has a number of important institutions located in its territory among which are the tri-union Philippine Publishing House, two large hospitals, and five local missions. Educational institutions located in the union are headed by Philippine Union College, with the largest enrollment of any Adventist college outside North America, and include seven academies and 194 elementary schools. The 1,607 workers in the North Philippines serve a membership of 54,089.

President's philosophy

"All out for God and His work without reservation," Pastor Arrogante described as his philosophy of life as a worker and newly elected leader of the union. During his administration he will strive to emphasize "deepening the spirituality of people." Great efforts, he said, would be exerted to "expand our educational and medical programs and to enlarge our evangelistic outreach through all the departments."

His wife, the former Lolita Jardinico, is an E.T.C. (PUC-Manticao) and B.S.E. (University of the Visayas) degree holder. She is working on her thesis for the M.A. degree at the University of the Visayas with a major in administration and supervision.

Students at Malacanang

Several months ago the foreign residents of Philippine Union College had reason to believe that, at least this one time, they had distinct advantages over most of the Filipino students and staff. Forty members of the college Overseas Students' Association and four of the overseas missionary families were among the 350 guests at a *merienda* (afternoon tea) given by President and Mrs. Ferdinand Marcos at the palace of Malacanang. A forum of the Philippine International Friendship Organization convened, and foreign students from Manila colleges and universities, as well as ambassadors and other members of the diplomatic corps, were present.

A cloudburst in the early afternoon thoroughly soaked most of the PUC group who were being transported to the palace in open army trucks, but it did little to dampen the high spirits of those

who had this unique privilege of visiting the President of the Philippines at his home. Moreover, they had ample time to walk in the palace gardens, visit historic Maharlika Hall, and partially dry out their clothes.

The *merienda* was held in the Hall of Heroes, a very large, ground floor room facing the Pasig River. Food was tastefully served from two large buffet tables with enormous centerpieces of white lilies, while the punch circulated through a three-tiered silver fountain. Guests sat at tables for eight, with the President's table occupying a central position under the eyes of the TV cameras. Upon entering the hall, the President chose four students at random to join him at his table. Two of them were from Philippine Union College, Helen Lee of Vietnam and Alemir Tolera of Ethiopia.

Instrument of peace

President Marcos delivered a fluent speech on the need of an Asian Forum of nations as an instrument of peace in Southeast Asia. Then the students gave a variety program with songs and folk and classical dances representing nearly every major culture in the Far East. Fifteen of PUC's Indonesian and Malaysian students provided *angklung* (bamboo instrument) music. After each item the performers, along with their fellow countrymen in the audience, were presented to the President and the First Lady. During the last hour, while everyone was sampling refreshments at the buffet tables, the Marcoses mingled freely with the guests, chatting informally and signing autographs.

Perhaps the highest moment of this high day came when the President and the First Lady consented to pose with the Philippine Union College students and staff members for a special group picture—despite the understandable uneasiness of the security officers.

Experience to remember

It was dark by the time the hall began to empty and the limousines came to take the ambassadors and other dignitaries away. Members of the PUC party walked to their bus through the floodlit gardens and past the musical fountain, well content with the day. A week later they were still talking about their experience. Everyone agreed upon such major points as the President's friendliness and good humor, the First Lady's charm and beauty, the magnitude of Filipino hospitality, the relaxed air prevailing at the gathering, and the conviction that it was worthwhile getting soaked in the rain in



Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife pose in the Hall of Heroes at the Palace of Malacanang while foreign students and staff members from Philippine Union College press around for a rare group picture.

order to be present to participate in such an occasion. No wonder one Filipino student remarked wistfully (voicing the opinion of many, no doubt), "It's much easier to get to see a head of state when you are a foreigner, isn't it?"

Drs. Amador and Leonore Gensolin are the faculty sponsors of the Overseas' Students' Association of Philippine Union College. The *merienda* at Malacanang is only one of the many activities they have arranged for the group, and many more are in the planning stage for the future.—Dorothy Minchin-Comm.

Evangelism in Bayambang

Dr. Amado T. Geslani, a dentist, is a soulwinning elder of the Bayambang church in the Northern Luzon Mission. Recently a man came to his clinic requesting help. His house and all his belongings had been burned. He had a picture of the burned house and a letter from the mayor permitting him to ask for donations. Dr. Geslani brought the picture and the mayor's letter to the mission office in Artacho and was given wheat, flour, clothing, and some cash.

