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deskside chats

Wings and Shadows



Ancient figures of speech sometimes assume startling clarity in a modern setting. Take an expression which occurs repeatedly in the psalms of David.

"How excellent is Thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings." (Ps. 36:7)

David must have had a sharp mental picture of these wings, for he uses this identical expression in at least four different passages and refers to the same idea several other times. His imagination went far beyond the tender protection offered by mother birds to their young. He visualized the great and powerful wings of heavenly messengers commissioned to care for God's children.

Today the symbol assumes far larger dimensions. People finding coolness and shelter in the shadow of wide-spreading wings is an everyday reality. My travels through the tropical islands of the South Pacific frequent-

ly take me to small airstrips where the plane arrivals are big events. Invariably a group gathers under the wings, seeking welcome shelter from either sun or shower. Passengers, crew, baggage handlers, mechanics—all pause to chat or wait or rest. The giant shadow becomes a place of comfortable assurance.

Even a casual visitor to the Judean hills where David spent his life can appreciate his interest in shade. The mid-east sun is relentless. In that nearly treeless wilderness shade is all the more vital because it is so difficult to find. David's keen imagination apparently pictured a great angel whose outspread wings would cast a shadow something like that produced by the pillar of cloud in the days of Israel's wilderness wanderings.

A careful study of David's references to "the shadow of Thy wings," however, reveals that he thought of more than mere shelter from the sun. He makes it clear that the wings symbolize God's total care for His children and the swiftness with which it will be provided. They also emphasize the divine mobility—God's power to move into any situation with any kind of help that may be required.

Today it is just as true as when David first coined the phrase. There is no safer place to put our trust than under the shadow of His wings. —Paul H. Eldridge, President

COVER: No, we didn't dig up this picture from our old photo files. Even in modern 1974 there are still some places in this world where the missionary leads the stereotyped mission life with naked natives, grass huts, and Sabbath school picture rolls. Bill Smith of West New Guinea is one of those missionaries. See story on page 4.

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S. M. Kim and family

Korean Missionary

S. M. Kim is the first Korean called as a missionary in Japan to serve the Koreans who live in the Tokyo area. Pastor Kim has been a church pastor for many years and most recently served as business manager of the Seoul Adventist Hospital. Mrs. Kim has worked as an academy teacher for more than 15 years.

Congratulations, Graduate

At the age of 21 Ophelia Miraflores has defended her thesis for a master of arts degree in chemistry education at Ateneo in the Philippines. She has been also working as a graduate assistant at Philippine Union College. Miss Miraflores was former editor of the PUC newspaper and yearbook and was an active student leader.



Miraflores

Clinic Business Manager

Fred Schlehuder is the business manager of the Guam Clinic in the Seventh-day Adventist Mission—Guam/Micronesia. Since 1946 he has served as missionary in Tanzania, Kenya, Ceylon, and Pakistan.

Singapore to Canada

After 11 years at the Far Eastern Division headquarters office in Singapore Sharon Wu is migrating to the cooler climate of Toronto, Canada. Mrs. Wu served for many years as receptionist at the front desk and did secretarial work for the department of education. Most recently she has been working in the education department and the department of health.



Bedwells

Farewell to Bedwells

Farewell wishes were extended to Elder and Mrs. H. W. Bedwell as they left the Far Eastern Division office recently. Elder Bedwell came to the Far East in 1952 as editor at the Philippine Publishing House. He later added the responsibility of manager of the house. In 1959 the North Philippine Union Mission called him as secretary-treasurer, a post he held until 1962 when he was called to the Southeast Asia Union Mission in the same capacity. He later served as president of SAUM. The Far Eastern Division called him in 1966 as secretary; in 1970 he was named field secretary; and his most recent post was assistant treasurer.

50,000 Missionaries

According to the Missions Advanced Research and Communication Center, Protestant missionaries now number between 50,000 and 55,000. Sixty-five to 70 percent of the missionary personnel come from North America and serve in other areas of the world. The editors of the agency's "Mission Handbook" estimate that 393 million dollars was spent in the operation of the mission programs of the North American agencies.

