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FAR EASTERN DIVISION

# outlook



# deskside chats

## Implementers



From a 2800-year-old dialog between two angry kings comes a bit of wisdom as modern as tomorrow.

Said king number one: "The gods do so unto me, and more also, if . . ." and he added a brash comment about the prowess of his army.

Replied king number two: "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off" (1 Kings 20:10, 11).

Sage counsel for all of us. Careful plans, adequate preparation, sufficient personnel, well-defined objectives, detailed guidelines—all of these and the people who produce them are essential. An optimistic outlook creates a favorable atmosphere. Success, however, is measured not by preparation or prediction but by accomplishment. In the final reckoning the biggest credit for the world's work goes to the doers, the steady faithful who translate paper programs into visible reality.

The long list of professions—lawyers, doctors, preachers, teachers, engineers, etc.—should add a new category: implementers.

These are the people who turn studies into diplomas, plans into statistics, architect drawings into temples, military strategy into victory, negotiations into treaties. And the church needs them just as much as the world does. Here it is the implementers who turn Bible studies into baptisms and committee actions into completed projects.

I remember one of these implementers from long years ago. A mission executive with a full load of responsibility, he was also working on a doctorate in philosophy. One day on a crowded train where we were standing in the entry way, I saw him place his briefcase on the floor between his feet, take out a clipboard, and with his back braced against the car continue writing on his dissertation. He collected his Ph.D. all right and went on to a long series of other notable accomplishments. He was an implementer.

It may sound old-fashioned, but blessed be the man who can read the blueprints, interpret the policy, follow the instructions, solve the problems, take the responsibility, and keep going on and on and on until the job is done.

Are you an implementer?

Cordially,

Paul H. Eldridge, President

*COVER GIRL: Asian children have three things in common. They all have black hair, black eyes and cute smiles. Typical of the millions of children throughout the territory of the Far Eastern Division is this charming little Chinese miss snapped by Dave Roth.*

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# people IN THE NEWS

## President's Award

Dr. H. W. Miller, veteran medical pioneer in China, has received an Award of Commendation from President Nixon for his humanitarian work. In describing the "China Doctor" one Stateside newspaper wrote, "Dr. Harry Willis Miller, who is spiritually 22, physically 65, and chronologically 94. . ."



Miller

Though in "retirement" now, he is busy at work in the Loma Linda area while still concerned about the Far East, especially Hong Kong where he spent 14 years.

It gives us great satisfaction to learn that he is doing well and enjoying a busy program of active service since his return last year for health reasons. His type of active service can be best described by a sentence in his letter.

"I keep going as best I can, and it seems my time is fully occupied."

## Mission Appointments

More missionaries headed overseas for Seventh-day Adventist assignments in 1973 than in the previous year, reports Clyde O. Franz, secretary of the General Conference.

In a report to delegates of the spring business council in Washington, D. C., Franz stated that 704 missionaries left their homeland last year, more than half of them (419) from North America. Of this number, he said 388 were returning to their mission posts after furlough.

The report listed 185 as newly assigned workers going from North

Being able to render service to the last minute is the best type of life we human beings can expect to have in this world.—B. W. Loh.

## Volunteers



Hornings

Recently retired teacher from Loma Linda Academy, J. Hal Horning has accepted a call to serve at Palau Mission Academy in the Seventh-day Adventist Mission, Guam-Micronesia. The Hornings recently visited the Far Eastern Division while on a trip around the world, and when returned to the States, made plans to come to this part of the world as volunteers. Mr. Horning is assisting in a building program at the Palau school.

## Increase

America to overseas posts for the first time.

In addition to the 704, there were 435 volunteer missionaries and nationals returning to their homelands for service after completing study programs.

Franz says, "The greatest single need in the mission field is for physicians." It often becomes necessary for a doctor at a mission hospital to remain far beyond furlough time because no relief physician can be found. "Last year 65 physicians accepted overseas assignments," he said. "Of this number 49 were on a short-term basis."

## Health Personnel Join TARGET 80

Health-care personnel of the Far East joined four of the spiritual revival programs in January and February which launched the Division-wide TARGET 80 evangelistic plan.

This program, which calls for spiritual revival and long-range evangelism plans for the Orient, was presented throughout the Division during the first weeks of 1974.

Physicians and dentists from the many medical and dental facilities of the Far East attended the TARGET 80 presentations in Taipei, Taiwan, and Bangkok, Thailand. Filipino health-care workers gathered in Manila and Cebu, Philippines, for the same spiritual treat.

A very stimulating and informative Spirit of Prophecy workshop was the main emphasis for the retreats. Paul Gordon of White Estate in Washington, D.C., along with Division President P. H. Eldridge and Ralph Watts, Sr., field secretary for the Far Eastern Division, presented health-oriented talks on three days in each location.

These retreats emphasized how closely the health and ministerial professions must work together in finishing the work of the Adventist church.—G. Ekvall, M.D.

## Largest Sale

The largest single order delivered by any literature evangelist was 1,500 volumes of *La Enciclopedia Medica Moderna* in the Inter-American Division. Miguel A. Chollet, a literature evangelist in East Puerto Rico made the sale, totaling US\$33,253.60, to the public schools on the island.

Mr. Chollet answered a newspaper notice inviting suppliers of medical publications to submit prices and samples of books to the Department of Public Instruction.

Dao is very remote. After a two-and-one-half-hour ride, we parked the jeep at the end of the road. Villagers from Dao excitedly crowded around the heavily loaded vehicle. They had been awaiting our arrival for two days. Each one picked up something from the assortment of bags, boxes, cartons, chalk boards, and stoves in preparation for the three-hour hike to the new mission school.

The jungle path followed a river back up into the hills. At first we tried to keep our shoes and clothing dry. But soon we were wading almost knee-deep through the muddy spots on the trail and almost waist-deep through the river, the river that we were to cross more than 20 times before reaching Dao.