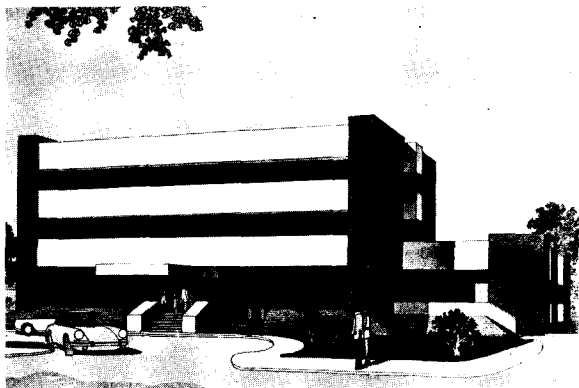
When Dr. Geslani and his companions went to deliver the commodities, there were quite a few people gathered, so he gave them some things also. The doctor brought medicines and distributed them free to the barrio folk, as well as tracts and other reading matter.

Because the people were interested, Dr. Geslani and his friends started cottage meetings. They used a projector and showed films. Eliseo Bautista, a new intern, helped in the meetings. They had their first baptism of 12 souls during April. Two baptisms

followed, in June and September, and to date 37 individuals have been baptized.

In the Bayambang church there are two evangelistic teams. One is led by Augusto Lalas and the other by Felipe Vallo. Success in soul winning has encouraged them to preach the gospel in the barrios around their church.—*Remy B. Albaciete.*

New Union Building



Construction has begun on the US\$180,000 North Philippine Union headquarters. This is an artist's conception of the building which is going up on the corner of San Juan and Donada Streets in Pasay City. The former union office was burned on July 4, 1972. Completion of the new building is expected in July, 1974.

NPUM's Quadrennial Session

Last November 192 delegates representing the union office, one tri-union and three union institutions, five missions and seven non-attached academies attended the first quadrennial session of the North Philippine Union at the Jackson-Sevrens chapel on the PUC campus. The meeting in 1969 was the 9th and last biennial session since the birth of the union in 1951 when the Philippine Union was divided into North and South Philippine Unions. (In 1956 the South Philippine Union was divided into Central and South Philippine Unions.)

Largest evangelism budget

The session had for its theme "The Bold Adventure—TARGET 80." A total of 98 actions were approved during the session, the most significant of which was one entitled "Coordinated Evangelistic Thrust for the Coming Quinquennium." A budget of ₱1,480,090 was adopted, of which more than ten percent was earmarked for evangelism, the largest amount allocated for this purpose in the history of the union.

Some 4,000 members from the Manila area

and faraway churches filled the college auditorium and heard L. L. Bock, General Conference associate secretary, during the Sabbath morning hour of worship. The session was highlighted by an ordination service for seven workers and a TARGET 80 symposium on Sabbath afternoon.

Elections and re-elections

The nominating committee reported the retention of all departmental secretaries in the union and a change in the leadership in four of the five missions. It was *status quo* in the leadership of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital with Dr. O. C. Pilar as medical director and E. C. Corpus as business manager. PUC President A. P. Roda was reelected, and teamed up with him now as business manager is B. A. Martin, for eight years Central Luzon Mission president. Medical director and business manager Dr. Loreto Garcia, of the Cagayan Valley Sanitarium and Hospital, was also reelected, and with him now is a new assistant, business manager and treasurer Rodulfo Galera, formerly with the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital accounting office.

Five-Day Plan for Policemen

It's unusual for men in uniform to request a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking Seminar, but quite spectacular when 110 policemen from the Bicol region of Luzon received their non-smoker's certificates last November 16 in Legaspi City. These men had come in for a three-month extensive police training program at the National Police Commission Academy.

Organizers

The Five-Day Plan Group Therapy Seminar was conducted by Dr. P. L. Miranda, president of the Temperance Association of the Philippines, Albay chapter, N. S. Pallasa and W. T. Martinez, vice presidents, and their wives.

