

Outlook



The Spirit of Our Youth in the Far East

by B. E. Jacobs

This title is not original. I was recently checking some old *Reviews*, and ran across an article by the same title written 41 years ago by W. P. Bradley, MV secretary of the Division. The following two paragraphs are from his article:

"We reached the high point of baptisms of young people in 1928, when 749 were recorded. The next

year the record was 717, in 1930 they dropped to 358, and in 1931 they came up again to 545. The record of the first three quarters of 1932, indicates that we will surpass the record of 1931 by a good margin.

"We next call your attention to the report of missionary endeavor. We thought that the report for

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deskside chats

Handles



Handles are for taking hold. They are for gripping objects which would otherwise be difficult or impossible to control. Because they are so ubiquitous, we usually do not

give any thought to how much we depend on them every day.

Imagine trying to hold a knife without a handle; or steering a car, or lifting a hot kettle, or opening a door. And when it comes to clumsy items like mattresses or pianos, wise manufacturers build handles right into the original product. From the farmer with his pitchfork to the ping-pong player with his paddle, everyone uses handles every day.

Boyhood memories conjure up pictures of the iceman making his daily deliveries with a horse and wagon. Every time he stopped, a crowd of children gathered, waiting to scrounge the chips that fell as he shaped the fifty- to one hundred-pound cakes from the big blocks of ice. The huge, scissor-like ice tongs always fascinated me. Spreading the handles till he could slip the sharp points over the chunk to be delivered,

the iceman would simply take hold of one handle and, as the tongs jabbed into the cake, carry it off with ease to the family icebox. Even blocks of ice are no problem if you have a handle.

And handles are valuable for more than carrying clumsy objects.

A few months ago I received a letter from an old friend who had just been promoted to an important executive position in a large corporation. Describing how he was working on one of his big new problems, he said, "I think I've got a handle on it now."

There's a first-class approach to problem solving—find a handle.

Look for a fresh viewpoint. Pick the right contact. Watch for a propitious moment. Secure more precise information. Invent a more efficient tool. Clarify the objective. Pinpoint the issue. Harmonize the ideal with the possible. Find the right person for advice and assistance.

And remember, the Christian has a special-facility pool when it comes to this type of handle. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). "Let him take hold of My strength" (Isa. 27:5).

Handles lighten the load.

Cordially,

Paul H. Eldridge, President

COVER: This month OUTLOOK presents a brief report of the work of youth in the Far Eastern Division by B. E. Jacobs, youth director for the Division. Note the stories in this issue that deal with work of youth.

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Academy Principal



Reifsnyders

E. F. Reifsnyder comes from Shenandoah Valley Academy in Virginia to be principal of Far Eastern Academy. He has several years' experience as principal having served in this capacity at Spencerville Junior Academy, Maryland; Mt. Pisgah Academy, North Carolina; Georgia Cumberland Academy, Georgia; and Shenandoah Valley Academy. We welcome Ed. and Eloise Reifsnyder to their first overseas appointment.

Health Executive



Thompsons

Royce C. Thompson is the first executive secretary of the newly organized Health Services of the Southeast Asia Union Mission. He comes from the Bangkok Adventist Hospital where he served as administrator and secretary of the Thailand medical institutions. Prior to this he served as treasurer of the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico. The Thompsons have been in the

Far Eastern Division since 1969. Elaine Thompson is now secretary to R. S. Watts, president of the Southeast Asia Union Mission. Cheryl, age 16, and Kevin, age 13, are students at Far Eastern Academy and elementary school.

Editorial Intern



Acebedo

Meriam Acebedo, a recent graduate of Mt. View College, has completed the second annual internship in the Philippine Publishing House editorial department. During the summer a vacancy arose for a proofreader, and Meriam has accepted the PPH offer to assume this responsibility. Born in Zamboanga, she more recently has called Iloilo home. Her mother tongue is Ilonggo, but she speaks six other languages and dialects. English was her major field in college.

Richli to Africa



Richli send-off

Dr. William C. Richli is now in Ethiopia where he is medical director of the Gimbie Hospital. Richli, subject of a book called *The Flying Doctor of the Philippines*, is in Ethiopia on a relief basis on a one-year contract.

