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deskside chats

A New Thing



History, tradition, precedent—all of these exert tremendous pressure on our attitudes and methods. We find it both simple and comfortable to move

along in the footprints and wheel marks of our predecessors. The very idea of innovation makes us uneasy.

Nostalgia for the “good old days,” admiration for cultural triumphs and architectural monuments of the past can become almost an obsession. A number of years ago I visited the fine old city of Lisbon. The young man who served as my guide, proud of his home town, quickly pointed out the spacious parks and fine buildings that make Lisbon a lovely city.

One thing, however, seemed to bother him. Over and over he would say, “Unfortunately, we really don’t have anything very old here. You see, the whole city was destroyed by the great earthquake.” He was speaking of the Lisbon Earthquake of 1755! To him, this made everything in town seem hopelessly new and therefore inferior to the

time-honored relics of other European cities.

Veneration for the past is a worldwide phenomenon and is not confined to buildings and cultural artifacts. We have the same attitude toward methods of agriculture, manufacturing, business and the practice of professions. Any suggestion of a change brings the prompt reply, “We’ve always done it this way.”

Inevitably, the work of the church reflects these same attitudes. Recognition of past leaders and their accomplishments is a cherished part of our heritage. Their sound scholarship left a solid foundation of faith and doctrine. Their record of triumphs despite formidable obstacles cannot fail to inspire.

Is it possible, however, that we might be satisfied to perpetuate their methods when a changing world demands a new approach?

God Himself is prepared for this. “Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.” (Isa. 43:19)

Are we so deeply engrossed in our traditional attitudes and methods that we might fail to notice when God begins to do His “new thing”?

“Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us, of which we know nothing.”
—Paul H. Eldridge, President

COVER: Facing a water shortage, these witch doctors in Sabah gather for a ceremony to pray for rain. This was a repeat performance because previous chants and dances had failed. Photo by Robert Grady.

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Ordination



The Kesaulyas

Reinhold Kesaulya was ordained to the gospel ministry on January 23 at Ambon, East Indonesia. He is pastor of both the Ambon and Galala Adventist churches. In addition to his pastoral duties, Brother Kesaulya works as a nurse at the Ambon clinic. Both he and his wife are graduates of the School of Nursing of the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital. They have two children, Ronald Alexander Nicolas, nine years old, and Sherlly Grace, six years old.

Target 80 Task Force



Gordon

Associate Secretary of White Estate in Washington, D.C., Paul Gordon itinerated throughout the Far East during January and February promoting the Spirit of Prophecy. Working with Division President P. H. Eldridge and General Field Secretary R. S. Watts, Sr., Gordon helped launch TARGET 80 Task Force meetings by focusing on the gift of prophecy as given to Ellen G. White. TARGET 80 Task

Force sessions were held in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Thailand. Following the Spirit of Prophecy presentations by Gordon, Eldridge, and Watts, representatives of the Division presented the aims, objectives, and strategy of TARGET 80, the long-range evangelistic plans for the Far Eastern Division.

Saigon Nurse



Pahls

Edyth Pahls arrived in Saigon February 4, 1974, to serve as a nurse at the Saigon Adventist Hospital. Born in Germany, Miss Pahls is an American citizen and a graduate of Walla Walla College with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Prior to coming to the Far Eastern Division, she was employed at the Loma Linda University Medical Center in California.

Doctor in Singapore



The Erichs

Former medical director of the Seoul Adventist Hospital, Louis Erich, M.D., is now with Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital. The Erichs have four children, Jonathan, Kevin, Tim, and Jana, who are attending Far Eastern Academy and elementary school in Singapore.

Clergy in Prison

Six Protestant clergymen were found guilty of illegal criticism of the South Korean constitution. Four were sentenced to 15 years in prison; two received 10-year terms. They were judged guilty by a special court martial panel set up by the Defense Military as part of a crackdown against critics of the government.

Religion Classes

"Excellent" is the term used to assess Ontario Province's experimental course in world religions during its first full year of operation. The evaluation was given by both teachers and students, according to the Ministry of Education in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. More than 5,000 young people in 100 secondary schools were enrolled in the course. Five religions are taught, all from an academic point of view.

Evangelism Papers

"More than two-thirds of mankind has yet to hear of Jesus Christ." This is the gist of three study papers released by planners for the International Congress on World Evangelization. The papers also include strategies for world evangelization, the relationship of Bible prophecy to evangelism, and criteria for establishing Christian unity.

English Ecumenism

Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists, and United Reformed Church members have all agreed to use one building for six weeks during the energy crisis in Britain. One minister said "In two months the Arabs, and the miners, have achieved more than all the preachers and theologians in almost 2,000 years. They have succeeded in bringing the churches together, if only for six weeks."

A FRESH LOOK AT A FAMILIAR PROGRAM

BY P. H. ELDRIDGE

Ask the man in the street "What does the expression, 'Thirteenth Sabbath Offering' mean to you?"

He will give you a blank look, for he will not even know what you are talking about. It's part of the distinctive vocabulary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. But ask any Sabbath school member, and he will give you a look which implies that everybody knows about the big offering that comes at the end of each quarter. In fact, some members may even simply appear bored about the whole idea.

Not so with our missions and institutions overseas! For them, to be selected as a recipient for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow is a once-in-a-lifetime thrill. They realize this will bring them the largest single appropriation they will ever receive for their program.