The National Police Commission of Bicol under Major A. S. Caceres, chief training officer, and Capt. E. R. Suratos, Academy supervisor, have adopted the Five-Day Plan as a part of their curriculum in the subsequent police training classes to come every quarter. Said Major Caceres: "The course will be of help in the implementation of the president's physical fitness program."

More for children

When Major Caceres received his certificate, he asked for a chance to give his testimony. "I started smoking 30 years ago," he declared. "I

tried many times to stop because I already knew the hazards of tobacco to the body, but my resolution was good only for a few days, and then I would be back with the habit again. When the Five-Day Plan was launched, I determined by God's help never to touch tobacco again. I am now saving my daily budget for cigarettes and giving it to my children for their savings bank rather than buying cigarettes and killing myself by installment."

The Temperance Association of the Philippines also held a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking Seminar at the Divine Word College in Legaspi City. This program was headed by N. R. Arit, North Philippine Union temperance secretary, with the full support of the Southern Luzon Mission president and other officers. During the day, Pastor Arit and the writer gave room to room lectures at the college on the evil effects of tobacco and alcohol. These lectures were climaxed with open forums.—*N. S. Pallasa.*

Adventure in Human Relations

When Anne Figuhr and Barbara Van Ornam of Philippine Union College decided to offer the Fascinating Womanhood course to the ladies of the Philippine Publishing House, they did not foresee the enthusiastic response which their undertaking would elicit.

They ordered 20 copies of the class textbook, but to their great surprise, more than 90 ladies enrolled in the course. Of these, 65 received certificates a month later, while the remaining members waited for the next class in order to complete their attendance record.

What made this adventure in human relations all the more rewarding was the discovery of the close correlation between the creed of Fascinating Womanhood and the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. As one student remarked, "Mrs. White tells you *what* to do, and the textbook makes it plain *how* to accomplish it."—*Dorothy Minchin-Comm.*

south china island

Hospital Administrators

The Hong Kong Adventist Hospital has been host to the Association of Hospital Administrators of Hong Kong for their annual dinner. A vegetarian dinner was served to the 45 members and their guests.

After dinner, the audio-visual program, "Spider Web," was presented to the group. This is a scientific program prepared by the department of public health, Loma Linda University, depicting the harmful effects of caffeine. Then the group was taken on a tour of the hospital.

The president of the group, Dr. Yip, said the evening was highly successful. Many of the guests told us they wanted to come back when they could take more time to look through our hospital. Several, including the dietitian from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, a 1500-bed government hospital, requested more information on our vegetarian meat substitutes.—*R. W. Burchard.*

south philippines

A Modern Burning Bush

"This light is strange. Its rays are very bright and hurts our eyes. Come, let's investigate."

Thus spoke a group of hoodlums as they approached the construction site of a Seventh-day Adventist church building at Manukan, Zamboanga del Norte.

Peter Donton, district leader, had been given some scrap lumber from an old house. This unexpected blessing spurred his hopes for a church building, and he set to work on plans for a simple structure 24 by 30 feet. With the gift of lumber, he managed to put up the posts and a few temporary beams for the new church.

It had been a hard day's work with the brethren when a visitor appeared.

"Hello, Mr. Donton," the lady called out.

This surprised him. "How can she know my name?" he wondered to himself. "I've never seen her before."

He shook hands with the woman, however, and then left her talking with one of the other brethren.

"I know him," she continued. "He visited me up in the mountains last March to give a Bible study."

The truth of this statement seemed doubtful, for it was known that Peter had been still at Vitali in March. Manukan was not in his territory then, and it seemed unlikely that he would be up in the mountains for a Bible study. The lady, however, insisted.

"He did visit me and introduced himself as Peter Donton. In fact, he wore a blue check, long sleeve shirt. He told me he would be constructing a church building today. That is why I have come to see it."

On hearing this the district leader was filled with wonder. It seemed impossible to visit a place before getting there. Yet he had the shirt described by the lady. Strange!

Hoodlums see light

But that is not the end of the story. During the night of that selfsame day, Peter Donton slept with a few brethren in the newly-started church building. Before midnight a group of hoodlums were rushing home in order to avoid being caught by the midnight curfew. When they passed the construction site, they saw a strange light coming from inside the building. They tried to peek into the temporary enclosure and found that the light inside was beyond what their eyes could stand. It was too glaring and painful. Because it was almost midnight, they went home without further investigation.