Mail Refused

Postal workers in Safad, Israel, have refused to distribute two bags of mail containing Christian "missionary" materials. They reportedly persisted in their refusal, with the backing of the town's chief rabbi, despite a direct order from the local postmaster that the mail be delivered. Most of the workers were described as ultra-Orthodox Jews.

800th Anniversary

The Waldensian movement is observing its 800th anniversary. Celebrations for the branch of Protestantism that pre-dates the Reformation, are taking place principally in Italy and Latin America where most of the 45,000 modern Waldensians live. The Waldensians hold a prominent place in Western Christian history.

More Scriptures

Up to 50 percent of the world's new readers slip back into illiteracy simply for lack of reading material. This estimate comes from the British and Foreign Bible Society, and according to its general secretary the organization is doing something about it. A series of 36 publications start new readers with simple Bible parables and stories, moving through five reading levels of more complex material until the reader can cope with the kinds of material available in most communities. Plans call for the distribution of 725 million Good News Scripture Literacy Selections in more than 200 languages during the next 10 years.

A report on the health education programs of the Seventh-day Adventist Clinic in Guam

With vegetarian cooking so much in the limelight these days, it's an opportune time to place Seventh-day Adventist-published cookbooks in public libraries.

The Seventh-day Adventist Clinic in Tamuning, Guam, recently gave the local library a five-volume set of *Vegetarian Cookery*, published by Pacific Press Publishing Association. However, donating cookbooks to the public library is only one aspect of the clinic's health education program that is making news these days.

Nikki Mead, health educator, recently spent two weeks in remote villages on the island of Ponape with her husband Gary, dental technician, George Gould, M.D., and Art Garner, D.D.S., dispensing medical and dental care and general health information. The four-member team traveled from village to village by boat. Coral surrounding some of the villages makes access difficult, so visits to these places must be scheduled during high tide. Because of their isolation, most of the villagers have no education in simple dental and medical care.

Patients

"On the average the doctor probably saw 80 people a day and the dentist about 30," reports Mrs. Mead. "I was in charge of health education and used a picture roll with simple illustrations to explain basic hygiene and cleanliness."

"Does soap go on the toothbrush?"

"Can one toothbrush be used by the whole family?"

These were some of the questions put to the health team, logical questions from villagers who had

never had any dental education.

Mrs. Mead demonstrated how to wash their hands and fingernails and gave them bars of soap. She also gave them toothbrushes and explained their use.

Although the main hospital on Ponape tries to send medical help out to these remote villages once a year, they do not have sufficient manpower or facilities, a medical officer told Mrs. Mead.

**We
Care
About
Them**

"We found a limitless amount of dental work to be done on Ponape," reports Dr. Garner. "The area of tooth decay prevention has never been touched in the more remote areas of the island. We felt frustrated because we saw a tremendous need for restorative dentistry but were unable to provide it because our time was spent relieving immediate pain."

Since the hospital cannot supply sufficient medical help to the villagers, and because of transportation difficulties, they do not have easy access to the hospital. Thus the health education program was

well received. The aim of the two-week venture on Ponape was to help the villagers learn basic health principles and not have to depend solely on the infrequent visits of doctors for healing.

Back on Guam, Mrs. Mead, who has been at the Adventist clinic since May, 1973, is busy conducting cooking classes and assisting with Five-Day Plans and Heartbeat programs, all of which have been well attended and well covered by the local press.

It seems no matter where the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking is introduced, smokers may be found who want to kick the habit. Guam is no exception. Since May, 1973, nine "Plans" have been held on Guam—five at the clinic, one on the ship USS Proteus, two on the Naval Air Station, and one at the Naval Station. Another is planned for the island of Saipan.

Visitor

Dr. John Scharffenberg of the Loma Linda University School of Health stopped in Guam last December on his way to the United States from the Philippines. During this stopover he helped launch Heart-beat, an anti-heart-attack program which he has developed. He also had opportunity to see an old friend, Senator Adrain Sanchez, currently head of Guam's Department of Health and Welfare. The senator had served on a nutrition committee chaired by Dr. Scharffenberg several years ago in Washington, D.C. As a result of this and other visits, a special telecast on the Heartbeat program was aired over the local television station.