It was my second trip to this village. The first time I went in response to a request from the chief that Mountain View College build a mission school in his barrio. On this trip we were taking in the second load of supplies. Two student missionaries from MVC had been in the village for three weeks. I was anxious to see the work that they had done.

Santos Mabras, the student leader, told of 83 students enrolling for classes. I think all 83 were on hand to welcome us, for the Pied Piper surely would have envied me as the children followed my every step through their village.

The people of Dao had been waiting for a teacher for two years. On my first visit I saw the small, partially finished school building. In the two years since its construction, the jungle had almost overwhelmed it. What a pleasant surprise to see the school now. A spacious yard had been cleared of all the jungle growth. Steps had been cut into the bank in front of

the building. Stones had been laid in careful rows to mark paths, and flowers were beginning to grow. Four crude classroom desks had been constructed, and plans were laid for the remaining 79.

#### Spirit worship

Dao is a heathen village. The Manobo people here still worship the spirits. When sickness or trouble comes their way, the *datu* (chief) offers chicken sacrifices to appease the evil spirits. From other contacts with them, I was familiar with the sound of their music and dances. How pleasant it was to hear the words, "Somewhere Beyond the Blue," coming from the schoolhouse.

The children had run on ahead. They were eager to display their new ability to sing in English. Santos with Reuben Agua, his companion, are beginning the process that will change the lives of the people of Dao.

About two city blocks from the mission school, we visited the temporary living quarters of the two student missionaries. I was introduced to Mrs. Mantuguan. Through the translator I listened to a thrilling story.

Just three weeks before, she saw a lovely Being coming to her in a dream. She recognized this person as a Being of great authority. She knew He was God. In her vision God was standing by the new mission school. He spoke to her.

"You must bring your children to this school. This school will train them to become godly men and women."

The scene changed.

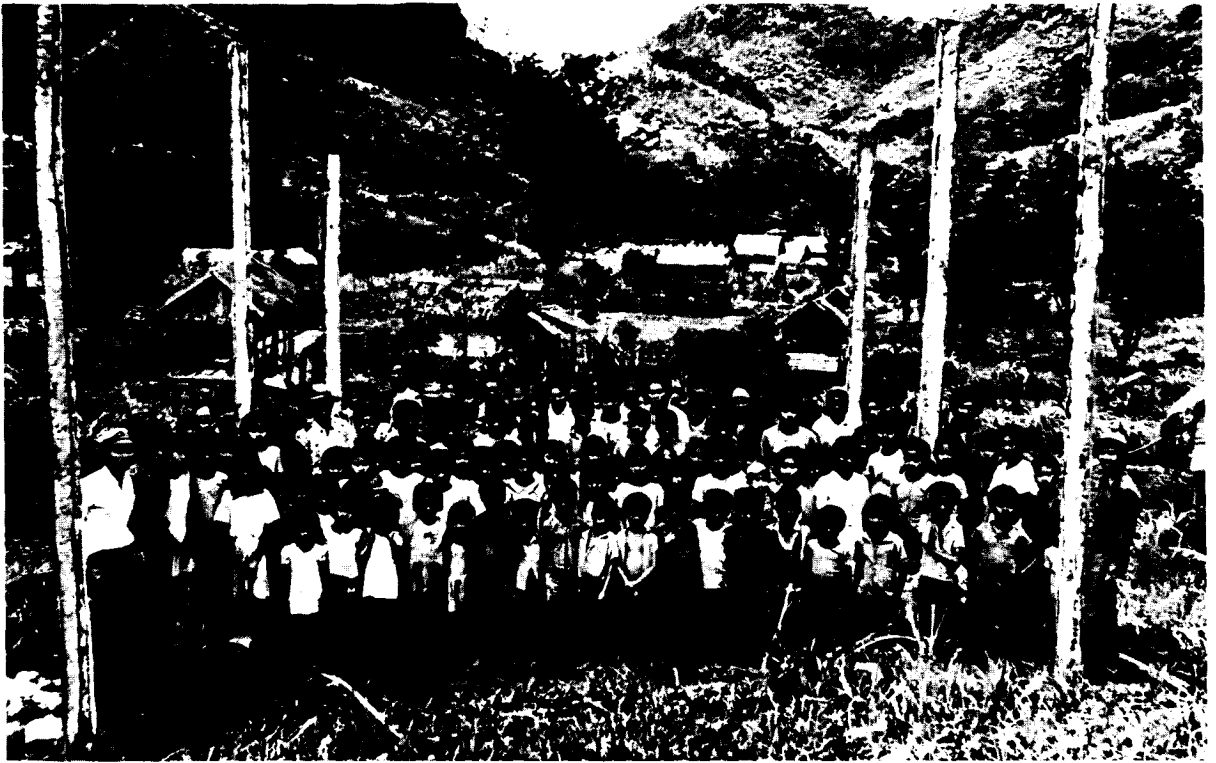
Now she saw two gods. One was a good God and the other was evil. As she looked at the good God she saw a long line of people. They were happy. Their faces seemed to glow with joy. She looked at the

# Dao and a Dream

by J. H. Zachary



Mrs. Mantuguan relates her vision of Jesus.



Villagers of Dao pose inside the future Adventist church.

other line of people standing near the evil god. What a difference! She cringed under the evil looks of the bad people. Then to her amazement she saw a frightening thing. In the midst of the bad people were her children!

The dream awakened her. What did it mean? Were her children to grow up to be bad people?

Then she realized that the two dreams were really one. God wanted her to send her children to the mission school so that they would grow up to be good people. That very night she made up her mind. Her home was far from Dao. She must move close to the school.