This is the kind of expectation right now in three schools of the Far Eastern Division. One of these, Naga View Academy, is in the North Philippine Union Mission. The other two, Waiame Academy and North Sulawesi Academy, are in the East Indonesia Union Mission. I have personally visited each of these schools, and I can assure you that their needs go far beyond anything they can hope to receive from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow.

The wood-frame buildings with palm-leaf roofs at Waiame

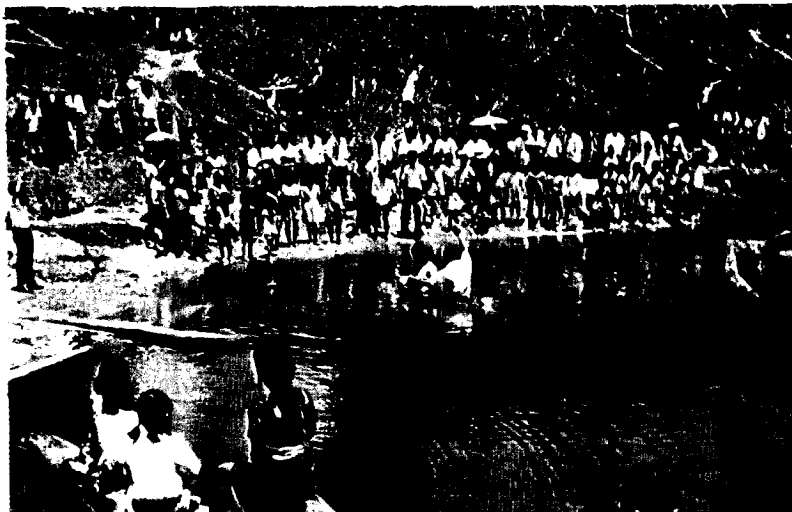
Academy are regularly threatened by typhoons. Winds and rain tear through the school ripping off rooftops with less effort than it takes to zip off a cereal boxtop, and exposing the insides of the dormitories, classrooms and kitchen to the damaging weather.

Stronger buildings could stand up under the frequent typhoon winds, but thus far there have never been sufficient funds to construct such buildings. After a typhoon hits, the students and teachers team up to patch the palm-leaf roofs and mend the tattered wooden structures.

Industrious students

There's no lack of industry among the students at Waiame, however. They care for a vegetable garden which provides food for the school cafeteria, and they harvest cloves from trees on the campus to bring in some cash for the operation of the school.

Although facilities are meager and the students must study by dim gas lanterns for lack of a generator, Waiame Academy students almost always succeed in passing Indonesian government examinations with above-average scores.



Housing is a critical problem at Naga View Academy in the North Philippines. Located at the foot of Mt. Isarog, this Christian school is a growing school. Presently more than 200 students and some of the single faculty members live in the dormitories, often with five or six persons to a room. Faculty families live in World War II Quonsets.

Naga View has a strong work program for students. Fifty head of cattle provide milk for the cafeteria, and the sale of milk brings income to the school. The vegetable garden is especially productive. In fact, the school recently won the "Green Revolution Contest" for the whole nation of the Philippines, and much of this was due to the fine vegetable garden cared for by many of the students.

The road leading to the academy is unpaved, and frequent rains leave large mud holes making it very difficult for travel. Although the government plans to surface the road up to within one kilometer of the school, it is the school's responsibility to improve that last stretch.

In addition to more housing and road repairs, Naga View Academy is in need of an industrial education building and a larger chapel.

North Sulawesi Academy

At the end of a winding mountain road and near a lovely small lake in East Indonesia, set in a riot of exotic tropical beauty, is North Sulawesi Academy. Here tanned black-haired youth work in the soil and harvest their own food, living so close to the earth and their Creator. And here also resourceful Christian teachers with very limited facilities give lessons which will prepare these young people for life today and life hereafter.

Could anything be less than



Classrooms at Waime Academy are less than modern. Notice the sheet on the right which serves as a room divider between classrooms.



It's almost time for dinner at North Sulawesi Academy. These girls are preparing some greens.



Work is a part of the educational program in Seventh-day Adventist schools. This young boy at Naga View Academy puts a polish on this corridor.

lovely in such an idyllic setting? Sorry to say, the Seventh-day Adventist academy campus with its plain drab buildings and rusty rooftops is no complement to the lush natural surroundings.

The long narrow structures are dark. Sunlight is almost shut out of the dormitories for lack of windows. Only a little light seeps through an open space along the top of the outside walls just under the eaves. The rooms have only beds, no other furniture.

Neither students nor teachers have textbooks. The school library consists of 300 to 400 books, many very old, shelved on a wall in the registration office. "Dreary" describes the school cafeteria furnished with small tables and rough benches. Rice, the mainstay of the daily menu, is cooked in big round vats over an open fire, and smoke has blackened the kitchen ceiling and walls.

Inadequate facilities

North Sulawesi Academy has so much in natural God-given gifts—a luscious location where the students can learn their school lessons and the nature of their Creator. Yet, in contrast, the man-made facilities and accommodations are so inadequate.

When you think of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter, don't be satisfied to conjure up a mental picture of dilapidated buildings that need replacing or of putting up structures where none now exist. Instead, let your mind envision the eager faces of the youth who will be the leaders of the church tomorrow. Think of your offering as an investment in eternity.