The first Heartbeat program sponsored by the clinic drew 150 persons with only one newspaper advertisement. The February program was filled without any advertising whatsoever.

"We also have appointments to conduct the program for the employees of the Public Health Department, a large corporation, and the University of Guam," reports Mrs. Mead.

As natural sidekick for the Heartbeat program is vegetarian cookery, so energetic Mrs. Mead is busy conducting cooking schools and vegetarian dinners. In January, 25 ministers of various denominations, all members of the Guam Minister's Association, were invited to a low-calorie, low-fat vegetarian dinner at the clinic.

Seconds

"They kept returning to the buffet table two or three times for refills, requests for recipes, and with compliments," says Mrs. Mead, who with the help of several other Adventist women prepared the food.

Following the dinner evangelists Glenn Coon and Steve Marshall, enroute to other parts of the Far Eastern Division, presented a discussion on the "ABCs of Prayer." Interest aroused from their presentation resulted in invitations to speak in more churches than they could squeeze into their one-week visit.

Mrs. Mead says her work in Guam is the "most invigorating and challenging job" she has ever had.

"It shows me every day that so much can be done to better the health of others and at the same time to let them know that we, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, care about them."

"It has been demonstrated in some studies that the rate of fetal deaths and those occurring just after birth is significantly higher for infants of smokers than for infants of mothers who don't smoke." Ontario Department of Health—LISTEN, May, 1974.

The Spirit of Our Youth

(FROM PAGE 1)

1931 was a good one, but already in the first three quarters of 1932 we have surpassed the record of 1931 in thirteen of the twenty-three items." *Review and Herald, May, 1933.*

The spirit of Adventist youth continues through the Far East. At the last General Conference a goal of 35,000 souls youth have helped to win was set for this Division. Through the dedicated enthusiasm of our youth and the work of the Holy Spirit, we were able to reach this goal one year and a half early! To date more than 37,000 people have been baptized that youth had a part in leading to Christ.

Evangelists

Voice of Youth evangelism plays a major role in helping achieve these objectives. The Negros Mission of Central Philippines has conducted more than 140 Voice of Youth efforts thus far in 1974. In one week, eight such meetings were conducted in Manila. East Indonesia had 20 going at the same time. The Southeast Asia Union Mission voted at the 1973 year-end meeting to conduct a Voice of Youth effort in every church in the union. These reports and others have been responsible for the results in the Far Eastern Division.

Pioneers

The spirit of Adventist youth is pioneering new territories, treating the sick, preaching the gospel and planting new churches. TARGET 80 has spurred youth to set higher goals and greater objectives.

The new goal is to reach 40,000



Several young people help distribute clothing to war refugees in Cambodia. This is another activity that demonstrates the spirit of youth in the Far Eastern Division.

souls youth have helped to win by General Conference in 1975.

More than 40 years ago "The Spirit of Adventist Youth" was recognized, and today we realize that without this spirit of dedicated youth, the work would never be finished. We don't want another 40 years to transpire before Jesus comes, therefore, let's

**PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH
WORK WITH OUR YOUTH
LEAD OUR YOUTH**

and prepare to meet the Lord Jesus soon.

Mission Giving Up

Giving to missions has increased by 17 percent in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, according to a report for the first quarter of this year.

During the first three months of 1974 Adventist churches in the United States and Canada gave a total of \$3,723,840 for missions, or \$681,181 more than for the same period last year, reports M. E. Kemmerer, undertreasurer.

Kemmerer feels that the increase in mission giving demonstrates the members' concern that the church not cut back its overseas mission programs because of inflation.

"Seventh-day Adventists have always been a mission-minded people," he says, "and I guess that hasn't changed."

NEWS

FROM THE UNIONS

central philippines

Big Fire, Big Faith

Fire hit the city of Tagbilaran at 2:00 a.m., June 6, blazing to ashes the business section of the city including the public market. Thousands were left homeless and damage was considerable.

Upon learning of the disaster, Central Visayan Mission with headquarters in Cebu City, was the first organization on site with bales of relief clothing.

But there's an interesting sidebar to this news item.