Faith Healings Reported

More than 200 persons attending the First World Conference on the Holy Spirit claim they suddenly found themselves "free from grave ailments" following a faith healing service. Some 4,600 persons attended the conference in Jerusalem. Insofar as the reported "healings" at the conference were concerned, local medical authorities refrained from comment. They said they preferred long term observation before deciding how genuine cancer, bursitis, arthritis and other illnesses may be.

Jewish Repopulation Plan

A proposal that Jewish couples have at least three children each to rebuild the world's Jewish population decimated by the Nazis drew a favorable reaction from a leading Reform rabbi. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said that "historic justice demands that we be permitted to extend our numbers if only to fill those places left vacant by our martyrs." He said a third of the Jewish people were "butchered in the holocaust." He contends that "historical justice" takes precedence over the problem of over-population.

Reaching Out in the Far East

by W. V. Clements

When Jesus spoke to that small group assembled on a mountain in Galilee commanding them to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," He was also speaking to all who labor throughout the broad harvest field today. What a challenge this becomes when we think of reaching the thousands living along the mosquito and crocodile infested waters of New Guinea and Borneo, the masses crowded together in oriental cities, or those living on the numerous isolated islands in the Far East.

The challenge to finish the work quickly in this division has been enthusiastically accepted by our workers. A Missions Advance Research Committee has been set up to give study and make plans for the accomplishment of this momentous task. Special emphasis has been given to entering and establishing the work in the more primitive areas.

Four airplanes have now been assigned to assist in this endeavor. The Sarawak Mission, with headquarters in Kuching, is carrying on an extensive program with the help of their plane to take them into the villages. A plane donated by The Quiet Hour group is now in service assisting in the mission outreach program being conducted by

W. V. Clements is Sabbath school secretary of the Far East Division.

students of Mountain View College in the southern Philippines. Pastor Bill Tol will soon be heading up the work on the Mahakam River in southern Borneo where a plane, as well as a boat, have been assigned. Pastor Bill Smith just recently came to Singapore to pick up the new Cessna 185 and has returned to open up the work in the interior of western New Guinea.

In September, 1972, it was my privilege to be in New Guinea and to share in the thrilling experience of making the survey trip with Pastor Smith into Cannibal Valley to see if we could make plans to establish the work in this isolated area, which is said to be the most primitive on earth. (See June 21, 1973, issue of the Review and Herald for story, "Breakthrough in New Guinea's Cannibal Valley.") May I share with you a recent letter just received from Pastor Smith.

Dear Bill:

I wish you could have been with me last week beside the government airfield at Wamena in Cannibal Valley. A year ago when you and I made the first survey trip into the area we had wondered how we could get a center started at this district headquarters. How wonderfully the Lord has opened the way even beyond what we had dared to hope for.



His attire may be different from that of other men in the world, but the New Guinea native's heart is searching for Christ's love too.

Mr. Rumbiak, government head of this district, stood beside me at the airfield pointing out the site to be given for our base and center. God's hand was so obvious in it all that we are filled with gratitude to Him as He is so far ahead of us in establishing His work here.

Mr. Rumbiak is a native Seventh-day Adventist civil servant on the administrator level—the only such Adventist in the entire country, and the government assigned him to this very area. He has been settled but two months and already has a Branch Sabbath School established with over thirty attending, and he has arranged for this choice piece of property to be given to the church. I can just picture in my mind the jungle chapel that we hope can soon be erected on this property.

I am sure you will remember the chief down river who requested that we open our first interior mission station in his village. Mr.



Matius, the first baptized Seventh-day Adventist from the highlands of Western New Guinea, with W. V. Clements, Far Eastern Division Sabbath school secretary, discusses plans for building a jungle chapel with the residents of his village. Several years ago Matius left this village to work in the government district headquarters. He showed such promise that the government sent him to the coast for formal education and God led him to the Adventist academy at Doyo Baru.

Rumbiak has visited him and he wonders why we have been delayed in coming. We had hoped to be there in September, but endless paper work on getting the plane imported has forced us to delay that beginning.

An airstrip has been constructed near the Membramo River where Dr. Oosterwal pioneered, and I will soon be moving a worker back into that area. We hope to build a jungle chapel there as soon as possible.