A portion of this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow will be used to build jungle chapels. These are exactly what the name implies:

(See next page.)



M-A-R-C. "What is that?" you ask.

Simply stated, it's an exciting, new concept in mission planning. "Mission Advance Research Committee" is what the letters represent. Its job is to explore new and improved programs leading to more effective and rapid mission advance throughout the Far Eastern Division and came into being at the Division's mid-year committee meeting in June, 1972. Dollar devaluation had shaken our leaders and made them take a hard look at the way resources of both people and money were being used. With the result that MARC came about, its work to be setting objectives and allocating resources with the view of obtaining maximum results.

Since then 22 months have rolled by. You have a right to wonder whether anything significant has been accomplished. What has been done?

Master plan

First of all, TARGET 80 came into being. An eight-year master strategy of the future was adopted at the Division's annual committee meeting in November, 1972. Three MARC publications have been printed: a workbook, setting down fundamental principles of TARGET 80 planning; work sheets and planning models, sparking self-study by each unit of the organization; and The Bold Adventure, describing both objectives and strategy to reach until General Conference Session time in 1975.

In order to enter more quickly areas of opening opportunity, an overseas budget has been allocated to MARC. It is the first

budget to be tagged in this manner. Others will follow. The budgets will be used to help local fields exploit opportunities for growth and advance that show unique promise.

A special Mission Advance Reserve Fund of S\$100,000 was established at last year's Far Eastern Division annual council in Manila to be used in giving special assistance to local fields in opening new areas that show unusual growth opportunities.

Already three exciting recommendations have been made:

New worker

First, that the West Indonesia Union make a survey to determine the possibility of placing and housing a literature evangelist and wife on Portuguese Timor.

Second, that the East Indonesia Union open a health and evangelism center in Baliem Valley (known familiarly as Cannibal Valley) in the West Irian Mission to be operated by a national worker in cooperation with W. E. Smith. (Funds for erection of the center to be provided from the Mission Advance Reserve Fund.)

Third, that the West Indonesia Union consider the already rapid development of East Kalimantan and that an overseas missionary be called to do evangelism on the Mahakam River co-ordinating with evangelist-pilot Bill Tol already there.

The Bold Adventure, a daring, united evangelistic outreach strategy for 1974 and '75, is what its name signifies. Four objectives come to mind: Forming small companies in every church as the basis of church effort;

making every church a training school for workers; planting a new church or company of believers for every existing church by mid-1975; and instituting a plan to place a living light in every city, town, and village in the Far Eastern Division.

Bold? Yes.

Possible? Certainly — with God's help.

Division covered

A TARGET 80 Task Force visited the workers of all nine unions from mid-January to mid-March of this year. Nine-day seminars were held, and, judging from the response of our people, these will usher in a new day. Concerning those two months of meetings more will be reported at a later date.

The MARC committee is composed of P. H. Eldridge, chairman; Bruce Johnston, secretary; W. V. Clements, O. C. Edwards, B. E. Jacobs, R. S. Watts, Jr., and R. C. Williams. Their first circulated report concluded with the word "Maranatha," which of course is what MARC is all about—finding ways of hastening the coming of our Lord.

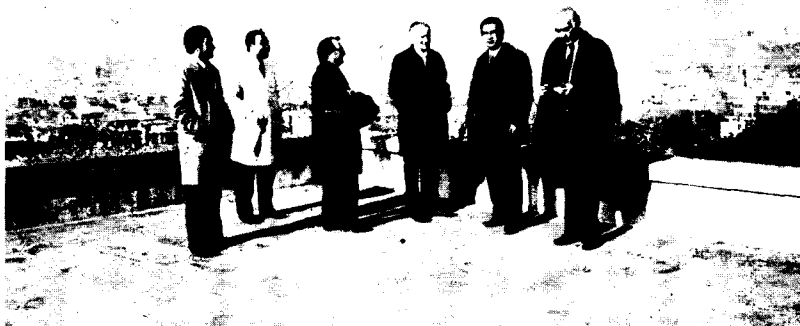
Let's pray wholeheartedly for MARC's success!

FAMILIAR PROGRAM (from page 5)

simple but sturdy structures which make it possible to open the work in new and often primitive areas. Picture these little chapels as I have seen them crammed to the doors and window sills with jungle people eager for the hope our message brings.

Try these mental exercises when the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering time comes around on Sabbath, June 29. You will find a new and satisfying meaning to the old, familiar expression.

Loma Linda Doctors Lecture in Far East



The Loma Linda lecturers get a bird's eye view of Korea's capital city from atop the new Seoul Adventist Hospital. Pictured left to right are Ralph Harris, M.D., H. S. Chung, M.D., Bruce Branson, M.D., Stewart Shankel, M.D., K. Lee, M.D., medical director of the Seoul hospital, and Harold Ziprick, M.D.

A unique overseas medical project sponsored by Loma Linda University began in early January when four medical lecturers were sent to the Far East.

These four physicians, all teaching professors in the university's School of Medicine, formed

the initial group for a project of providing current medical information with lectures, patient rounds and consultation in mission hospitals.

The tour began in Tokyo on January 3 with intensive lecture schedules. About three to four

days were spent in each location which included Tokyo, Seoul, Taipei, Manila, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, and Saigon.