Businesswoman

Mrs. Gloria Neri-Lim is an Adventist lady merchant who lives across the street from the now fire-razed area. For years she had been engaged in general merchandizing and as a construction contractor. Even though limited by no training in these lines, she has had a very successful business. Asked what is her secret of success, she replies, "All-out faithfulness to God, especially in tithes and offerings."

The recent fire placed her faith to a test. As flames blazed violently across the street from her home, Mrs. Lim did not remove things from her own house. Instead she gathered her children, and finding a secluded place, spent time in prayer. Just as the wild flames neared a group of combustible houses across the street, the wind's direction changed its course, thus saving not only her house, but every house on her block.

Trust in God

Mrs. Lim believes that the best insurance is trust in the power of God and confidence in His promises, and therefore, had not insured her property. Following her example a relative who runs an even larger general merchandizing store next door, did not insure his business either. As the fire raged, Mrs. Lim prayed that God would uphold and honor her; otherwise, if hers and the neighbor's property be

razed by the fire, she would lose face before her unbelieving relatives and neighbors.

God honored her faith and faithfulness. Her business together with all the homes on her side of the street were saved from the fire.

Today Mrs. Lim rejoices in the Lord, ever praising Him for the special providences He bestowed upon her. Her faithfulness and experience have had an inspiring effect not only upon God's people here, but upon her non-Adventist neighbors and friends. The latter are beginning to ask more about Adventism. It is our belief that sooner or later, a rich harvest of souls will happen here. Then we can safely say that the faithfulness of this sister had a big contributing factor in it.—*F. P. Penola.*

japan



These folk participated in the recent Week or Prayer for husbands and wives held in Okinawa. This picture was taken on the weekend family retreat climaxing the Week of Prayer.

Especially for Couples

Seventh-day Adventist couples in Okinawa who have family worship generally agree that their marriages are increasing in happiness. This note of interest came out of a recent Week of Prayer for husbands and wives conducted by the Okinawa Mission, reports W. I. Hilliard, mission president.

Between 30 and 35 couples participated in the Week of Prayer which dealt with various areas of Christian marriage.

Personality differences ranked as the top marriage

problem among the group, followed by money and problems related to their children. More than 40 percent of the couples represented "arranged marriages," in which another individual intervened as matchmaker.

While 50 percent of the wives had at some time considered divorce as the only solution to their marriage problems, only five percent of the husbands had ever considered a permanent separation. Each evening those attending were given different questionnaires covering different aspects of marriage.

"I've been married for 15 years, and this is the first time I've ever talked to my wife about these things," one husband testified.

Communion service ended the week-long meetings, with husbands and wives serving each other in the ordinance of humility. At the Sabbath morning service the couples stood before the minister and renewed their marriage vows as a climax of the special week.

"I believe some very vital areas in the lives of these couples were touched, and hopefully helped," says Hilliard. "It is hoped that further and expanded programs of this type will strengthen the family and thus the church in Okinawa."—*Warren I. Hilliard.*

korea

And the Blind Shall See



Though blind, Miss Choi Soon Sim does not let this handicap prevent her from telling the story of Jesus.



One day soon she will be able to read her own Bible, but for several years has had to depend on her younger sister and others to read Scripture to her.

Though physically blind since she was four years old, Choi Soon Sim helps open the eyes of the spiritually blind in her work as a lay preacher in Korea.

Not from a Seventh-day Adventist home herself, Miss Choi learned of this faith through her younger sister who attended Sabbath school. The younger girl would come home each Sabbath telling Choi Soon Sim stories of Jesus until she knew no more stories. But Choi Soon Sim was not satisfied.

Paid by pages

She wanted to learn more. How she wished she could read the Bible herself! Finally she promised her brother 20 won for each page of the Bible he would read to her. Thus she learned more about Jesus, and determined to tell others of His love.

She selected a village not far from her own home in which to do evangelism, and she works mostly with junior-age youth, holding meetings twice a week. When she conducts an evangelistic crusade, the children come and bring their parents too. Recently 24 adults and 50 young people accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior at one of these crusades.

Read for herself

Choi Soon Sim has always depended on her sister or some of her friends at church to read the Bible to her when she prepared talks for the junior meetings and evangelistic crusades. But one day soon she will be reading the Bible for herself as she is presently studying at a school for the blind.

