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Curiosity



From childhood days we have listened to the adage, "Curiosity killed the cat." The inference is that we should not be noseey, that there is something sneaky

and evil about being curious. And wise injunction it is if we are tempted to get inquisitive about affairs which are none of our business.

On balance, however, earnest quest for elusive information can be one of our most useful mental tools. Curiosity is the self-starter of an alert mind.

Whether it was Columbus seeking a western route to the eastern isles or the Wright brothers trying to find out how birds fly, history's records of human achievement begin with an account of someone's insatiable thirst for knowledge. Every breakthrough in discovery, invention, science, medicine and even philosophy itself is traceable to a seed of healthy curiosity.

How does this fit into the Christian concept?

The Old Testament tells a delightful story about Moses. Watching his sheep in the

wilderness near Sinai, he saw a bush on fire. The wheels of a curious mind began to turn. Who started the fire? Why doesn't it go out? He decided to investigate. "I will now turn aside," he said, "and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt" (Ex. 3:3).

We don't know how far Moses had to go to reach the bush, or how long it took with his slow-footed flock of grazing sheep. The record merely says, "When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush." Result? The exiled shepherd became history's greatest human leader.

God didn't call until Moses "turned aside to see." Had he not been curious enough to probe the secret of the bush, he never would have heard the voice. He never would have stood on holy ground.

All around you are people, places and things which are unusual enough to catch your attention. Every day you have experiences that are unique, that break the pattern of routine. Each sermon, every reading of the Bible, all your observations of the created works of God bring intriguing glimpses into the Divine character. Are you alert to these? Do they stimulate a quest for information, an eager search for reasons and answers?

Fan that spark of curiosity. "Turn aside to see." You may find the burning bush.

Paul H. Eldridge, President

COVER: *Faces of a Manobo tribe. Jane Allen recently visited Miguel Bantono (center bottom) and members of his tribe near Butuan City in Northeastern Mindanao. Story by P. G. Frasco on pages 10 and 11. Pictures by Jane Allen.*

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Sta. Elena

To Nigeria

Lourdes Sta. Elena recently returned to Ile-Ife Adventist Hospital in Nigeria where she is serving as pharmacist. This is her second term at Ile-Ife. She is pictured above receiving a send-off lei from one of the secretaries of the North Philippine Union Mission office.

Hong Kong Physician

Dale Morrison, M.D., recently joined the staff of the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital. His wife the former Barbara Mitchell, is the daughter of Lee Mitchell, who is presently involved in the construction program of the Saigon Adventist Hospital. Mrs. Morrison is a registered nurse. Both Dr. and Mrs. Morrison are graduates of Loma Linda University. They have one daughter, Melissa Jean, born in October, 1974.

Filipino Missionaries

Two families from Philippine Union College recently left to teach at Palau Adventist Academy in Guam-Micronesia—the

Jerry Barizo and Jorge Benedicto families. Barizo also served one term at Sunny Hill School in Sarawak, and Benedicto has served in the Sabah Mission . . . Imelda Mostrales is serving as nutritionist at the Taiwan Adventist Hospital in Taipei . . . Dominador Ocampo, nurse anesthetist at the Bangkok Adventist Hospital, has returned for his fourth term after furlough. He has served in Bangkok for 12 years.

Layman Visits

Walter Ost, M.D., visited Singapore during the time of the Division Council, and then he and his wife itinerated throughout the Division following the meetings at the Hotel



Ost

Equatorial. He was the guest speaker for some of the morning devotional meetings and served on some committees. Dr. Ost is a general field secretary for the General Conference representing the laymen of the church. Dr. Ost is the first individual to hold this position with the General Conference.

Agriculturist

Former farm manager of the Philippine Union College Naga View campus, Aquiles Gayares and family are now working at Bugema Adventist College in Kampala, Uganda. He is helping develop the college farm and the agricultural department.

Stamp Collectors

The first mission vessel of the Seventh-day Adventist church was depicted on a 10-cent stamp issued from Pitcairn Island in November. Launched in 1890, the ship, *Pitcairn*, served Pitcairn Island and other South Pacific islands for a decade.

Giving Up

Giving to Protestant churches rose 7.7 percent in 1973, but the increase was not enough to offset the 9.6 percent drop in the U.S. dollar's buying power. Data from 41 denominations having 46 million members reveals total contributions of almost five billion dollars in 1973. The per capita rate of giving was an all-time high, with members of the Seventh-day Adventist church leading all others—\$453.19 per member.

Graham Cutbacks

Billy Graham has appealed to supporters for funds to avoid large-scale cutbacks in the association's evangelistic efforts due to spiraling inflation. A 225 percent increase in postal rates, Graham's participation in the International Congress on Evangelization in Switzerland, and the production of a full-length feature film, were major expenses last year. The first aspect of Graham's work to be affected by cutbacks would be the radio ministry. The association operates on an annual budget of about 20 million dollars.

Adventure in Faith

By P. H. Eldridge

Great challenges offer opportunities for great growth. The attempt to accomplish the seemingly impossible often stimulates the growth of courage and the development of faith.