At the time of my visit, she and her family had already moved. As the people of Dao heard her story, they resolved to have their children trained to be good people too.

Reuben and Santos were anxious to show me the site of the new

church. They led the way to a little rise overlooking Dao. Here the ground had been leveled. Six posts were already in place. The whole village crowded onto the spot where the building was to be. What a precious sight! Approximately 150 people, all spirit worshippers, standing on the site of a new Seventh-day Adventist jungle chapel. There was no prejudice. All were eager to learn of the new way. All were eager to help build the church in their village.

#### Mission wanted

Reuben later told me that a few of the villagers had visited Dampaan, our first mission school. They wanted the same kind of a mission school with a clinic, school, teacher's home and church. He continued.

"Even before we have given a Bible study on the observance of Sabbath, all have promised that

they will attend church services every Saturday."

Dao is the fourth new church that Mountain View College ministerial students have built this year. The others (Bugkaon, Tandakol, and Catumbalon) were in dark barrios also. Never have I seen greater opportunities. We have tentative plans for eight additional jungle chapels as the Lord makes funds available. Our goal is to attempt to average one new jungle chapel each month.

How happy we are for the 13th Sabbath Offering overflow that came to the Far Eastern Division at the close of the second quarter this year. Among other projects, it will also mean many more jungle chapels for the Far East.

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*J. H. Zachary is the chairman of the theology department at Mountain View College.*

## An interview with C. O. Franz, General Conference Secretary



# G.C. in Vienna

Now only months away: the first General Conference session ever to be held outside North America. The place: Vienna, Austria. The date: July 10-19, 1975.

Four years ahead of time the world administration of the Seventh-day Adventist church chose the place, and thousands of working hours must go into the preparation of this meeting. Bringing 18,000 people into one place, caring for the expected 2,000 cars, ordering thousands of hotel rooms, the organization of dozens of committees and making sure that they will function properly—these represent only a fraction of the task. Placed in Europe, which is cut up by very real geographical and political borders, and divided by a Babylonian confusion of languages, few would envy the job of the organizers of these meetings.

At the heart of the preparations is C. O. Franz, secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day

Adventists. The following interview is reprinted from the Northern Europe-West Africa division paper, *Light*.

### WHY DID THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CHOOSE VIENNA FOR THE SESSION?

The choice of Vienna, Austria, as the locale for the 1975 General Conference session was probably not due to any one outstanding reason. Rather, the selection was based on a number of factors, all of them important, but none more important than the others. Europe seemed a natural location for this first session outside North America. Then, naturally, there was the question of facilities in the different capitals. The City Hall offered us in Vienna seemed to meet our needs as well as, or perhaps somewhat better than, the other facilities that were considered. The matter of geographic centrality was another factor, and Vienna ranked high on this scale.

### OUR AMERICAN BELIEVERS ARE USED TO HAVING THIS MEETING IN THEIR TERRITORY. DO YOU EXPECT THAT THEY WILL COME BY THOUSANDS TO VIENNA ALSO?

Many Seventh-day Adventists in the North American Division would like to attend the session in Vienna. It is impossible to predict at this point even the approximate number who will attend. We do not wish the North American membership to feel unwelcome at the session, but they understand that in general our believers in Europe should have priority this time since the session is being held in their area. We realize that there are more than 100,000 church members in Europe, and that many of them will wish to attend at least part of the session.

### HOW MANY DELEGATES DO YOU EXPECT?

Since calculations for the delegate allotments will be based on

the membership as of December 31, 1974, it is impossible to state the exact number of delegates that may be accredited. It would be safe to say, however, that the number will be between 1,800 and 1,900.

### **HOW MANY ARE YOU PREPARED TO SEAT ON SABBATHS?**

The Vienna City Hall has seating in the main auditorium for approximately 15,000 persons. The Youth Hall will care for another 3,000. Hotel space will be at a premium. The General Conference has reserved approximately 3,000 rooms in Vienna. Naturally, the delegates will be cared for first.

### **WILL PARKING SPACE BE A PROBLEM?**

There are no large parking lots in connection with the City Hall, but it is our understanding that the city will block off streets to provide parking for about 2,000 cars.

### **WHAT ABOUT LANGUAGES USED?**

The public meetings, such as the Sabbath morning services, will be in German and English. The business meetings of the session will be conducted in English. In all of these meetings, however, arrangements are being made for running translations in a number of other languages. Delegates and others will be provided with miniature radio receiving sets in order that they may listen to the proceedings in their own language.

### **ASIDE FROM THE SPIRITUAL UPLIFT THIS MEETING WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GIVE, WHAT PRACTICAL ASPECTS CAN YOU MENTION?**

The General Conference session is not just a convention or a convenient time and place for old friends to meet, although good fellowship and the opportunity to

become acquainted with people from many countries is definitely a by-product of the session. The Seventh-day Adventist church is a world church and in this context it is absolutely necessary for representatives of the church in every part of the world to meet occasionally to elect the leadership of the church, to hear reports of progress and to lay plans for the future work.

The *Church Manual* can only be amended at a General Conference session. The organizational structure of the church may be considered and changed at the session. The constitution can only be amended at a regular session or at a special session in which the intention to amend has been stated in the call. These are the practical purposes of a session, but we should like to emphasize that the spiritual benefits derived from the General Conference session are of tremendous value to the church. At the 1975 session great emphasis will be laid on the daily devotional services and the Sabbath meetings. **I PRESUME TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ADVENTISTS WILL PLAN TO ATTEND THE "FIRST" IN EUROPE. HOW WILL YOU DEAL WITH THEM?**

A plan has been worked out and voted by the 1973 Annual Council whereby each division will be allotted a specific number of admission tickets for the main auditorium in Vienna. These tickets are just for the weekend meetings. We do not anticipate a shortage of seating during the period Monday to Friday. Separate sets of tickets will be given to the divisions for each of the weekends so that if desired a different group can be accommodated on each of the two weekends. The European divisions have been allotted a much larger block of seating than any of the other divisions.