Vietnam interest

Local community physicians also attended in several places, but the largest group to join the Adventist physicians was in Saigon. His Excellency, Tran Minh Tung, M.D., Minister of Health for the Republic of Vietnam, arranged for an evening of special lectures by the group at the assembly room of the Majestic Hotel. Approximately 175 community physicians attended the lectures, including the dean of the Saigon University School of Medicine, Dang Van Chieu, M.D., and all of his senior faculty members.

The Loma Linda professors were especially interested in the former military medical facility, now the Saigon Adventist Hospital, since the Loma Linda University School of Medicine is helping to supply physician specialist staffing.

Carl Bauer, M.D., from the Department of Internal Medicine, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and former missionary physician, is the developer of the plan to provide this upgrading for physicians in areas where there are church-operated medical facilities.

Participants

The group which visited the Far Eastern Division included Bruce Branson, M.D., associate professor of surgery, accompanied by his wife and mother; Ralph Harris, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics, and his wife; Stewart Shankel, M.D., associate professor of internal medicine; and Harold Ziprick, M.D., professor of obstetrics and gynecology and chairman of that department, with his wife. G. Clarence Ekvall, M.D., health secretary for the Far Eastern Division, accompanied the Loma Linda team.

STEWARDSHIP MEDITATIONS

Not Ours, But His

"That which we possess is not our own, but is to be employed in serving Him from whom we have received all we have."

"The sincere Christian appreciates the warning given by Jesus, and is a doer of His word, thus laying up his treasure in heaven, just as the world's Redeemer has told him he should do. . . He has not lost by any means, the power of accumulation; but he employs his active energies in seeking for spiritual attainments; then all his entrusted talents will be appreciated as God's gifts to be employed to His glory. By him property will be prized, not hoarded, valued only inasmuch as it can be used to advance the truth, to work as Christ worked when He was upon the earth, to bless humanity. For this purpose he will use his powers, not to please or glorify self, but to strengthen every entrusted gift that he may do the highest service to God."

"All the favors and blessings we enjoy are alone from Him; we are stewards of His grace and of His temporal gifts."

Week of Prayer Broadens Minister's Experience

By Alberto C. Regoso, Jr.

There are some good reasons for escaping the city—to reach and see new places for fun and adventure. Besides, one needs to have a personal refreshing and also to be better oriented to the spiritual needs of the people, to mingle with them, share their homes and their food, absorb and learn something of their way of life with all its simplicities and complexities.

All of these I experienced when I conducted the Week of Prayer at Tirad View Academy in Tumbaga, Quirino, Ilocos Sur, 32 kilometers beyond the end of the bus line north of Baguio.

Getting there and back was complete with excitement and spectacular scenery. My ride from Manila to Baguio by bus started

the adventure. About 28 kilometers from Baguio, a Manila-bound bus fell into an 80-foot ravine creating one of the longest traffic jams in the history of that city, and later we learned the sad news that 28 passengers perished in the accident.

From Baguio, after a night stop at the mission office, we took another bus in the chilly morning for the trip to Cervantes. And what a panorama! In the clear sun of a cold and windy morning we followed the spine of the whole region with a wide vista stretching in every direction.

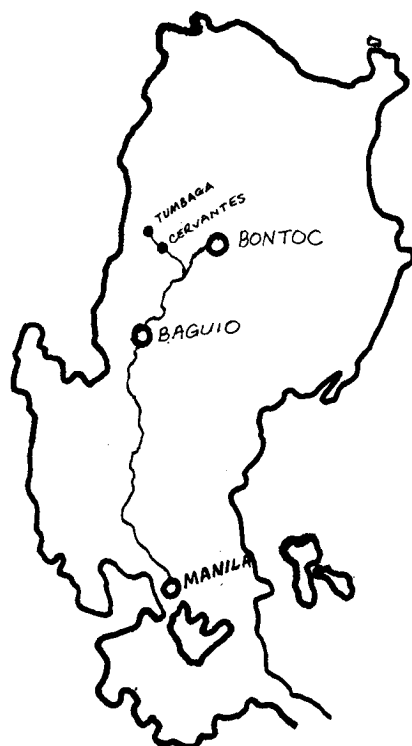
When we reached Cervantes, we waited for about an hour for the Tirad View Academy weapons carrier to transport us to the school. The old-but-reliable "blue carrier" took us through a rugged journey up and down mountains until we reached Tumbaga.

We had four meetings daily: the early morning devotion, daily chapel periods—one for the academy and one for the elementary school—and the evening meetings, which the brethren in the village attended too.

Besides these meetings I held counselling sessions in the morning, visited students in the afternoon, and conducted a daily physical fitness program.

"Christ and Me" was the central theme of the week while our theme song was "Happiness Is the Lord," which made a hit with the students and teachers. Even old folks, who speak only Ilocano, hummed along.

We ended this special week with a communion service and with tears of joy made a covenant to



meet in heaven. In the afternoon I was privileged to baptize eight young people.

I postponed my going home just to see the famous Tirad Pass where the Filipino hero, General Gregorio H. del Pilar, was killed. It was an experience of a lifetime hiking and climbing the mountain trail. Afterwards with aching muscles we boarded the weapons carrier again and waved goodbye to the students and teachers.

One cannot help but think of what our educational program can do in training the more than 200 young people in the service of the Master in this remote and isolated place of Luzon. How I admired that sturdy group of young people and wished there were more like them thirsty for Christian education.

Back home in the city, I cannot forget Tumbaga. My ministry is more complete and richer for this experience.