A score of other areas are asking and waiting for our help. Tremendous opportunities are open to us now. We hope we can answer their calls for assistance. We are looking forward to our share in the coming Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow, for jungle chapels are urgently needed in each place we enter to help establish a congregation. May we send along our gratitude in advance to all who will have a part in

helping us erect these jungle chapels to serve as beacons of light to dispel heathen darkness.

As this letter was received at the Division office in Singapore, you may be sure our hearts were also filled with gratitude for surely the hand of Providence can be clearly seen in placing Mr. Rumbiak in this strategic position. Plans are under way to establish a center in Wamena from which to reach out into nearby villages.

Hundreds of places in other countries where jungle chapels are needed could be added to those from New Guinea as listed in Pastor Smith's letter. Experience and observation have taught us that where it is possible to erect a building to be used first for evangelism, and then for a church, we are more successful in establishing and holding a congregation. In these more primitive areas, however, the people are usually very poor and have little or no money to provide

materials for a church. For this reason, we are looking hopefully to Sabbath school members around the world for assistance in building jungle chapels.

Three of our academies will also share in the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow and will thereby be enabled to improve their facilities so they can better meet the need for more trained workers.

May we thank you for the wonderful way you have supported us in the past with your prayers and your offerings. Inflation and dollar-devaluation are making it increasingly more difficult to carry on a strong work. This year marks one hundred years of mission service for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Surely the hour is growing late and what we do must be done quickly, but there is still a tremendous task to be finished in the Far East. Please continue to pray for us and remember our needs as you plan for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.



A happy New Guinea mother and her baby attend meetings held by Missionary Bill Smith. This young mother anticipates soon attending Pastor Smith's meetings in a new jungle chapel which will be built with funds from this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow.

National Missionary Departures

by Don Roth

A total of 38 national missionaries left their homelands in the Far Eastern Division during 1973 to serve in overseas mission work. This includes new appointees and those returning from furlough.

Most of the group comes from the Philippines, but also from Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Korea. The complete list by months follows:

JANUARY

Dr. and Mrs. Francis Solivio and three children, from the Philippines to Bangladesh, medical director; Serafin Fadri, returning from furlough in the Philippines to New Guinea, college teacher.

FEBRUARY

Enedina Habla, from the Philippines to Fiji, teacher; Mr. and Mrs. Ng Gan Theow, from Singapore to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to study Cambodian language.

MARCH

Dr. and Mrs. Abelardo Osorio and child, from the Philippines to Bangladesh, hospital staff physician; Pastor and Mrs. Wong Yew Seng and three children, from Malaysia to Bangkok, Thailand, church pastor; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Poblete and one child, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Kenya, teacher at Bugema College; Naomi Arit, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Singapore, office secretary.

APRIL

Velma Cuizon, from the Philippines to Taipei, Taiwan, office secretary; Kizo Kubo, from Japan to Asuncion, Paraguay, self-supporting missionary; Shozo Kishida, from Japan to Asuncion, Paraguay, self-supporting missionary.

JUNE

Lenora Cacal, from the Philippines to Palau, Micronesia, teacher

at Palau Academy; Nerie Bocala, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Nairobi, Kenya, lab technician; Regelia Gayoba, from the Philippines to Karachi, Pakistan, hospital teacher/secretary; Myrna Pallasa, from the Philippines to Songa Hospital, Africa, nurse; Pastor and Mrs. Jonathan Foo, returning from furlough in Malaysia to Saigon, South Vietnam, pastor; Mary Aquino, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Bangkok, Thailand, hospital secretary.

JULY

Melba Cabardo, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Taipei, Taiwan, office secretary.

AUGUST

Rebecca Acot, from the Philippines to Bangkok, Thailand, secondary teacher; Toshiharu Yamaji, from Japan to Asuncion, Paraguay, self-supporting missionary; T. Y. Billones, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Phuket, Thailand, hospital business manager; Diosdado Corpus, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Thailand, departmental secretary; E. L. Elumir, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Haad Yai, Thailand, hospital business manager; F. Gutierrez, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Thailand, secondary school teacher at Ekamai School; A. L. Pangan, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Thailand, departmental secretary.