When considering the small number of individuals involved in sharing the Advent Message in the early stage of this movement, we are amazed at the faith they displayed. Today there are more than 2,500,000 of us in 189 of earth's 221 countries, and we speak 528 languages. What an adventure in faith!!

What and where is the current challenge to the Advent Movement? And how can we illustrate faith in God today?

Adventure In Faith is a worldwide spiritual and financial thrust which has been designed to help us strengthen our faith in God while participating more fully in sharing the gospel in the still unentered and partially entered areas of the world. Worldwide, each local field is developing Adventure In Faith plans to meet the challenge of the unfinished work. These expansive spiritual and financial plans are calling God's people to go beyond the regular and ordinary, in order to expand His work and penetrate whole new frontiers with God's positive guides for living.

For us in the Far Eastern Division this means that each union

and local mission committee will study its field carefully and prepare a specific plan for advancing into some previously unentered area. This may be a tribal territory, a prefecture or province where we have no church work, or a city where there are now no Seventh-day Adventist church members. A plan should be laid to begin work in this new area, using the funds which will come to the local field from the worldwide Adventure In Faith offering.

In order to underwrite financially the Adventure In Faith spiritual thrust, each member is encouraged to participate personally in the Adventure In Faith offering which is to be taken on two occasions before the time of the General Conference Session in Vienna.

Here is the plan:

- a. Basic Personal Goal—Each member is urged to give an amount equal to one week's tithe on each of the two Sabbaths, April 26 and July 12.
- b. Special Faith Objective—Each member is urged to consider the possibility of giving a total of one week's income, instead of the two offerings as mentioned above.

Let me give an illustration of how this would work. Suppose a member has an income of \$100 per week. His basic goal would be to give \$10 (the equivalent of his tithe) on each of the two Sabbaths, April 26 and July 12. This would be a total of \$20 for the Adventure In Faith offering. However, if the member decides to give on the basis of the Special Faith Objective, his offering



Sarawak offers a great challenge for spreading the gospel. Former missionaries Dick and Jean Hall are pictured with Robert Grady, Sabbath School secretary for the Southeast Asia Union Mission.



Grady distributes relief aid to war refugees in Cambodia.



It's said that Asia belongs to its youth. These youngsters offer a challenge to the Adventist church.



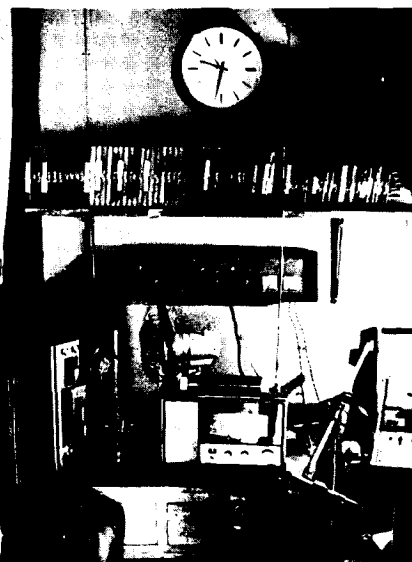
A young Cambodian girl assists in distributing clothing to war refugees.

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would be \$100. This could be given at one time or divided between the two Sabbaths.

Seventy percent of all gifts will be returned to the local field from which they came in order to underwrite its Adventure In Faith spiritual plans. Thirty percent will be sent to the General Conference for distribution in areas needing special assistance.

There is no question as to whether or not large amounts of money are needed to share the gospel. However, the personal involvement of every church member is one of the major objectives of Adventure In Faith. "Individual responsibility, individ-



Plans are under way to move this radio station to larger quarters in Manado, Indonesia.

ual effort, personal sacrifice, is the requirement of the gospel." *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 147. Adventure In Faith spiritual plans provide avenues for the use of our gifts of time, abilities and money.

Worldwide, regardless of language, color or nationality, God's people are uniting and responding to the challenge of an uncompleted work in their own lives and throughout the world. Increase your faith through participation. Participate with God in spiritual and financial endeavors that are bigger than your own ability. Why not adventure in faith?

Too Many Disappointments

By W. F. Storz

Have you ever been an administrator in an organization where there was request after request that had to be turned down? If you have, you will understand the predicament facing the administration in the 14 sections and 6 unions of the Southern Asia Division.

Take for example the Dogri church situation. That church was established six years ago and is organized with, at present, 37 baptized members. Week after week with freezing winters and a heavy rainfall, they meet in the open courtyard of a member's home.

Then take the Umarpur company which was established by an initial evangelistic effort in 1972 in which 30 people were baptized. Since then another 40 have been baptized. All these people worship under a tree in the courtyard of a village home.

We can add to this another 650 churches and companies meeting in similar inconvenience in Southern Asia. A respectable village church, in spite of inflation and constantly rising costs may still be built for about \$1,500. One of the biggest obstacles at present to church building is that the land on which to build a church may cost several times as much as the building itself. But, is it really necessary that so many churches

get along without a place of worship?