Alberto Regoso is a pastor in Pasay City, Philippines.



Pastor Regoso baptizes one of eight students at the close of Week of Prayer.

NEWS

FROM THE UNIONS

central philippines

Corwin-Dill Meetings



Jerry Dill in Cebu.

Standing room only was the situation when the Corwin-Dill evangelistic team from the Central California Conference in the United States began their five weeks of meetings in the Capitol Center in Cebu last November. Twenty ministerial workers assisted the effort. In fact, all the ministerial interns in the Central Philippine Union were assigned to help.

An intensive visitation program was launched before the meetings began. Eventually 400 names were on the list, almost more than could be readily handled. Since there were only four meetings a week, the other nights were spent in visiting those who could not be seen during the day.

The baptism of 90 candidates on December 15 was the largest one ever conducted in the Center. Four ministers participated. To date, 143 souls have been baptized, and follow-up work is still going on.

Full participation

Pastors Corwin and Dill were a hard-working team. They and their wives took part in the visitation program and identified with the people by eating with them, becoming acquainted with their joys and sorrows, and praying with them.

"This is the highlight of my ministry," declared Pastor Corwin at the farewell given in their honor.

"I'm amazed at the support the brethren have given us," commented Pastor Dill.

Pages could be written about the experiences of those baptized, but I want to tell you about Manuel Uy, an 18-year-old student in the State

University of Mindanao. As he progressed through high school and into college, he maintained good grades, and things were going well for him.

Then suddenly he reached the turning point in his life. His father died, which meant that his mother and sister would have to subsist on odd jobs. About this time political unrest seized Marawi City where Manuel was studying engineering.

Taking his mother and sister with him, he reached Cebu City hungry and penniless. Kind Adventist neighbors heard of their plight and came to the rescue with food. Manuel searched for work, and his mother washed clothes to help support the family. When the evangelistic meetings started, this young man and his mother attended regularly and were baptized. Now, although still poor in this world's goods, they are happy and rich in the things of God.

Unfinished story

But the story does not end there. Friends in the Cebu church arranged for Manuel to finish his engineering course.

"Engineering was my first love, but since God found me, I have decided to serve Him in the ministry," Manuel decided. Which is why he will attend Mountain View College the next school year.

How thankful we are that God found Manuel and that he responded to His call.—D. M. Niere.

Victories in 1973

The year 1973 was a period of great blessing in the East Visayan Mission, and the field working force celebrated those victories with a two-day gathering in their mission office from December 31. The first day was spent in assessing accomplishments, correcting deficiencies, and setting up plans and objectives for 1974. New Year's Day was spent in a half-day season of prayer and studies from School of Prayer materials. The program ended with a victory and thanksgiving fellowship gathering.

During 1973 there were 1,072 souls baptized in the East Visayan Mission, 66 more than during the previous year. Once again, the Ingathering goal was reached, this year in half the time (two weeks) that it took the year before.

Although the treasury books were closed about a week before the end of the year, they showed an increase of 70,946 pesos in tithes as compared with last year. This is already a 42 percent increase over the tithe income for 1972.

The Calbayog Clinic began its operation the first week of November and immediately was swamped with patients. The four doctors and five nurses could hardly cope with their work, and additional help is needed to ease the strain on the present working force. The outpatient flow of the clinic is even more than that of either the Miller Sanitarium or the Bacolod Sanitarium. Dr. Orville Varona, former assistant medical director of the Bacolod Sanitarium and now chief-of-clinic, reported that their income in the first month of operation was equal to the average monthly income of the Bacolod Sanitarium during its second year of operation.

Recognizing God's blessings during 1973, the workers of the East Visayan Mission have reason to face the new year with optimism and courage.—*L. E. Montana.*

east indonesia

New Administration Building

Completion of the first floor of the new administration building at Mount Klabat College was an exciting event. The classrooms have tile floors and attractively painted walls. Windows and doors are being added step by step.

Teachers are doubling up their schedules in order to fit all classes into the first floor of the building. The second floor is badly needed in order to accommodate classes in a better way. It is hoped to proceed with this next year, but funds are limited.

Since the move into the new administration building, there is a considerable shortage of desks, chairs, and worship room furniture. It is not very convenient, but benches have to be carried from the dining room for church services. Now it will be possible to turn back the maintenance building to the purpose for which it was intended—a garage.

An urgent need at Mount Klabat College is a new boys' dormitory. The three buildings set up temporarily when the school was first started are still in use. Be it said to the credit of these boys—



A new administration building is a welcome addition to Mount Klabat College. Even though the building is not completed and facilities are inadequate, some 250 to 300 students were enrolled in January.

despite the poor condition of their housing, they still seem willing to come. They do need something different, though.

And speaking of students. In the middle of January, when registration was still continuing, 250 had already arrived for the new session, with more to come. It was estimated then that the enrollment could easily reach 300 this year.

Fire Hits Academy

Still limping along after considerable destruction by a typhoon one year ago, another catastrophe hit Waime Academy on January 25. This time it was fire.

An explosion in the building which housed the kitchen, library, a storeroom and classrooms, turned out to be from a kerosene stove in the kitchen. Every student and teacher worked to put out the fire, some making a human line from the blazing building to the well and passing buckets of water from hand to hand down the line.

In an hour the fire was extinguished. So was the kitchen, the school library, and a week's supply of food.