SEPTEMBER

E. T. Oliverio, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Hong Kong, lab technician at the Tsuen Wan Hospital.

OCTOBER

Pastor and Mrs. A. N. Santiago and three children to Singapore, associate publishing secretary of the Division; Elsjé Laloan, from

Indonesia to Karachi, Pakistan, nurse; Nurmalo Tambunan, from Indonesia to Karachi, Pakistan, nurse; Femmy Weley, from Indonesia to Karachi, Pakistan, nurse.

NOVEMBER

Isabel Eje, from the Philippines to Hong Kong, teacher at South China Adventist College; Elizabeth Sapigao, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Penang, Malaysia, nurse; Narcisa Pulanca, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Penang, Malaysia, nurse; Rachael Gayoba, returning from furlough in the Philippines to Karachi, Pakistan, nurse.

DECEMBER

Pastor and Mrs. Sim Chor Kiat, from Singapore to Kuching, Sarawak, pastor; Eun Hee Kim, from Korea to Hong Kong, nurse; Kathy K. F. Ho, from Singapore to Bangkok, Thailand, teacher; Amy B. J. Tan, Singapore to Bangkok, Thailand, teacher.

Southern Asia Division Moved to Washington

Instability to world economy has dictated removal of the headquarters of the Southern Asia Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists from India.

After more than half a century in Poona, India, the office directing funding for the denomination's work in India, Pakistan, Burma, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka will be headquartered in Washington, D.C.

An advisory body, known as the Southern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists Company, will remain in Poona. According to India's recent legislation no money is permitted to leave that country. Since the Southern Asia Division must disburse funds for the church's work in all the countries of Southern Asia, it must now carry on this function from outside India.

Oxford Sociologist Analyzes Adventist Church and Mission

"To be in but not of the world was no doubt always difficult. In the modern world, it appears to be more difficult than ever, but that appears to be the continuing struggle for which Seventh-day Adventists have prepared themselves, and which they are continuing—not without success—to wage," said Dr. Bryan Wilson, professor of sociology of religion at All Souls College, Oxford, England, in a recent address at Andrews University.

Dr. Wilson presented a sociological view of the Adventist church and Adventist mission as part of the Centennial Conference on Mission at AU.

Author of numerous books on sociology and religion, Dr. Wilson has devoted most of his research to the study of religious movements and has worked with several minority religious movements in Britain and Africa.

Many-sided

In his analysis of the Adventist church, he noted that Adventism is many-sided and this is both a strength and a source of problems. "However, despite its size, the church has managed to maintain many of the features of community in the face of an increasingly impersonal society," said Wilson.

Addressing the topic of Adventist mission, Wilson said that the one factor which has compelled missionary activity more than any other is the powerful expectation of an imminent second advent.

"However, the real difference between Seventh-day Adventists and other denominations is the extent to which Adventists recognize religious identity as a man's

primary identity," said Wilson.

"The loyal Seventh-day Adventist is an Adventist before he is anything else," he continued. "The most important thing to know about an Adventist, in the mission field or elsewhere, is that he is an Adventist. As long as that condition obtains, the prospects for any measure of close cooperation between Adventists and other Christians must be rather severely circumscribed."

Assumption

He noted that Protestant denominations have established missions which operate on a voluntaristic assumption. "The very possibility of choice is not easily assimilated in cultures where social obligations are mandatory," he said.

Wilson showed that although the conflict with the local culture is unusually sharp, missions in general have succeeded in making their point clear and getting considerable acceptance for it among the native population.

"What Seventh-day Adventism does in effect is not to set men alight, perhaps not even to make them impatient about the advent," said Wilson. "It provides a framework of orderly life in which many

Tithe Topped

Tithe income for the fourth quarter of 1973 topped the \$1 million mark for the first time in the Far Eastern Division, announces G. O. Bruce, Division treasurer. "While this is not a large amount for some parts of the world, it certainly is a record for the Far East," he added. The exact amount was \$1,007,199.

of the principal needs for social security are met. In this respect the church is grappling with important social and economic problems.

"If the Adventist position means anything at all," he continued, "then it demands that tribal and ethnic identity must be set aside for another identity which is taken to be primary. If this is so, then Adventist mission is also grappling with political problems."—*Andrews University release.*

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June 29**

Professor Writes Adventist History

Dr. Richard W. Schwarz, chairman of the history department at Andrews University, has been appointed by a General Conference study committee to write the first college textbook devoted to Seventh-day Adventist denominational history.