### **HOW HAVE THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES REACTED TO PLANS FOR THIS MEETING?**

The Austrian authorities with whom our personnel have worked have been very cordial, and we believe they will make us feel very welcome in Vienna. The Convention Bureau handles arrangements of this kind. We have had the privilege of visiting with representatives of this office in Vienna and have appreciated their cooperation and willingness to help in any possible way.

### **IS THERE ANYTHING SPECIAL ON YOUR HEART AS YOU PLAN**



Vienna City Hall: Site of the 1975 GC Session.

## AND PREPARE FOR THIS SESSION?

One question we believe is more important than any of the regular business that will be handled by the session, and that is, Why are we, the remnant church, still here in this world in 1975? What are we doing about it and what can we do about it under the blessing and direction of God so that the next "session" will be held in the heavenly Caanan?

To put it another way, we do not believe that the machinery of the church, as important and necessary as it is, should be our main concern. The finishing of God's work in the earth, the work that He has entrusted to His remnant church, is and should be the prime consideration. We trust that the delegates and visitors to the 52nd session of the General Conference will come to Vienna in that spirit. **DO YOU HAVE PLANS FOR LATER SESSIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD?**

The location for the next General Conference session has not yet been determined, but it will be necessary to do so reasonably soon. As we have just said, we hope it will not be necessary to hold any more or many more General Conference sessions on this earth. When God's Spirit is poured out upon His people in the latter rain experience, we believe that the work will be finished very quickly. For this we should pray.

## Adventists in Gambia

Officially Adventist workers have begun work in Gambia, a small country on the west coast of Africa. Daniel Cudjoe and his family have begun work there.

Several laymen have moved to Gambia, a Sabbath school has begun, and literature evangelists are working throughout the country.

# Menado English Language School

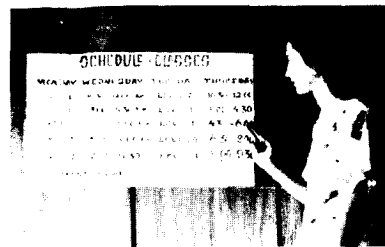
*When the new English language school opened in Menado, Janet Weighall was the only teacher of 231 students.*

*But this California girl from Loma Linda University took on the task of student-missionary teacher in her stride.*

*"I'm so glad I waited for my visa and came here," she says. "Being here made it well worth the wait."*

*Janet's visa was delayed for some six months. Another two student missionaries were reassigned to other language schools because of the delay in their visas, thus Janet was the only SM who originally went to Menado, East Indonesia. Carol Maberly, a student missionary from Australia, has since joined Janet, and together the girls are operating the English language school and holding special Bible classes and weekend meetings for those who wish to attend. Sometimes they give lectures on health and cooking too. And sometimes they just get together with some of the students to sing songs in English, with Janet's accompaniment on the guitar.*

*"There's so much to do," says Janet, "and I'm really enjoying it."*



The language school runs on a pretty full schedule. Janet was the only teacher for the first few weeks after the new school opened in Menado.



The classes are so full, not every student has the convenience of a desk or table.

Two new student missionaries have been called to the Menado English language school for the 1974-75 school year. Deborah Hartsock and Sue Hildebrand, both of Andrews University, will be the new SMs.

The Lord has blessed the beginning of this school, and we pray that many souls will be found in heaven as a result of the influence of these student missionaries.



This is Janet, first student missionary at the Menado English Language School.

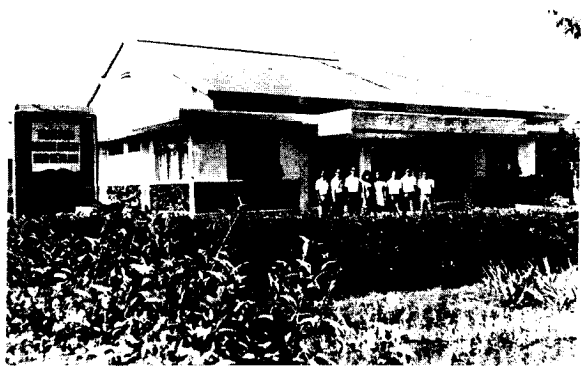


# NEWS

## FROM THE UNIONS

### east indonesia

#### New South Minahasa Office



Mission staff poses outside the new mission office. J. A. Raranta, mission president, is third from the left, and Sinyo Laoh, secretary-treasurer, is second from right.

It was on January 1, 1971, that the North Celebes Mission was divided into the North Minahasa Mission (which retained the former office) and the South Minahasa Mission (which set up headquarters in Tomohon in a rented house). For the next three years, this latter mission, the largest in the East Indonesia Union, with almost 130 organized churches, had to be satisfied with a temporary office.

#### Just in time

Then the Far Eastern Division made a special appropriation of a little more than US\$5,000, and with this the construction of the new mission office was begun—just at the time when imported building materials went up in price three and four times. When construction was completed a year later, expenditures had run into almost eight million rupiahs, or the equivalent of US\$20,000.

On the grand day of dedication in March of this year, beside the three union officers and representatives from the churches and local government, P. H. Eldridge and D. D. Dennis, Division president and auditor respectively, were present.

This new South Minahasa Mission office is the best in the East Indonesia Union. Congratulations to J. A. Raranta and S. J. Laoh, president and secretary-treasurer of the mission respectively, and to the mission staff for the splendid task they have accomplished. We express our gratitude to the Division for the special appropriation granted, and to our churches in the South Minahasa Mission and to other individuals for generous donations that at last enabled our workers to move from rented quarters into a permanent location.