Waime Academy is to receive a portion of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow for the second quarter of 1974. The funds will help replace the damaged facilities.—*R. Wawondatu.*

Pangkor Youth Camp

The South Minahasa Mission of the East Indonesia Union, organized three years ago, is the youngest mission in the Far Eastern Division. The workers began their activities in a rented house.

After receiving an appropriation, land was purchased beside the main road at Tomohon. Then construction of an office building began.

When about 60 percent completed, funds ran out. Mission workers gave a part of their salaries to keep construction going. Church members contri-

buted loyally. Free labor has also been given, both day and night, to help the work along.

In January, before the flooring had been put in and the building painted the office moved to this new location since the three-year contract for the rented house had expired. Early in March the building was finished and the office dedicated. May God bless this new era in the history of the South Minahasa Mission on the island of Celebes.—*N. Ruhupatty.*

korea

Top Enrollment for Korea

With enrollment expected to reach 2,200 this term, the English language schools of Korea have topped all previous enrollment records.

According to language school director M. T. Bascom, approximately 1,300 are enrolled in the Seoul school, more than 520 in Pusan, and a little more than 330 in Kwangju, the newest language school in the union. At the time of his report registration was still in progress.

north philippines

Sales Exceed Million Pesos

In the past, it took five or six years to double the literature sales goal in the Northern Luzon Mission, but this has not been so during the last few years.

In 1971, the sale of subscription literature came up to half a million pesos for the first time. This was considered extra high for the Northern Luzon Mission, since a large portion of its territory is sparsely inhabited.

The following year sales jumped to 700,000 pesos. Last year, the North Philippine Union gave the mission a sales goal of 880,000 pesos. To a human point of view, this was too high, but the publishing leaders and literature evangelists believed that the Lord would bless their efforts.

All rallied to the task, and 1973 became a banner year for the publishing department of the Northern Luzon Mission. The goal was reached in ten months, and for the first time the super goal of one million pesos set by the publishing leaders themselves was exceeded when the sales reached 1,081,000

pesos. The sales record of 1971 had been doubled in two years.

Praise God for His wonderful blessings!



The newly dedicated chapel at Philippine Union College is the result of three projects in one. In addition to the remodeling project, a new organ and approximately 100 pews were added to the chapel.

A Success Story

The recent dedication of the Jackson-Sevrens chapel in Philippine Union College was the culmination of three projects—chapel renovation, securing new chapel pews, and purchasing two new organs.

Chairman of the organ committee was Dr. Richard Figuhr and that of the 1972 Peso Parade was Dr. Leonora Gensolin. February 12, 1972, was declared Peso Parade Day in the North Philippine Union. Faculty and students visited 39 churches. Anne Figuhr, in order to garner more funds, gave organ concerts in seven places: Manila Center, Knox Memorial Church, Ellinwood Church, Union Church, Malabon Protestant Church, Philippine-American Life Insurance auditorium and Philippine Union College auditorium.

All told, 10,000 pesos was raised for the benches and 30,000 pesos for the organs. One Hammond organ and one Yamaha organ were bought. The old Hammond organ was also repaired. Almost a hundred benches were made.

The success story of these three simultaneous and laudable projects demonstrates that many good things can happen when dedicated students and teachers join hands and work together in deeper involvement.—*S. G. Miraflores.*

Publisher Forecasts High Sales

"At the rate Philippine literature evangelists are breaking their yearly sales record, Philippine Publishing House may yet make an all-time high record sale of more than 10 million pesos (US\$1,492,537.31) by the end of 1974," says E. N. Dicen, PPH circulation manager.

This forecast, according to Pastor Dicen, is based on the projected sales of the three Philippine unions. It is noted that during the past 10 years, considerable gains were made by the unions in literature sales. These sales performance records were also reflected in PPH sales.

It was in 1963 when the combined sales of the North and South Philippine Unions gave PPH a total sales of \$163,906.75. In 1968 the North Philippine Union Mission alone made a sales record of some \$150,000, and by 1972 all three unions were making approximately \$150,000 in annual sales.

Incidentally, in 1972, one local mission alone, Central Luzon Mission, reached approximately \$150,000 and last year it doubled its sales.—*F. B. Conopio.*

First Ifugao Baptized

Herminia B. Dulnuan is the first member of the Ifugao tribe in the Philippines to be baptized a Seventh-day Adventist.

The Ifugao tribe resides in the Mountain Provinces of the Philippines. Describing some of the rites of these spirit worshippers, Miss Dulnuan explained, "When they are sick they offer a chicken, a pig or a carabao to the spirits—depending on the degree of the sickness."

"We also bury the dead ten days after they die. Then we remove the bones after two months and store them in the house."

Miss Dulnuan's first association with an Adventist was while she was a student at St. Mary's College in Bayambang, Nueva Ecija. She had occasion to visit the home of an elder of the local Seventh-day Adventist church, and was so impressed by that Christian home that she later made the comment, "If all people were Adventists, this would be a better world."

Today she is a literature evangelist in the Northern Luzon Mission—*S. G. Miraflores.*

south philippines

MVC Reunion

The fruit of the first 20 years of service for Mountain View College was manifest at the TARGET-80 meetings held in Cebu during January. About three-fourths of the workers were MVC alumni.