According to Dr. Schwarz, the text will be designed for use in one-quarter or one-semester courses for sophomores and juniors in Adventist colleges.

"This will be principally an interpretative textbook," said Schwarz. "It will not be just a catalog of places, people, and events, but rather a history of action portraying the church's development, organization, theology, sense of mission, and how it spread from a North American institution to a world-wide organization."

NEWS

FROM THE UNIONS

east indonesia

Youth Club

The four churches of Tinoor, Kakaskasen, Tomohon, and Sarongsong comprise the Tomohon district of the South Minahasa Mission. In this area are about 60 young people for whom a social club was organized a few months ago by Wim Kalalo of the Sarongsong church.

The purpose of this club is to train its members for evangelistic activities and provide recreation. The meetings are rotated among these four churches.

In January the club met at Sarongsang where its members enjoyed social activities. A number of non-Adventist youth and parents were present as well. Even the chief of the village participates in our young people's activities. The club builds friendship and is good PR for our church.

Seventh-day Adventist parents are invited to participate occasionally that they may understand the needs of our youth.—*N. Ruhupatty.*

Bawoleo Clinic

The island of Tagulandang is one of the districts in the Sangihe-Talaud Mission in the East Indonesia Union. On this small island, with a population of not more than 200,000, we have five organized churches. Of these, the Bawoleo church is the largest, with a membership of almost 100.

For a long time the brethren on this island have felt the need for a clinic. There is but one government clinic on the island, the only means of transportation to it being a motorboat or canoe. When the sea is rough, a sick person has to be carried by men on foot over steep mountain trails.

Two years ago the members of the Bawoleo church determined to build a clinic. The village government was very pleased with this project and donated building materials and sent volunteer laborers to help without cost in the work of construction. In two years a permanent building for a clinic was completed.



Brother and Sister Manoppo pose in front of the new Bawoleo Clinic which they are operating. Pleased with the prospects of a new clinic in their village, the local government donated building materials and provided volunteer laborers to build this facility.

But then another problem developed. Who would be the nurse in this clinic? A call was placed for Brother and Sister Manoppo from the Bandung Adventist Hospital. Both are graduate nurses. Would this couple accept the challenge to return to their native island while others were receiving calls from other places with promise of better pay? Fortunately, this consecrated couple decided to help.

Last December the new clinic was officially opened. J. S. Maramis, Sangihe-Talaud Mission president, was the speaker and emphasized the importance of medical work as the right arm in proclaiming the gospel. The Bawoleo church turned the administration of the clinic over to the mission.

Hundreds of people from neighboring villages are coming for medical treatment. Though there is still a lack of modern equipment and sufficient medicine, many who have come testify that they were healed. We believe that the Lord's healing power is manifest.—*P. H. Rolle.*

North Celebes Academy

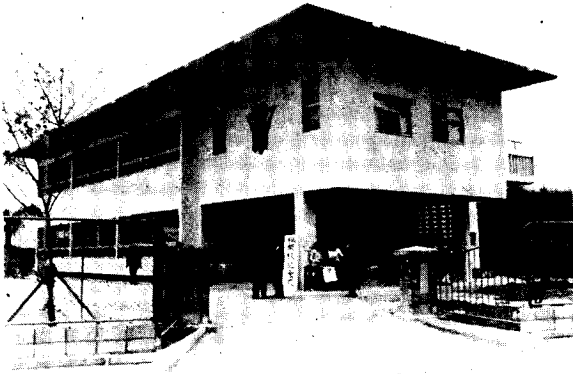
In January O. L. Heinrich, public relations secretary of the Southern Union Conference in the United States, visited North Celebes Academy at Kawangkoan to take pictures and record music for "Mission Spotlight." This tape-recorded program,

available to Adventist churches in North America, will feature the academy as one of the recipients of the forthcoming Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow to be taken worldwide on June 29.

Pastor Heinrich spoke at the Sabbath service, recorded the congregational singing and the special music. He also interviewed H. Walalangi, academy principal, and one of the guests.