Early the next day they came back to ask Peter what kind of lamp he had used the night before. Of course, he told them he had had no light—which was why he had gone to sleep early that night. The boys could not understand until they were told that a church building was being constructed. Convinced that the light was not from an ordinary source, the boys promised manual help should there be a need.

Helping hand

A few days later the brethren had a problem of lifting a heavy cement block. Peter called for the boys who were this time inside a store on a drinking spree. They gladly left their glasses and worked with our brethren that day.

Surely the Lord works in mysterious ways. The church building is not yet finished, but certainly He will see the project through to completion. —F. B. Caballero.

Hospital Helps Flood Victims

"Is this the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital? Will you please be ready for an emergency call?" asked Mrs. Leni Alano-Cabili, wife of Illigan City's mayor.

"We will do our best," was the assurance given.

A few minutes later the local police called to urge that we put our ambulance and service jeepney

on standby to help evacuate flood victims or bring relief commodities to them.

Flash foods had hit Iligan City, which is located in an area of three big rivers and several creeks. Old-timers had been saying that every 20 years the city is visited by destructive floods. Since the last one had occurred in 1952, they felt that another one was already overdue. How right they were.

Before the floods hit this time, rains had continued for two days and two nights without let-up in most of the coastal provinces of Mindanao. On the third day, Iligan City was inundated. The highway and main streets were covered with water waist deep. Tons of debris broke away and covered homes and businesses. Swirling rivers carried houses with residents inside waving and screaming for help.

Teamwork

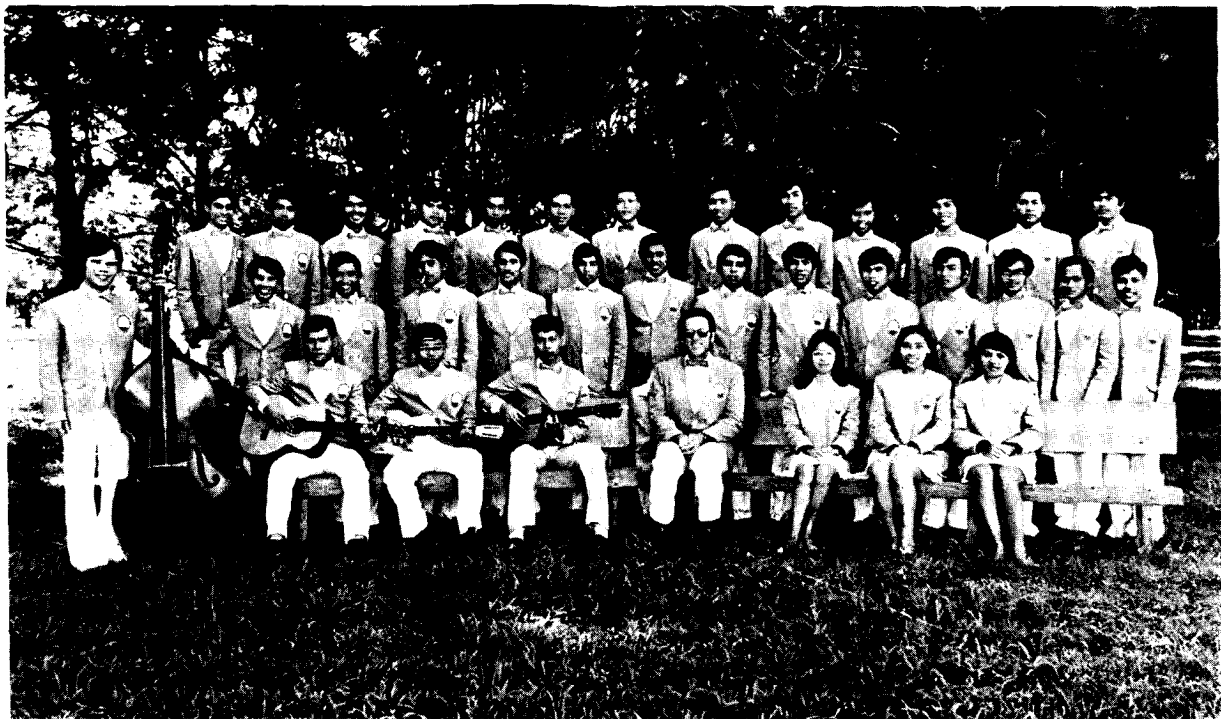
At nine o'clock, volunteer workers from our hospital and school of nursing went into action. Some 30 families temporarily evacuated in a schoolhouse nearby badly needed food and medicines. After some consultation, our team, mostly student nurses, boiled soybean coffee. Our ambulance carefully forded the flooded streets toward the city to buy bread. Franciscan sisters waded in the road when their van loaded with nutribun bread got stuck. We offered our vehicle to bring them to evacuation centers. At the schoolhouse, student nurses and Franciscan sisters joined in feeding and treating sick children.