Dr. A. C. Segovia, president of MVC, announced that the current enrollment of 850 students in the college and nursing school is the largest in its history. While the secretarial, commerce, nursing, and education departments of the college were represented by alumni, the largest single group had studied in the theology department.

Training evaluated

One of the purposes of the gathering was to evaluate the quality of ministerial training provided by the college. In an endeavor to upgrade the preparation of workers for pastor-evangelistic work, a number of changes have been recently adopted. Among them are the following innovations:

A church building class is required of all candidates for graduation. This new requirement is in harmony with one of the new aspects of TARGET 80—church planting.

A second vocational course, survey of agriculture, is another new requirement. Since over 85 percent of the laymen earn their living from the soil, this course will make the young minister more sympathetic to the problems of the average church member.

The men and women of the Bible department participate in barrio evangelism in their third year. Evangelism is the central emphasis of ministerial training on the hilltop. The class conducts a crusade in a neighboring barrio. In the last two calendar years, this soulwinning endeavor has contributed to almost 800 souls that were won to the Lord Jesus.

Mission outreach

Just recently the Bible department has begun a new program of mission outreach. There will soon be four mission schools in remote barrios near the college. Selected young men labor full time in these villages as teachers and pastors. Already whole villages are worshipping in new chapels built by these student missionaries.

A new elective course, radio evangelism, is offered by the department. The facilities of DXCR provide opportunities for practical training. The minister-graduate will be prepared to go on the air over his local radio station with the gospel.

In the pastoral ministry class each senior student serves as a trainee pastor of a nearby church. This program makes it much easier for him to step into a regular district program in a mission.

While this last item is not a requirement, the upper division students are urged to form a team and conduct an evangelistic campaign. During this past

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HELPING HANDS IN CAMBODIA

by Don Roth

The refugee problem in Cambodia is the greatest welfare challenge ever faced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southeast Asia.

Although a dozen volunteer agencies are providing food, medicine and blankets for the more than 2¼ million refugees, none except the Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS) is providing clothing.

Pastor Helton Fisher, the only overseas regular worker in the entire country of Cambodia, reports that the second SAWS shipment of some 400 bales of clothing is rapidly diminishing, and a third request has already been made.

Fisher receives help in distributing clothing from the student missionaries at the English Language Center, Pastor and Mrs. Ng Gan Theo from Singapore, and Rayonne Oye, a young Cambodian girl who was recently baptized and works part-time at the English Language Center.

The arms of the Cambodian government are open for Seventh-day Adventists, reports Bob Grady, director of the SAWS program for Southeast Asia. During a recent visit with government officials, he learned that the government will not only permit

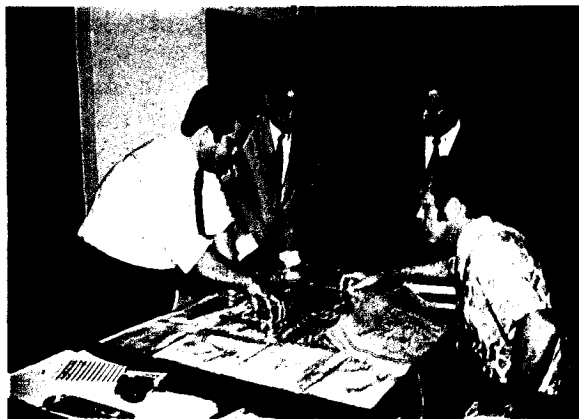
Pretty Rayonne Oye helps bring a thankful smile to the face of this Cambodian refugee.



Bob Grady, SAWS director for Southeast Asia, helps out with clothing distribution to war refugees in Cambodia. This little fellow swam across the Tonle Sap River to get some new clothes.

the construction of a church and a hospital in Phnom Penh, it will provide the land for these buildings absolutely free. So why haven't the projects begun? The war situation, lack of personnel, and lack of money.

Still the work in Cambodia continues to progress. The Lord blesses when men and woman of God are willing to do His work even under the most adverse circumstances.



Cambodian government officials point out to Grady land which is available for an Adventist hospital and church.

Christmas vacation, 170 interests were located by five teams working under this plan.

Mountain View College is dedicated to excellence. In every department there is constant effort to upgrade the quality of the training offered.

—J. H. Zachary.

southeast asia



Though way past retirement age, Pastor Le van Ut is still an active soul-winner. He is pictured above (left) with his son, Le Cong Glao, executive secretary of the Vietnam Mission.

Not Retired at 73

Does retirement mean a cessation of work?

Not when Pastor Le van Ut is the man, for his great burden for souls keeps him involved though he is 73 years old and has already done his full part as a minister for God.

Knowing the dangers of war in the delta area 200 miles southwest of Saigon, Pastor Ut volunteered to shepherd the Vamnhon church there so that a younger man would not have to go. During the Tet offensive several years ago, the building was badly damaged but has since been rebuilt. Now its membership is the second largest in Vietnam.

Last year Pastor Ut baptized 103 souls. This was the second time that he reached that goal. Four years ago he also baptized more than 100 and was the first Vietnamese minister to become a Centurion.

Now 60 percent of the population of Vamnhon are Seventh-day Adventists. Our church members

there look forward to the time when the entire village will have joined the church.

What is the reason for such success? you may ask. Pastor Ut points to our school in the village as the place where seed has been sown. "Now it is time for the harvest," he states.—*Le Cong Glao*.