The staff and students of the North Celebes Academy will greatly appreciate your generous offering on this coming Thirteenth Sabbath.—*N. Ruhupatty.*

japan



The new primary school building in Nishihara, in the southern part of Okinawa, was officially opened in February. This school serves the members of six area churches.

New School Building

February 24 was an important milestone for the Seventh-day Adventist believers of the Okinawa Mission. Despite inclement weather, the new two-story concrete primary school building, erected at a cost including land of US\$135,000, was opened in an impressive ribbon-cutting ceremony before government and community leaders, Japan Union representatives, mission officers, and parents and church members.

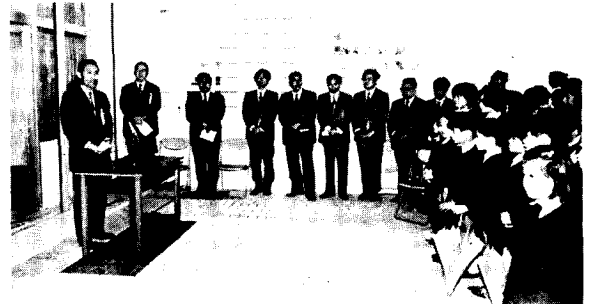
Due to inadequate facilities, enrollment in the old school building had been limited to around 30 students. Enrollment for the new year is about 60, and it is expected that the maximum capacity of 120 will be reached in two or three years' time.

The new school is located in Nishihara, a rural area in the southern part of Okinawa and is readily accessible to the six churches it serves. The building is situated on four-fifths of an acre of land overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Plans call for the addition

of a third floor which will include two more classrooms as well as a combined recreation hall-auditorium.

The original school was begun 21 years ago as an act of faith by E. E. Jensen, the first Okinawa Mission president, and the less than 70 church members. The first army surplus quonset that was adequate for the one teacher and nine students has since completely depreciated in value with the help of rust and white ants. With the reversion of the islands to Japan in May of 1972 and the government emphasis on improving the education level, the need to upgrade our church school became imperative. However, devaluation of the US dollar and runaway inflation in Okinawa just at the time construction was getting under way were a challenge to the faith and vision of the believers.

To those of us who live and work in Okinawa, this building is more than steel, glass and concrete. It is also more than a beautiful new school building. It is a witness to the vision, faith and commitment to the principles of Christian education of the 1,000 Seventh-day Adventists in this mission and to the miracle-working power of God.—*Warren I. Hilliard.*



The children who will attend the new school in Nishihara were placed in the front rows during the dedication services. M. Inada, Japan Union education secretary, is at the speaker's stand.

korea

Braille VOP Lessons

The Korean Voice of Prophecy has begun printing Bible correspondence lessons in Braille. It is estimated that there are 100,000 blind people in the country. S. H. Park is in charge of presenting the gospel to the blind.

Five years ago Brother Park lost his sight as a result of brain surgery. At that time he was deeply disappointed, but fortunately he can continue his ministry through this new project.



S. H. Park, who lost his own eyesight five years ago, leads out in the ministry to the blind in Korea.

The funds to start this work came from Mrs. Marian Kang, a nurse in one of our hospitals in the United States. She worked for ten months, even doing night duty, to save the US\$4,000 which she donated for this new project.—*T. C. Kim.*

Honoring the Elderly

About 200 retired ministers, church elders, and their wives met for a special New Year's dinner prepared by Korean Union leaders according to the national custom of honoring the aged at the beginning of every year. Mrs. Nam, 92, who was married to a minister, was the oldest woman at the party. After the dinner, the church leaders honored the guests and greeted them.—*T. C. Kim.*

north philippines

They Rode With Angels

Three literature evangelists rode in a jeepney but were charged fare for six passengers. The driver insisted there were six. The colporteurs as firmly insisted there were only three. Finally, with much reluctance the jeepney driver gave back the fare for the three extra passengers.

The trio, Resurrecion Pantilon, Elizabeth Gocheco, and Gilda de Guzman, went to the Pasig church in

Rizal early one Wednesday evening. Angels sang with them. People in the neighboring homes heard beautiful voices like those of an organized choir. They looked toward the church. Even children came around to listen.

Interviewed later at the Central Luzon Mission's literature evangelist institute recently, "We heard the sweet voices ourselves," the ladies admitted. "We knew angels were singing with us."