#### Generous layman

Mention ought to be made of a layman, A. Lumantouw, who was present at the dedication ceremony, a construction supervisor, who so often has refused to accept wages for his service, but rather has donated time and funds to help in constructing a church or any other building for the denomination. He played an important role in the erection of this office.

May this new headquarters be an honor to God and His cause.—A. *Waworoendeng*.

#### Wilcox Visits South Minahasa

W. L. Wilcox, circulation manager of the Indonesia Publishing House in Bandung, Java, visited churches in South Minahasa to emphasize the importance of the Spirit of Prophecy. Several churches met together in each place so that as many members as possible could hear his messages.

The writer accompanied Pastor Wilcox on this itinerary. During part of the time it rained every day, but even heavy downpours and muddy roads could not stop us.

As a result of Pastor Wilcox's visit, the faith of our members was strengthened. Many Spirit of Prophecy books were sold and many more ordered.—N. *Ruhupatty*.

#### TARGET 80 Church Organized

April 6 was a special Sabbath for the South Minahasa Mission. On that day the Matani church of the Amurang district was organized. Present from the mission were J. A. Raranta, president, and S. J. Laoh, secretary-treasurer. Pastor Raranta delivered the sermon, while a government official expressed congratulations.

For about a year this group had been a branch of the Tumpa church whose members had worked hard to nurture it. This new Matani church is the first one to be organized since the TARGET 80 program was launched in South Minahasa and has become the 126th church in the mission whose members are served by 22 field workers.  
—*Nathan Ruhupatty.*

## Parents Ask Questions

Parents had opportunity to question teachers at North Celebes Academy recently on a special Parents' Day which climaxed a special weekend at the school. Mothers and fathers asked about school regulations, type of food served at the academy, dormitory life, the academic program, and other topics relating to their children's education.

### Other activities

The whole weekend was not spent in questions and answers, however. Friday evening L. H. Bissell, educational consultant for the union and academic dean of Mt. Klabat College, spoke for vespers, followed on Sabbath morning by J. A. Raranta, president of the South Minahasa Mission. And students presented the MV program on Sabbath afternoon.

### Challenge to parents

On Sunday, A. Waworoendeng, union president, presented a challenge to the parents to keep their children faithful by sending them to Christian schools such as North Celebes Academy. The school choir and the ladies' choir provided music for the Sunday meeting.

The academy faculty at NCA numbers 12 and enrollment is 210, including many non-Adventist students.



It was a special day for parents. Students demonstrated some of their new knowledge, and parents were given opportunity to ask questions about the school.

## New Gorontalo Church

In the Gorontalo district of North Celebes, there are 191 members located in six churches (Gorontalo, Pontolo-Alo, Garapia, Gentuma, Tolongio and Bumbulan) and two companies (Tilamuta and Isimu). Of this number, only seven families are native to Gorontalo. The others have come in from surrounding areas in the North Celebes. Those native to Gorontalo make it very difficult for anyone who wishes to become a Christian.

A. P. Taliwongso, leader of the Gorontalo district, serves these six churches and two companies. Because they are so scattered, his mode of travel varies greatly—boat, bus, bicycle, or hiking.

The 44 members of the Gorontalo church have been meeting in the pastor's home, but now land has been purchased, and the brethren are laying the foundation of the new church building.

The work here needs your prayers as well as that in the Gorontalo district, for the challenges are great.  
—*Nathan Ruhupatty.*

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## Manitcao Highlights

"If all Filipinos were Seventh-day Adventists, there would be no need of martial law" commented Alejandro Uy, provincial board member, during the five-day activities of Northern Mindanao Mission's general meeting.

Delegates from 162 churches and companies in the provinces of Bukidnon, Camiguin, Lanao, and Misamis Oriental gathered at Mindanao Mission Academy. The Honorable Ross Dongallo, acting governor of Misamis Oriental, was the keynote speaker.

Prominent among the important topics presented were TARGET 80 and the spirit-filled witnessing program of the church. The Feed-Back Hour on Sabbath afternoon revealed the enthusiasm of the delegates who pledged support to make this program a success. Resolutions adopted included a goal of 1,400 baptisms for 1974, a plan to involve all church members in evangelistic outreach, promotion to double Sabbath school mission offerings, and a recognition of the value of meaningful church relations with government officials.

Division guests were D. A. Roth, associate secre-

tary, and C. A. Williams, stewardship secretary. Union officers, department leaders, and institutional workers led by M. M. Claveria, South Philippine Union president, provided special messages for our delegates.

A baptism of 60 candidates concluded the meetings Sabbath afternoon. These new members made a total of 436 souls baptized during the first quarter of 1974. Last year's total baptisms were 1,265.

A backward glance reveals that when the island of Mindanao was first organized as a mission in 1937 by W. B. Riffel, there were only 4 ordained ministers, 32 churches, and 3,123 baptized members. Today it is a separate union with one college, two hospitals, six academies, five missions, 1,033 workers, 346 churches, and 58,670 members.—C. P. Ranario.

## Laymen Win Souls

Among the 39 persons baptized on Sabbath, June 1, at Monkayo, Davao del Norte, was a woman who was afterward bitterly persecuted and beaten by her husband. When life with him became unbearable, love for her new-found faith caused her to separate from her husband.

Two days later he dreamed that he saw a light from heaven which enveloped him for some time. Awakened by his dream, he could hardly sleep the remaining hours of the night. Early the following day, he went to see Lamberto Agunod, Jr., and requested a Bible study. Almost the whole day was spent searching for truth.

### Reunited

Being thus convicted by the Holy Spirit, he decided to look for his wife. He told her about the dream and his desire to be baptized. God worked mightily for this family, and now the home that had been broken is reunited.

This experience was an outgrowth of the field school of lay evangelism held in Monkayo during May which 14 lay preachers attended. Training lay workers is a major part of TARGET 80 in the South Philippine Union.