While a few church members evacuated their belongings to higher ground, our team continued to coordinate with government agencies, civic and religious groups. The city disaster committee requested

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Hungry flood victims wait at a marooned barrio for the Seventh-day Adventist team bringing help and food.



Singing Gymnasts of MVC

"The main objective of our group is to witness for Christ," states Samuel Napigkit, president of the Singing Gymnasts, the newest organization at Mountain View College. These 40 young men and three young women comprise a versatile team with skill in producing fine music as well as in demonstrating tumbling and gymnastics.

These young people will be visiting cities in Mindanao and the Visayas after graduation in March and before summer school begins. Approximately three-fourths of their repertoire is sacred music. Through personal testimonies, tumbling and song the group endeavors to uplift the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Singing Gymnasts include the Singing Men, a 40-voice male chorus; the Campus Singers, a group of mixed voices; the Collegiate Trio, a ladies trio that sings an obligato with the Singing Men; and the Singing Strings Four, a guitar group.

In addition to music selections, their repertoire includes approximately 50 tumbling feats. They build ladder pyramids, perform stunts with a mini trampoline, as well as the more routine gymnastic activities. Physical fitness and teamwork are an important part of their daily routine.—*J. H. Zachary.*



MVC gymnasts share their personal testimonies through tumbling and song. In addition to music, their repertoire includes some 50 tumbling feats.

the Seventh-day Adventist team to attend immediately to 50 marooned families at Bayug, a barrio across Hinaplanon River. The hanging bridge, the only connection with the mainland, was cut. For two nights and a day, the barrio folks stayed on higher ground, some in trees without food. Rudy Nermal, representative of the local mission, distributed rice.

Medical help

Dr. Justino Dy, Mindanao Sanitarium intern, and eight student nurses crossed the raging river in small canoes. They treated 60 patients with government medicines. A Franciscan sister acted as a pharmacist. Dorcas workers from our Tibanga church gave out SAWS relief clothes to 100 barrio folk.

For three consecutive days, the Adventist team served the flood victims. The medical team composed of Doctors Magdalena Guerrero, Aguido Magdadaro, Justino Dy, Dinah Sacay, and Minerva Agcaoili treated 450 evacuees. Some 300 families received food and clothing. The city health authorities expressed appreciation for what the Adventists did during the disaster.—*G. U. Ellacer.*



Arthur Brondo and Edgar Go give a Bible study to a family living in Tandakol. These two students from Mountain View College participated in the evangelistic efforts held during Christmas vacation.

Holiday Evangelism

The barrios of Tandakol, Tungan Tungan, Linabo, Mt. Nebo, and Bugkaon echoed to the year-end evangelistic campaigns conducted there by 35 students from Mountain View College. Each team held follow-up services on Friday and Saturday nights in their respective barrios. As the Christmas vacation closed, students were giving Bible studies to 148 people. Baptisms were scheduled for the first quarter of 1974.

In the barrios of Mt. Nebo, Tungan Tungan, and Linabo, college students cooperated with the



After a 15 kilometer jeep ride from the college these five ministerial students and the driver transport their evangelistic supplies the last three kilometers to Tandakol by cow cart.

local Adventist churches. In Tandakol and Bugkaon, it is a pioneer work. In Bugkaon a lot has been purchased for a new church. Funds are already in hand for the church building. Students and staff members of Monterey Bay Academy in California donated US\$500 for the building. Brethren from the Kulasihan church have given this work strong support.