Milk for Orphans

The "Cows for Korea" project initiated about a year ago by George Haley of Korean Union College, received a boost from the Kiwanis Clubs of Seoul, and Portland, Oregon.

Bob Burgess, a faculty member at KUC, and a ten-year member of Kiwanis International, had an idea of supplying one cow to the college specifically to provide milk for orphans and underprivileged children. He proposed the idea to two Kiwanis clubs of Portland Oregon, and they liked it. Next a fund-raising dinner in the Portland area followed, raising \$1,000, enough to purchase the "Korean Kiwanis Cow."

The Kiwanis bossy will be part of the college dairy and the equivalent amount of milk produced by that cow will be given to underprivileged children of Korea.

north philippines

Hospital Hosts Convention

Manila Sanitarium and Hospital was host to the delegates of the 1974 Annual Convention of the Inter-Church Commission on Medical Care (ICCMC) during one afternoon session which was held in the MSH conference room, May 6.

The stated objective of the convention was: "To acquaint the administrators and directors of health care facilities constituting the membership of the ICCMC with the basic issues confronting the health care field of the country today, so that their roles and functions individually and collectively may be relevant to the priority concerns of the New Society and how they can relate administrative approaches to meeting discernible needs as these constraints dictate."

Representatives

Hospital administrators of different hospitals in the Philippines which are members of the ICCMC composed the 90 delegates who attended the convention at St. Luke's Hospital in Quezon City on May 5 - 7.

Representing MSH at this convention were Dr. Oseas C. Pilar, medical director; Fred S. Mina, treasurer and assistant business manager; Dr.

Regalado T. Santos, chief of surgery; Maria C. Jereos, nursing service director; and Aurora Capule and Naome Martinez, nurse supervisors.

The hospital played host again on May 21-24 and 30 when the Academy of Nursing in the Philippines, Incorporated held a workshop-seminar on "The Nursing Process" in the conference room.

Program

This workshop consisted of plenary sessions, open forums, group work, and group reports. MSH was one of the four hospitals chosen for the clinical aspect (group work) of the seminar. Delegates to the workshop were deans of collegiate schools of nursing, nursing service directors, clinical instructors, and staff nurses.

These represented MSH: Maria C. Jereos and Naila Evelyn Fajardo, nursing service director and nurse clinician. Philippine Union College school of nursing was represented by Martha V. Talangbayan, Estrellita Jimenez, Feliciano Bandung-Pagulayan, Angelina Camacho-Regoso, Lydia Santos-Roque, and Clarita Espelita-Siapco.—*Emmeline Amy Arriola Flores.*

Ordinations



Four ministers were recently ordained at the South-Central Luzon Mission during the First Oriental Mindoro Grand Fellowship. Shown with their wives (left to right): Nacienceno Alzola, Jeremias Alido, Percival Digidigan and Clemente Monreal. They are being congratulated by E. J. Tanguan, F. M. Arrogante, C. A. Galang, J. C. Medina, and T. V. Barizo.

Witness of a Poultry Farmer

Poultry-raising is a risky business in the Philippines.

It's risky because grain is sometimes difficult to obtain. Also chicken diseases are prevalent. And the competition can be very keen for when one poultry farm succeeds in any locality, it soon finds itself

surrounded by two or three other poultry farms, each bent on cornering the market for itself.

Manuel B. Salagubang of Magallanes, Tayug, Pagasinan, was a young Seventh-day Adventist working for the government in 1964 when he ventured into the poultry business.

Independence

Although there were five successful poultry farms already in his town, Manuel wanted a job that could give him a sense of independence. Yet he continued his work with the government.

Manuel began with only 100 laying hens and six months later increased his flock to 300. Working diligently in his spare time and later hiring helpers, he made the poultry business thrive.

It was also in that year that he married Leticia Escalona, a lovely lady from the South Philippines. Manuel was happy to present her with a gift of a small business venture which was steadily growing.

Partner

Unknown to the other poultry farmers in town, Manuel has a Silent Partner in his business. He had entered into partnership with Him when he promised to return a faithful tithe to Him. This Partner never failed Manuel through all the years since the beginning of his little farm.