The teaching team of the field school was composed of G. Galinato, a representative from the International Educational Recordings, who described the act and romance of lay evangelism; Mike Ombiga, district leader, who taught church organization; and the writer, who presented studies in lay preaching and lay counseling.

The daily program began with physical fitness at five-thirty in the morning, after which students of the

field school met at the Better Living Center for group worship. Four classes were conducted every morning from Sunday to Friday. In addition to this study, a systematic follow-up program was followed in the afternoon.

In the evening, the members of the field school team usually met in the anteroom of the Center for special instruction and prayer before the evangelistic lecture that night.

### Rough schedule

Although the program was rigid and strenuous, everyone on the team entered into it wholeheartedly and maintained excellent discipline throughout the four-week crusade.

A simple but colorful graduation exercise was held before the close of the field school, and 14 laymen were awarded their certificates.

The climax of the field school came in an impressive baptismal ceremony conducted by three ministers. On Sabbath, June 1, 39 candidates, clothed in white robes, took part in the service. Many of the



A total of 39 persons were baptized June 1 at the first baptism following the Lay Field School of Evangelism in Monkayo, Davao del Norte, in the Davao Mission.



At the second baptism following the Lay Field School of Evangelism, 21 persons joined God's remnant church.

people in Monkayo, for the first time in their lives, witnessed baptism by immersion.

While the field school crusade was going on, an excellent property was secured right in the center of town. Thus, provision has been made for the construction of a house of worship. This will accommodate the newly baptized members who will share their joy with the community.

Just before the close of the crusade, the team decided to continue the nightly series of lectures. This was made possible because of the increasing interest of the people in the meetings. Fred Galinato and Mike Ombiga continued the lecture series. Of the 14 laymen who assisted the field school, seven remained to continue the follow-up work and Bible studies.

#### Another baptism

The Lord has abundantly blessed the humble efforts of our laymen, and as a result of their consecrated and loving efforts, 21 more souls were baptized on June 15.

The success of our laymen in Monkayo illustrates what can be accomplished when Ellen White's instruction is followed: "Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. ... In their planning they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors" (*Gospel Workers*, pp. 351-352).  
—A. A. Villarín.

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## north philippines

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### Philippine President's Mother Unveils Historical Marker

Leading the list of distinguished guests during the Hospital Day celebration in May at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital was Dona Josefa Edralin-Marcos, mother of the Honorable President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philippines.

In connection with the commemoration of the 45th anniversary of MSH, Dona Marcos unveiled the hospital historical marker in the lobby of the main hospital building. Mayor Pablo Cuneta of Pasay City assisted in the unveiling ceremony. Also present was Pasay City Vice-Mayor Eduardo Calixto.

A walkathon contest began the day's activities at five o'clock in the morning at the Cultural Center grounds. Some 150 MSH employees joined the contest.

#### Tours next

Guided tours of the hospital were conducted during open house, starting at 8:00 a.m. A well-baby contest was held simultaneously which was open to all babies born in the hospital whose ages ranged from one month to two years. Health films were also shown in the conference room.

In the afternoon a musical program was held on the front lawn. Delightful music was performed by the Philippine Publishing House Madrigal Singers and the University of the Philippine string quartet. In the latter ensemble were Professors Sergio Esmilla, Celso Estrella, Rizalina Buenaventura, and Herminia Ilano of the university's conservatory of music.

#### Guest speaker

The special feature at the main program which followed was a speech by Dr. Clemente Gatmaitan, secretary of the department of health of the Philippines. Music was provided by Mrs. Tomasita Pilar-Roda and the Madrigal Singers.

The Gymnares for Christ of Philippine Union College, a group of student gymnasts, performed for the visitors and hospital employees in the evening. A Disney production film ended the day's festivities.  
—Mrs. E. A. Arriola-Flores.



Dona Josefa Edralin-Marcos unveils the historical marker commemorating the 45th anniversary of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. Mayor Pablo Cuneta assists.

## Publishing Council

The Philippine Publishing House held its 14th national sales and publishing council from May 19 to 23 at Hotel Maguindanao, Davao City. More than 200 Adventist Book Center managers and publishing department secretaries from Luzon, the Visayas, and Mindanao attended the four-day meeting. The council is held every two years and is hosted alternately by the three unions.

The workshops and plenary sessions covered topics of local and national significance in expanding its program of producing and marketing literature in the pursuit of its objective, "To prepare a people ready to meet God."

S. D. Pangborn and A. N. Santiago, publishing secretary and associate publishing secretary respectively of the Far Eastern Division, served as chairman and vice-chairman of the conference. E. L. Villanueva and E. N. Dicen, general manager and circulation manager of the PPH respectively, conducted workshops on sales and management.

Receiving special emphasis was the 1974 sales goal of ten million pesos. Last year's sales exceeded eight million pesos.

F. M. Arrogante, president of the North Philippine Union, delivered the keynote address. —*F. B. Conoplo.*

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### Expanding Work in Laos

Seventeen years ago Richard Hall, Abel Pangan, a Filipino missionary, and Mun Lansri, a Thai national, established a mission station in Nam Tha, near the Chinese border in northern Laos. The work was just well established with a church and workers' homes constructed and a small company of believers baptized when insurgent forces moved south, forcing our missionaries to evacuate to neighboring Thailand and compelling our members to flee into the jungle or be relocated in safer villages farther south.

#### New venture

While the forced removal closed our work in Nam Tha, it resulted in the establishment of work in Chieng Kong, Thailand, across the Mekong River from Ban Huay Sai, Laos. Today we have two churches in the area, plus a public health clinic. Some



D. K. Smith and Jon Dybdahl performed a baptism service at Nam Yawn, Laos.

of the Meo believers established a new village, Nam Yawn, in a fertile valley north of Ban Huay Sai. Work in another village, Nam Yu, was also begun, but again, insurgent advances disrupted this small beginning.