The people in the barrio of Tandakol are very anxious to have an elementary school. Plans are being made by the evangelistic team to build a church, school, and teacher's cottage in this place. Since there are no funds in hand, nipa buildings will be constructed for immediate use. Elias Negre, a ministerial student, has been sent to the village as a student missionary. He will give Bible studies and lead out in the construction of these three buildings. On weekends, he will be joined by the original team of student evangelists.

Several of the students in the Mt. Nebo, Linabo, and Tungan Tungan efforts carried on the work at great personal sacrifice. Some donated as much as 50 pesos. We praise the Lord for the evangelistic spirit of the students of Mountain View College.—*J. H. Zachary.*

Camping at Bulahan

The hearts of 52 children were filled with enthusiasm as they participated in a three-day camp at the Bulahan School in Bukidnon from September 26 to 30 last year. Felix Pomperada, barrio captain, and Andres Saberola, church elder, were guests during the camp.

The occasion was in commemoration of the worldwide Pathfinder Day. Children and teachers camped on the school compound and were given experience in drilling, hiking, swimming, crafts, and games. Also enjoyed were the story telling and devotional hour.—*R. E. Guanzon.*

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Sabah-Sarawak Institute

We praise the Lord for His bountiful blessings and guidance to each one of us. Situated in a quiet and peaceful valley, surrounded by beautiful hills, and constantly refreshed by clean, cool air, the first Sabah-Sarawak literature evangelist institute was held last October in the Baptist Youth Center at Kionsom, Sabah.

In attendance were two leaders from the Southeast Asia Union, R. L. McKee and S. Tsai, eight staff members of the Sabah Mission, and 30 literature evangelists. The opening song led by James Lai was followed by prayer offered by M. Gaban. A special message in song was rendered by Malik Bukah and his group.

Program

After the writer had extended his welcome, he introduced the visitors and the literature evangelists to the congregation. The message was given by Pastor McKee, with G. Laung translating. The closing song was led by Chai Sui Kong, followed by the benediction offered by Anton Toby. The showing of a film followed the meeting.

The next day Pastor McKee gave valuable instruction on Christian salesmanship. The writer discussed policy and appealed for a spiritual revival. Explanation regarding books and magazines was given by Pastor Tsai and James Lai. Devotional speakers were Pastors Gaban, J. T. Pohan, Laung, Tsai; Charles Gaban, and the writer.

On Friday evening, the writer gave an encouraging message on "Dedication." He also stressed the slogan, "Once a colporteur, always a colporteur."

Progress report

On Sabbath morning, Pastor McKee described how the publishing work has grown from a very small beginning in the printing of *Present Truth* into a worldwide work. The Lord has blessed this ministry in a marvelous way.

On Sabbath afternoon the literature evangelists related personal experiences of how the Lord has blessed and guided them. May the Lord keep all His faithful servants as they continue to work in Sabah and Sarawak, and in all parts of the world.—*L. Pandjaitan.*

Crusade in Simanggang

The Reach Out For Life crusade conducted several months ago in the new territory of Simanggang, Sarawak, by Hugh Johnson and Jonathan Ng, Sarawak Mission health secretary and evangelist respectively, resulted in 80 decisions for Christ and 22 individuals responding to the call for baptism.

Along with the crusade, a Five-Day Plan and a cooking class were featured. In addition, singers from Sunny Hill School and Ayer Manis School were invited to present "Festivals of Songs and Music" during the weekends. The singers enjoyed the fellowship even though they had to travel 120 miles to this town.

During the day Pastor Ng visited the high schools in town for health lectures entitled, "Youth and Good Health." The response from the students and teachers was very encouraging, and many students came to the night lectures because of this.

Working with the crusade team were ministerial interns John Lee and George Wung, the latter a recent graduate of Southeast Asia Union College.

Simanggang is the capitol of the second division of the State of Sarawak and is a new territory for the Advent message. There are presently 700 Voice of Prophecy students in the area.—*Jonathan Ng.*

Donation to Boys' Home

Each year the Penang Adventist Hospital gives a donation of footwear to the boys at the Salvation Army Boys' Home. This year on December 24, John Lai and the writer went to the home and gave each of the boys a pair of shoes, a pair of socks, and some peanuts and candy.