The poultry business has grown steadily until today one will find several poultry houses with some 1,200 hens contentedly laying eggs. He averages from 600 to 800 eggs daily.

Success

No pest or any poultry disease has visited this poultry farm in the past ten years of its operation. And Manuel is the lone survivor of the several poultry farms that used to operate in his town. Customers come early in the morning to buy eggs or place their orders ahead of time. Sometimes they have to wait while the hens lay the eggs! The only time when eggs are plentiful is on Saturday because the farm is closed for business during Sabbath hours.

Manuel is still a government employee, but his main source of income is the poultry farm.

"It pays to be a Partner with God," Manuel tells anyone who asks his secret of success.—*O. I. Zamora.*

Love Provides

Love is the greatest constraining motive for honoring God with substance. When a Christian really loves God, his gifts are liberal, joyous. Love must both motivate our offerings and measure their worth. We can increase our devotion to the Lord by meditating much on His manifold mercies and His steadfast love.

south philippines

Influence of Colporteurs

Some 100 children scattered in three different groups around the Langihan area of Butuan City are attending Branch Sabbath Schools organized by three student colporteurs this summer.

Parents were impressed to see their children with faces radiating joyfully as they returned from the meetings each week, and wished for them to continue. When time came for the students to return to their studies at Mountain View College, the Branch Sabbath Schools were turned over to the Butuan City church.

This past summer 45 MVC students canvassed in the Northeastern Mindanao Mission territory. Their Christian influence not only led to the sale of many Christian books and magazines, but also interested several new students in attending Mountain View College.—*E. Piedad Mullaneda.*

southeast asia

From Australia to Malaysia

The MV meeting was just closing on Friday night when two young men entered the church at the Penang Adventist Hospital. As soon as the meeting was concluded, Pastor Chong and E. J. Heisler, manager of the hospital, spoke to these visitors. They wanted to know about the Bible and also about Ellen G. White.

"The following week we went over and found a group of 19 young men gathered to study," explains Heisler. "They are all students of a Catholic school there."

The study groups continued while the attendance increased, reaching 30 one evening. Finally the background story came out.

A young man had gone to Australia to study medicine, and while there he made friends with an Adventist family and studied the Bible with them. This young man wanted to share what he'd learned with his fiancée, so sent literature back to her in

Malaysia. She was a Catholic, but read and studied the material, and accepted it.

"Through her enthusiasm, several others began Bible study and the interest spread," adds Heisler. "Most of them are enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy correspondence course and have also come to the weekly studies."

"There will be more to this story later," he promises.

A Place to Worship

A new jungle school/chapel complex has just been completed in a humble farming village called Dai Loc, just 20 kilometers outside of Da Nang. According to Le Cong Giao, acting president of the Vietnam Mission, children of refugee families just now returning to their former farming lands, will be attending the mission school. The children and a number of their parents will be attending Sabbath services in the first room of the building until such time as a new jungle chapel or church can be erected on the adjoining property.



Members of the Taiping crusade team included (left to right) Jonathan Ng, J. E. George, Dr. Carl Schneider, C. H. Damron, P. Benjamin, V. N. Joseph, and V. Thevarajulu.

Temperance in Taiping

Official permission has been granted for the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission to conduct anti-drug abuse lectures in all secondary schools in the State of Selangor and Penang.

The opportunity came as a result of a recent "Life is Beautiful" crusade and Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking held in Taiping, Perak. During the day, when they weren't holding meetings, the crusade team, headed by C. H. Damron, union Ministerial Association secretary, visited the secondary schools, presenting their anti-drug abuse campaign to more than 5,000 students and teachers.

Prior to the Five Day Plan, Damron was invited

to speak at a Rotary Club meeting. His topic: "The Dangers of Drugs and Tobacco."

Attendance at the Five Day Plan reached 20, and more than half declared a victory over the smoking habit.—Jonathan Ng.

west indonesia

How One Church Grew

"If you don't baptize me, I will be called a heathen," pleaded the little lady who carried her young child on her back.

"But you haven't studied the doctrines of the Adventist church," protested Elder Samuel Rantung, then mission president.