#### Pioneer work

In 1967 a Filipino missionary, Angel Biton, was called to pioneer work in the administrative capital of Vientiane. Last year when he returned to his homeland, a Thai national, Sopon Jaiguar, replaced him. Pastor Sopon and his family are living in Thailand at present, and he is working on both sides of the Mekong River.

Today we have a group of 18 baptized believers, Thai, Chinese, and Lao, meeting in rented quarters. They are very desirous of purchasing land and building a church in which to worship. Donations amounting to US\$7,500 are in hand, and soon they hope to be able to buy land. Prices are very high, however, and building costs have risen sharply, so more funds will be needed for construction of the church.

#### New hope

After many years of war in Laos, the formation of a coalition government recently has given rise to hope that it will soon be possible to re-establish our work in Nam Tha and to open new work in this country of three million Buddhists and tribal peoples.

To survey the opportunities, a team recently made a trip to Laos. Members of the group included R. S. Watts, Jr., president of the Southeast Asia Union; his father, R. S. Watts, Sr., field secretary of the Far Eastern Division; R. I. Gainer, union treasurer; Richard Hall, who pioneered the work in Laos and has been serving for ten years as president of the Sarawak Mission; D. K. Smith, president of the

Thailand and Laos Mission; John Dybdahl, director of the tribal work in Thailand; and Don Brown, administrator of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital.

Their trip included a visit to Nam Yawn, where weekend activities included a baptism of 16 new Meo believers, organization of the first Meo church in Laos, observance of the ordinances led by the newly-elected Meo elders and deacons, and a baby dedication. We now have 74 baptized members in this village, plus a thriving church school.

#### Refugees visited

The team also visited a refugee village, Pak Ngaw, where several families have given up the worship of spirits but have not yet been baptized because of opium addiction.

In Ban Huay Sai, Pastor Hall visited some former friends from Nam Tha, now government officials. They assured him that in three or four months it should be possible for us to re-establish work in Nam Tha and other areas of northern Laos, even though it is under the control of the Pathet Lao. During the years of insurgent activity, an extensive network of roads has been constructed which will make access to formerly inaccessible areas possible.—*D. K. Smith.*

## Thailand's Boarding Academy



Chiangmai Boarding Academy, Northern Thailand.

After 15 years of dreams and frustration, the first boarding academy in Thailand became a reality on May 17, when the Chiangmai Academy in northern Thailand opened its doors to 31 students. Present for the opening ceremonies were F. H. Hewitt and M. E. Thorman, old and new education secretaries of the Southeast Asia Union respectively; D. K. Smith, Thailand Mission president; and many guests. The provincial education officer spoke to the group and officially opened the academy. The president of the Chiangmai Rotary Club and a representative of the Lions Club presented gifts of a clock and money to

the principal, Chalaw Artamapadung, for the new school.

The idea of a boarding academy was first conceived by Wayne Martin, who was Thailand Mission president at that time, and other leaders. Much effort was spent looking for land about 100 kilometers from Bangkok, but lack of money blocked the way. The dream faded until three years ago when it was voted to establish a boarding academy on land in a rural area, close to the recently opened Hilltribe Educational Center for Meo and Karen tribes near Chiangmai in northern Thailand.

#### Present facilities

Much work has gone into the preparation for this new school. To date, a three-classroom building, two dormitories and a rice granary have been constructed. Future plans call for building of the Venden Memorial Auditorium with rooms for the library and science laboratory and also construction of a cafeteria and industrial arts building. The Venden Memorial Auditorium is to be in honor of D. E. Venden, late father of Mrs. Jean Smith, wife of the writer, and Mrs. Clarence Ekvall, child evangelism secretary of the Southeast Asia Union.

Roger Kopitzke will replace Jon Dybdahl at the Hilltribe Educational Center and will oversee the construction of future buildings as well as lead in developing student industries and the agricultural program. All students are required to work a minimum of 30 hours each month. Needy students will be able to work more to help meet their school expenses.

#### Help needed

Besides the cost of future construction, funds are needed to purchase a small tractor, a pickup truck, and to provide scholarships for worthy students. Two members, recently widowed, with nine children each, are examples of those needing help.

Your prayers are solicited for this new venture of faith, that from this school will come future pastors, teachers and faithful workers and laymen to help finish the work in Thailand.—*D. K. Smith.*

## Haad Yai Voice of Youth

Dedicated young people of the Haad Yai Seventh-day Adventist church held a series of Voice of Youth meetings last May under the guidance of Pairoi Kanjanakeaw. These were well attended by friends and neighboring young people.

The motif behind the pulpit at the front of the church depicted an open Bible. With Jesus as the

central figure, the youth presentations were animated and carefully given during the five-night effort. At the close, an impressive appeal was made for young people to accept Jesus as their Guide in life.

The youth attending these meetings in Haad Yai were strengthened, and some 60 cards were turned in with requests for prayer, Bible study, and baptism, which are now being followed up by the young people of the church.

## Breakthroughs in Thailand

For more than 50 years, work in the Buddhist country of Thailand has progressed slowly. Membership in the mission still is under 2,000. However, we see signs of the power of God beginning to be manifest for the advancement and finishing of His work in this land of nearly 40 million.

In 1973, baptisms totaled 239, nearly double those of the previous year and the largest total in the history of the mission. On two recent Sabbaths, 70 individuals were baptized, 40 in Ubol, northeast Thailand, the most ever baptized at one time. The majority of these were from the village of Ging Nam Yuen where the pastor, Mun Lansri, and a faithful colporteur, Khun Yotee, held meetings.