There are 47 boys in the home at this time. Some of these are orphans, and some are left at the home because the mother is working and unable to support them. A young man and his wife are cheerfully carrying the responsibility of the care of these boys, and were happy to receive these gifts at Christmas time.

The director of the home was one of a group of Salvation Army musicians who played Christmas carols on the lawn of the Penang Adventist Hospital before Christmas.—*E. J. Heisler.*

Pathfinders Silver Anniversary



B. E. Jacobs
FED Youth Leader

Since 1972 youth leaders around the world have been laying strong plans for the Pathfinder Silver Anniversary celebrations. In the Far Eastern Division six union and five mission-wide camporees are planned for April and July to add greater emphasis to the 25th year of Pathfinding.

Pathfinding is rapidly growing throughout the Far Eastern Division. In 1970 we had just over 200 clubs with a membership of 8,000 Pathfinders. The third quarter report of 1973 revealed 363 clubs with a membership of 11,925! We are certainly proud of our great army of Adventist junior youth.

New ventures

Evangelism has added a new dimension to Pathfinding. Many clubs distribute handbills, usher, direct parking of cars, and participate in various other phases connected with evangelistic meetings. Community service projects include Pathfinder participation. The new Junior Youth Bible Studies have been enthusiastically received among Pathfinders in some areas. They are thrilled to find they, too, can give Bible studies! Their joy knows no bounds when their converts are led into the baptismal font. "A little child shall lead them." We see it being done today by our Pathfinders.

Pathfinding is a must for our junior youth. It helps to develop them physically, mentally and spiritually. Pathfinders are ready to be used for the evangelistic needs

of the church. Use them or lose them!

Ahead of shedule

In 1970 the youth of the Far Eastern Division accepted a goal of 35,000 souls, to be won to Christ during the quinquennium. This was the highest goal ever set for such an endeavor. Some wondered if it could be done. It has been done, and ahead of shedule! During the last quarter of 1973 the five-year goal was reached, over 35,000 in three years! We praise God for these wonderful results.

Youth evangelism

We realize many have contributed to the decisions to follow Christ, but the youth are glad to have had a part. Voice of Youth evangelism is the greatest tool being used today by our young people. They find real satisfaction in running the whole program. In counsel with the pastor and church board, they organize the meetings, do the visiting, singing, preaching, and anything else connected with an evangelistic crusade. God has blessed their efforts.

More money

The Far Eastern Division Committee recognized the value of dedicated youth and their part in Lay-Youth Evangelism at our year-end meetings in 1972. At that time it was voted to share the evangelistic funds with youth on an equal basis with adult laymen. Therefore greater funds were available for 1973, and this brought about the largest number of Voice of Youth meetings ever to be conducted in a single year.

With larger funds, new tools, more youth, we can expect greater results in 1974. Christ is coming soon, and our youth are proclaiming this great event. To this end our youth of the Far Eastern Division are dedicated.—B. E. Jacobs.

Leadership Course

Sensing a need for trained leaders in the junior Pathfinder program, the East Visayan Mission recently held its first Pathfinder Leadership Training Course in Tacloban City.

Some 35 senior youth participated in the seven-day training program of drills, first aid demonstrations, knot tying, compass reading, and measuring distance by sound, in addition to other activities which were designed to help prepare them for leaders of junior-age youth.

To help facilitate the instructions and practical demonstration, the youth delegates, who represented 20 churches in Leyte and Samar, were grouped into four units with designated captains, scribes, guidon bearers, and unit counselors.

Eleven Friend and 12 Companion candidates received their class pins at an investiture service on Sabbath afternoon. After the investiture service the young people were involved in a Bible treasure hunt and a social fellowship.—N. L. Ornopia, Sr.

New Youth Directors

Two new youth directors have been recently named in the Far Eastern Division.

T. Shiraishi, a graduate of Japan Missionary College and Andrews University, is the new youth director of the Japan Union Mission. For the past three years he has served as pastor of the Hiroshima church.

Janathan Ng is the new MV secretary of the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission. Formerly he was in Kuching, Sarawak, as pastor and evangelist, public relations, and temperance secretary of the Sarawak Mission.