Experiences like these could be multiplied many times over with our colporteurs and Ingatherers. We're glad that God is in charge of His work.—*S. G. Miraflores.*

Results from Stewardship

Something wonderful has happened at the Pasay Adventist Church as a result of the Stewardship Guidance Program. After learning the true concept of Christian stewardship, 163 members made a covenant with God. Doctors, nurses, teachers, bankers, institutional workers and others surrendered their lives to Christ and pledged to give Him their time, talents, means and all they possessed to His service.

What has been the result? 95 baptisms. Three Voice of Prophecy graduations. Two Vacation Bible Schools with 180 children graduating. 25 Branch Sabbath Schools with 500 children in attendance. Bible studies and prison work conducted by laymen. A Dorcas society active in providing for the poor. 30,000 pieces of missionary literature distributed. The Ingathering goal of 15,000 pesos was exceeded by 4,000 pesos. And all the departments of the church are active in various lines of endeavor.

For the first time a budget was adopted to finance the needs of the church. Aside from regular church operating, we faced the task of finishing the church building construction and supporting our elementary school. A budget was voted last year, and as our suggested giving guide, the church adopted 5% as the goal and put a lot of the faith factor in it.

Church members reacted in various ways. Some appreciated the feeling of order and system in the financial responsibilities of the church. One member thought it would be difficult to give an additional 5%, especially at a time of increasing prices, but after trying the program, she realized that many blessings came. Another was happy that there were no more pastoral appeals for money during the preaching service.

At the close of 1973, there was a surplus of 9,000 pesos in church funds on hand. Construction of the new church building and the elementary school

had been completed with a 4,000 peso subsidy still not used.

Without the stewardship program, the Pasay Adventist Church gave 28,108 pesos for missions during the first quarter of 1973. With the stewardship program, donations to missions increased to 57,093 pesos during the fourth quarter of the same year.

Church funds during the first quarter of 1973 (without the stewardship program) amounted to 16,556 pesos. With the program, during the last quarter of the same year church funds contributed were more than double—33,560 pesos.

Just recently the church voted a bolder and bigger project with a six-month budget of 31,303 pesos. We are sure that as we pledge anew our time, talents, means and all to the Lord, the work will soon be finished.—*Alberto C. Regoso, Jr.*

Largest Ever

Fifty-one students of Northern Luzon Academy were baptized on January 26 after the second semester Week of Prayer conducted by S. G. Miraflores, editor of the Philippine Publishing House. Juanito Afiner, principal of the school, described the group as the largest to be baptized following a Week of Prayer.

southeast asia

Pangkor Youth Camp

"This is my first camping experience with Christian friends. It is so different from other camps I have attended. I have enjoyed every minute. It helps me come closer to Jesus."

This was a remark made by a non-Adventist youth during the youth camp held at Pangkor Island following the Reach Out For Life crusade conducted by Evangelist Joshua Chong at the Kuala Lumpur Seventh-day Adventist Church recently.

Pangkor Island, a beautiful holiday resort situated off the west coast of Malaya, is well equipped with Malaysian huts and provides an atmosphere conducive to relaxation and fellowship with the Lord and the brethren. Of the 35 campers, about half were young people who became interested in the advent message through the crusade meetings.

The campfire held on the last night of the camp when each unit presented their impromptu items brought lasting memories to everyone. This youth camp was directed by Peter Lau, who has

the vision to push forward youth evangelism in a stronger way during the coming year. Praise the Lord for what camping can do for our youth.

—*Jonathan Ng.*

Vietnam School Dedicated

Hundreds of Vietnamese Adventists witnessed the dedication of the new Cholon Adventist School on January 12.

The three-story school building presently has only two floors completed. The third floor is partially finished. In 1971 the school had an enrollment of some 300 in five grades, but it has more than doubled in size now with 654 students in seven grades.

In his dedicatory message R. S. Watts, Jr., president of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, said that the Cholon school has been established and operated on funds raised by the local church members without financial assistance from the denomination, and he commended the members on this fine example for other churches in the union.

—*Bernie Donato.*

Montagnard Church

On the last Sabbath of 1973, the first Seventh-day Adventist church building among the Montagnards was dedicated at Rochai, a mountain village 40 kilometers southwest of Dalat in the central highlands. The occasion was historic for many reasons.