Recently Pastor Mun met with the executive committee of the Thailand Mission to report that the governor of the province has offered up to 300 *rai* of land in this village for us to establish a center. The committee voted to accept this donation of land and to proceed to build a jungle church as the first stage of development. Future plans call for a worker's home, reservoir to help provide water for agriculture in this dry area, and a school, as funds are available.

During 1974 and 1975, the Thailand Mission is participating in The Bold Adventure phase of TARGET 80, and each of the 23 churches and companies is planning to plant a new company of believers or church by General Conference time in 1975. Under the blessing of the Holy Spirit, this goal is possible.

Please pray for the continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon His work and workers in Thailand.  
—D. Kenneth Smith.

## Leadership Tools

During May, 37 senior youth completed the Pathfinder staff training course and 38 the Voice of Youth course conducted at the Saigon Adventist School by Pastor Le Huu, youth director of the Vietnam Mission, and the writer. These courses were



Pretty Vietnamese practice drill technique during the recent Pathfinder staff training course in Saigon. A Voice of Youth training course was also held in Saigon.

offered to meet the need for leadership in these particular areas of the youth work in Vietnam.

Those who took the Pathfinder course were mostly teachers of the various church schools in the mission, while those who took the Voice of Youth course were senior youth, many of them college and university students, who are members of the three large churches in the Saigon area: Phu Nhuan, Cach Mang, and Cholon.

### Demonstration

While the Pathfinder group met for lectures, discussion, and field demonstrations during the day, the Voice of Youth group had the evenings for its sessions. Then on Friday night, a demonstration Voice of Youth evangelistic meeting was held at Cach Mang church attended by a large group of young people coming from the various Saigon churches. It depicted the "opening night program" of a Voice of Youth crusade.

All of the participants in the program such as the moderator, the government district officer, the police officer, and a local priest who were "invited guests," and the ushers were young people. The parts of the youth speakers were taken by Pastor Le Huu and the writer.

### Challenge

Present during this demonstration program were a number of mission leaders headed by Pastor Le Cong Giao, acting chairman and executive secretary of the Vietnam Mission, who challenged the youth to do greater exploits, especially in soul winning in order to hasten the finishing of God's work on earth.

After the demonstration program, one young man

was heard to say, "Oh, I see after all it is not difficult to conduct a Voice of Youth crusade. If young people in other parts of the world can do it, why can't we?"

Indeed, the youth of Vietnam are eager to help finish God's work. Their prayer is, "Give us the tools, and we will build."—*B. U. Donato.*

## Meetings in Saigon

For the first time in history, the meetings of the Southeast Asia Union Presidents Council and the newly organized Health Services Association were held in Saigon, Vietnam, May 13 to 16. In attendance were union officers and departmental secretaries, local mission presidents, hospital administrators, and a number of staff members of the Saigon Adventist Hospital. This was the beginning of a plan to hold such meetings in various places outside of Singapore where union headquarters are located.

### First and last

Among those who attended the Presidents Council for the first time were Bruce Johnston, former Division evangelist and now president of the Sarawak Mission, replacing R. C. Hall, who has returned to the United States; M. E. Thorman, who is replacing F. H. Hewitt as union education secretary; and R. C. Thompson, former administrator of the Thailand Medical Institutions but now executive secretary of the SAUM Health Services Association.

Attending the Presidents Council for the last time were Gilbert Gurusamy, union auditor who has accepted the call of the Guam-Micronesia Mission as treasurer, and D. K. Smith, president of the Thailand Mission who has since left on permanent return to the United States.

### Good news

Of the many items considered during the Presidents Council, the ones that cheered the delegates most were plans to expand the work in Laos which calls for the assignment of an overseas missionary to Luang Pravang, capital of Old Laos, and reports regarding the first successes of the TARGET 80 program.

Among the many items discussed and approved during the Health Services Association meetings were plans to secure uniformity in the policies and practices of the various medical institutions in the union and proposals to make these institutions spiritually strong with an active part in the total evangelistic program of the church.—*B. U. Donato.*

## Aid for Vietnam Orphans

More than 400 Vietnamese orphans receive financial help through the Seventh-day Adventist church, reports Pham Thien, lay activities secretary, Vietnam Mission.

Donations from individuals in Australia and America help support orphans who live with relatives or friends. It takes \$7.00 a month for food, and an additional \$3.00 puts the child in an Adventist mission school.

In the first year of operating the orphans relief program, 15 have been baptized, a large number attend Sabbath school and church, and more than 60 are receiving an education in the mission school.

Pastor Thien says, "This is the finest and most rewarding welfare program we have undertaken to date. This is not a 'rice Christian' program of enticing people to come to church to get help. It is not built on this concept and never will be."—*Robert Grady.*

## STEWARDSHIP MEDITATIONS

### Gifts of Love

We love to give good gifts to our dear ones. This is simply love's finding normal expression in concrete ways.

Likewise, material expressions are due the dearest One in the universe. . .our Redeemer, Savior, Friend. The value all centers in the motive. And that involves such questions as: Is my giving the offering of thanks, or does it expect thanks? Is it tendered as a sort of conscience money, or is it a conscientious distribution of the property of another? Again, a child delights in giving to his parents a birthday present or holiday gift, and it is none the less appreciated because paid for by money first given the child by the parent. It is accepted as the expression of sweet love and cherished thoughtfulness. In a way, this parallels our gifts to our heavenly Father. It is the heart of love that God desires and recognizes back of our gifts. The law of tithe has its root in this inborn spiritual sense. The conclusion is irresistible that it comes down from the very gates of Eden. It started from the common source before the dispersion of the races.

It embraces fellowship with Him who gave His all for us. The grace of giving includes the giving of self, of money, of time, and all. Read it in 2 Cor. 8:1-9, noting how grace and giving are identified.

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