Disfellowshipped

But the woman insisted that she be baptized. It seems that her husband had studied the Bible with an Adventist evangelist and was about to be baptized. By joining the Adventist church, of course, he would be disfellowshipped from his former church. Also his wife would be disfellowshipped, and she feared being tagged "heathen" if she did not join the Adventist church with her husband.

Elder Rantung, who has died since this incident occurred 22 years ago, called a church board meeting to decide what to do in this case. The decision was that she should be baptized even though she didn't know anything about Adventism, and then she would be taught the church doctrines after baptism.

Home town

When she and her husband had both been baptized and had received all the doctrinal instructions, they asked the evangelist if he would go to the place of their birth—Poti—and hold meetings. They wanted to tell the Good News of Jesus in their home town. He agreed, and nine persons were baptized after that first crusade.

From that small beginning in Poti evolved what is today the district of Amarasi, Timor, consisting of five churches with 400 church members and some 520 Sabbath school members.

What has happened to the couple who were baptized 22 years ago and asked the evangelist to go to Poti? Today they are still there and he is one of the local church pastors in the Amarasi district.—J. R. Sumual.

Jungle Missionary Returns to States

After 20 years as a missionary pilot in Southeast Asia, Dick Hall has gone home. Sometimes tagged "The Flying Samaritan," Hall pioneered schools, churches, and medical mission work in Northern Thailand and in Laos, and for the past 12 years was president of the Sarawak Mission.

Dick was a pilot, a tooth-puller, an ordained minister, a "medicine man," a repairman, and a mission president to name only a few of his "hats."

There were no slick supermarkets or mass transit systems for Dick and Jean and their three children, Riki, Janice, and Mark. They started in 1954 when Riki and Janice were only five and three years old.

Destination: Ubon, Northern Thailand. It was a busy four years of getting used to mission life, learning the Thai language, opening a tribal school, and doing evangelistic work. And Mark was born in 1955.

Their next post was Nam Tha, Laos. No Seventh-day Adventists had worked in Laos before this. It was a challenge not every missionary family could take, but the Halls packed their suitcases and went.

The work grew in Nam Tha and the surrounding area until 37 persons were listed on the Adventist church books—not a large number, but a beginning. Then war came and forced Hall out of Laos in 1962.

A lot of others were forced out too, and Dick evacuated several hundred in his small plane, including Dr. Tom Dooley's medical

team and government families.

The most heart-ripping experience of his mission life was the last departure from Laos. Says Hall, "I knew that some of those who had become Christians would probably become discouraged and fall away without pastoral leadership."

For a while the Halls were situated in a refugee town on the Thailand border, so they began work there too. Sometimes it was possible to go back into Laos, depending on the war. Before their move to Sarawak in 1962, the Halls had moved 14 times. The Adventist church had already started its work in Sarawak.

Due to the jungle terrain and lack of good roads, the flying

program greatly facilitated the mission work in Sarawak. Hall utilized a radio in making contacts with the villages in his territory. Determining the needs in the various villages, he would load the plane with supplies and make his rounds. Weather permitting, Dick would land in the villages and attend to the needs personally, but in those villages without air strips, he simply made drops from the plane.

Not all of his work was done through the flying program. Sometimes he took a boat trip of two or three days into the jungles. He also built roads into some of the jungle villages.

Eighteen-year-old Mark graduated from Far Eastern Academy last May, and Riki and Janice had already gone to the States. Now Dick and Jean have gone too. But Dick's eager to add that it's not a PR—"permanent return," but a TR—"temporary return."



Wherever Dick went people came to him for medical help. Many cases required only home remedies, but other times he would have to take a seriously ill or injured person in his plane to a hospital for proper care.



SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Projects:

- New building for theology department, Brazil College, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- New facilities for Amazonas Agricultural School, Manaus, Brazil.



Located in the heart of the Amazon jungle, the Amazonas Agricultural School plays an important role in the plan to illuminate that region with the light of the Adventist hope. TOP: Earthenware jugs are used to store drinking water in the kitchen and bakery. MIDDLE: Desks for this classroom were hewn from wood off the school land. BOTTOM: A new administration building is already going up at Amazonas Agricultural School. Your generous offering will help complete this project and provide other facilities for Amazonas Agricultural School, plus help build a new theology department at Brazil College.