The Montagnards of Vietnam are mountain people, animists who worship the spirits that, they believe, inhabit trees, streams, mountains, and other natural objects. The war had driven these members of the Kohor tribe from their original homes. They had come to Rochai with most of their belongings on their backs. Poor? Yes, in worldly possessions. But not poor in spirit, as subsequent events amply proved.

The village of Rochai has a population of approximately 2,000 people, among whom are 300 Seventh-day Adventists. For many years they had hoped to build a church where they could worship the God they love, but it seemed way beyond them. According to their estimate, a church building would cost no less than VN\$2 million (US\$4,000).

Ha Doi, their Montagnard pastor, called upon his members to sacrifice. Each one pledged VN\$5,000 (US\$10), but as it turned out, that wasn't sufficient, and the members finally turned in twice that figure. The church building was finished last November. The contribution from each member represented

at least three months' earnings, to say nothing of the free labor donated. Now their church is valued at more than VN\$3 million (US\$6,000).

December 29 was day of rejoicing. More than 300 church members and their friends attended the dedication services. The mayor of Dalat City and the chief of Tuyen Duc Province were there. Also present were the officers of our Vietnam Mission and representatives from sister churches and the Saigon Adventist Hospital.

In the afternoon, Ha Quanh, a mountain worker, was ordained to the gospel ministry. Another special service was the baptism of 30 candidates who joined the Rochai church.

We praise the Lord for His goodness in the completion of this church—*Le Cong Gia*.

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Four-Day Institute

More than 300 literature evangelists from eight local missions in the West Indonesia Union met at Indonesia Union College last December for a four-day institute. They studied how to become more efficient workers for God and laid plans for *The Bold Adventure* in the publishing ministry.

N. G. Hutauruk, West Indonesia Union president, declared in his message at the opening of the institute, "Literature evangelists are called by God to do a special work for Him. If faithful, they will finally hear His voice saying, 'Well done.'"

Impressive instructions during this institute were given by D. A. McAdams, publishing secretary of the General Conference, who described the important role of the publishing ministry as being a work of "face to face, mind to mind, and heart to heart." It is a spiritual work, and the literature evangelists must be spiritual men and women.

S. D. Pangborn, publishing secretary of the Division, gave a special study on "The Mysterious Principle of Growth." He urged that each literature evangelist, like the tiny redwood seed, should grow mentally, physically, and spiritually in God's service.

We are thankful to the Lord for our good leaders in the local missions and their assistants, also for the managers of the Adventist Book Centers, for the wonderful work they are doing. What a help it is that our administrators always give their full support to the publishing program. The literature evangelists

in this union are of good courage.

Sales in 1973 totaled 135,000,000 rupiahs, a 64 percent gain over the previous year. The goal for 1974 was set, and with the help of the Lord we hope to reach it: literature evangelists increased to 500, selling 150,000,000 rupiahs of literature, and winning 450 souls to the Saviour.—*M. H. Wauran*.

Organ at IUC



A new electronic Yamaha organ has just been installed at Indonesia Union College. This is the first organ the college has had. It will be used in the chapel for all sacred programs at the school and will also provide an instrument that students can learn to play.

The organ is a donation to the college from funds received through the sale of a sacred record album made by David and Charlotte Dennis, who served as missionaries in Indonesia for several years.

Ordination



R. H. Tauran, academic dean of Indonesia Union College, and J. K. Nainggolan, radio-TV secretary of the West Indonesia Union, were ordained to the gospel ministry in a service held at the Jakarta Evangelistic Center. It was during the TARGET 80 workers' retreat of the West Indonesia Union, held from February 22 to March 3 when 200 workers from eight missions were in attendance.

Participating in the ordination service were: P. H. Eldridge, Far Eastern Division president; N. G. Hutauruk, P. L. Tambunan, C. G. Oliver, and A. M. Bartlett, president, secretary, treasurer, and ministerial secretary respectively of the West Indonesia Union; W. L. Wilcox, circulation manager of the Indonesia Publishing House; and A. Simorangkir, Indonesia Union College president.—*J. R. Sumual*.