High Water in Thailand

January floods in Southern Thailand forced people to look for higher ground. Many waded through fast-flowing, chest-high water to reach the elevated classrooms of the Adventist schools in Haadyai where they received rice and shelter at the Thep Umnuay School and the English Language School.

When the waters receded, the local Dorcas Society prepared bags of rice for the parents of children who attend the nearby lamb shelter Sabbath school. Dormitory students of the Thep Umnuay School also delivered 85 bags of rice to people in the area who had suffered losses because of the flood.

Saigon Adventist Hospital News

In the Saigon Chi Hoa Prison every Sabbath morning from eight to ten, Drs. Terry Schmunk and Ross Sinclair, with their nurse wives, assisted by other hospital personnel, conduct Sabbath services. From eight to 14 American prisoners, most of whom are on drugs, attend the Branch Sabbath School and Bible study each week.

To show the men that someone cares, missionary wives send in food each week. Prisoners are also given Bibles and books like *Great Controversy* and *Desire of Ages* to read. Ten have already completed the Voice of Prophecy Bible course.

Aroused from church

On Sabbath, December 15, seven American airmen, injured from an enemy attack while on a mission to identify American dead, were rushed to the Saigon Adventist Hospital. One was dead on arrival.

All doctors, nurses, and medical personnel were called out of church to help with the disaster. The incident caused quite a stir in embassy circles, and a number of high military and diplomatic officials visited our hospital in the course of their investigations.

The attack took place only a few miles from the hospital while the airmen, flying in U.S. Army helicopters, were trying to trace those missing in action. One chopper had just landed, and the other was about to land, when they came under

machine gun and mortar fire. The pilot of one plane was burned to death before he could get out, while the other crew members jumped into the rice paddy and got under water. Of the seven who were admitted to the hospital, one died, one was seriously injured, and three were hospitalized.

Health outreach

Chaplain Pham Truong Thanh is carrying on a varied soulwinning program. Besides visiting and praying with patients at the Saigon Adventist Hospital and giving Bible studies to hospital employees and nursing students, he gives health and evangelistic lectures in the Chieu Hoi (Open Arms) Center and in the prisons. While Dr. Schmunk is conducting a dental clinic in the War Victims Village, Pastor Thanh visits from house to house and conducts a Branch Sabbath School for the children. During the last three years, Pastor Thanh has baptized 130 people.

Top Attendance in Cambodia

Old hatreds of Christianity because of association with colonial powers are being forgotten in Cambodia as a record number turns out to hear about "Survival In Christ," the theme of a 10-day evangelistic series conducted in the Seventh-day Adventist English Language Center in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The short series held February 13-23 came during the time the government had closed all schools for security reasons. Attendance climbed to 80 by the middle of the series and almost every day new interests came to inquire about attending the baptismal classes being conducted in both the morning and the afternoon. Total attendance at these two classes had reached 16 by the middle of the series.—*Helton Fisher.*

West indonesia

Governor's Daughter

The daughter of the governor of Nusa Tenggara Timur, Indonesia, has enrolled in Indonesia Union College as a result of the 1973 field school of evangelism conducted by the college.

Governor El Tary and his wife attended the opening night of the field school and then welcomed the Adventist team into their home. During this visit, Pastor Boaz Dompas, director of the field school, told the governor about the college campus, student work program, and the educational program.

Mrs. El Tary appeared at Indonesia Union College during registration in January with one of her daughters who enrolled in the secretarial science course.

Progress in North Sumatra

The Langkat district of North Sumatra includes rubber and cocoa plantations worked by Javanese Moslems and Karonese spirit worshippers. Early last year the North Sumatra Mission set a goal of 35 baptisms and a tithe income of 400,000 rupiahs for



Former witch doctor Tegap boru Sembiring has accepted Jesus.

this district. These were high goals, for the few members are scattered over vast plantations; but their courage was good, and they determined to do their best.

First of all, a group of laymen were organized who could visit the village people and hold evangelistic meetings. Two elders, M. Situmorang from the Cinta Damai church and N. Sitepu from the Kuala church, led out in this work. They seated the people who attended their meetings on cement blocks and used kerosene lanterns for light. Interest in their message continued.

Freed of spirits

The year before, a lady witch doctor by the name of Tegap boru Sembiring had taken Bible studies from a layman, B. Sarumpaet. This angered the 150 spirits that worked through her, and they threatened to kill her. However, she accepted Jesus as her Saviour and together with her husband was baptized.

On a Sabbath during the latter part of last year, a baptism took place in a river running through the city of Binjai, capital of the Langkat district. Many people witnessed this service, both church members from that area and from Medan, and many village people. At that time 22 souls were baptized, including two children of the Sembirings and their son-in-law.

Happy ending

Do you suppose the 1973 goals of the Langkat district were reached?

Yes, and then some!

Thirty-six souls were baptized during 1973, and tithe totalled 410,000 rupiahs. Certainly this represents the blessing of the Lord on the faithful work of our laymen. Please remember this part of His vineyard in your prayers.—*Rifai Burhanuddin.*

God's Children

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JUNGLE

Not so far away from the racket and business of crowded oriental cities live thousands of small tan-skinned people in the jungles of Southeast Asia—God's children of the jungle. Here more than 200 jungle buildings—chapels, lamb shelters, and schools—have been built to help spread the message of salvation to these people.



Reatha Ekvall, child evangelism director, has the honor of cutting the ribbon at the dedication of a new lamb shelter.