And, here is another question, Have you ever applied for entrance for your children into a Seventh-day Adventist school and been refused? Or, from the opposite perspective have you ever tried to operate a college and have to turn away student after student because of inadequate space or equipment? What makes the hurt more acute is when they are students from good, honest, hardworking Seventh-day Adventist homes; students who have struggled hard to be successful in their efforts to gain an education to be more effective in helping a work that urgently needs to be finished; students who, if refused, have little alternative but to go to an outside school.

The Spicer College girls' dormitory was built to accommodate 120 girls, but the last enrollment was 212. The boys' dormitory, (including the new building started by the 13th Sabbath Offering overflow in 1972, but not completed due to lack of funds) in which only the ground floor is occupied, should accommodate 250, but the latest figures were 450.

Its library should contain 100,000 books, but has only 20,000 most of which are very old and outdated. Some have served the college library since its establishment in 1915. Their latest encyclopedia is a 1965 edition. Can all of this be expected to provide an education required for modern conditions?

The above facts are almost unbelievable, but nevertheless true. Anyone can readily see the urgent need. I request you, yes, I urge you, to make practical your response in the 13th Sabbath Offering on March 29.



Dr. M. E. Cherian, president of Spicer College, asks his secretary, Mrs. Hetzer, to send another rejection cable to an applicant—"Sorry, Spicer has no accommodation available."

W. F. Storz is Sabbath School Secretary of the Southern Asia Division.

central philippines

Institute Happenings

Under the leadership of F. Y. Cometa, the Central Philippine Union publishing department held its first floating literature evangelist institute on one of the Philippines' fastest and newest luxury liners, the *MS Sweet Home*. The institute lasted for two days while the ship was sailing from Cebu to Manila and back to Cebu.

In attendance were 460 literature evangelists. Others present were officers of the union and local missions, guests from the Philippine Publishing House, and the associate publishing department secretary of the Far Eastern Division.

Devotional meetings were assigned to the union and mission officers. Items pertaining to the relationship between the publishing house and field were handled by F. B. Conopio, associate editor of the Philippine Publishing House. A. N. Santiago, Division associate publishing secretary, took charge of sales instruction and Sabbath appointments.

P. M. Mayor, North Philippine Union publishing secretary, M. B. Sevilla, Central Luzon Mission publishing secretary, and his assistants, were at the pier to



Four literature evangelist couples were married during the floating publishing institute which sailed from Cebu to Manila and then back to Cebu. The couples were given free accommodations on the ship as a gift from the captain.



A. N. Santiago, associate publishing secretary of the Far Eastern Division, led out in the sales instruction aspect of the institute.

meet the literature evangelists. Attractive buses took the group to various tourist spots in Manila, such as the Cultural Center, Rizal Park, Nayong Pilipino, Manila supermarkets, and all of our SDA institutions. They also stopped at the Philippine Publishing House for a special program and lunch held on the lawn.

The reports and stories of prog-

ress, not only in sales but also in baptisms, indicate more meaningfully that God is guiding our work in this part of the field.

One interesting highlight during the institute was the wedding ceremony when four pairs of literature evangelists were married aboard the *MS Sweet Home* as it sailed to Manila. The captain of the ship was so thrilled that he

gave the newlyweds, without charge, four of his first-class, air-conditioned cabins which were elegantly furnished. The captain said that this was the first time in the history of his navigation that a wedding had been performed on his ship and it turned out to be four weddings! — *A. N. Santiago.*

Lightning Assistance

The TARGET 80 Task Force of the Negros Mission believes in action. Composed of D. G. Jucaban, president, and the departmental secretaries of the mission, the group visits every church to make sure that enthusiasm for church planting does not wane. According to a report from Pastor Jucaban, during the first nine months of 1974, 15 churches were organized in the mission and more than 30 new companies planted.

The example of the Task Force is both practical and inspiring. The brethren have purchased 500 pesos' worth of carpentry tools, and since a number of them are experienced carpenters, they are able to give "lightning assistance" as well. In Mabini, Pulpandan, Negros Occidental, the Task Force put up a 12- by 18-foot church in one day.

east indonesia

Remboken District

The Remboken district in the East Indonesia Union consists of six churches (Remboken, Passo, Panassen, Parepey, Kasuratan and Tampusu) scattered along the south coast of beautiful Lake

Tondano in South Minahasa. There is an elementary school in this district operated by the Remboken church, the biggest church in the district.

An aggressive program has been carried on by J. Legoh in the Remboken district. Monthly meetings are held at which the combined membership get together, and on such occasions baptisms are conducted.

Last October Dale J. Bidwell, union treasurer, was the guest speaker at the district meeting. With him were Deborah Hartsock, the student missionary who is teaching at the Menado English Language School, and Moody Mambu from the union office who contributed special music. After lunch, two individuals were baptized by P. Laloan, a retired minister. — *Nathan Ruhupatty.*

Tosuraya Opens New Lamb Shelter

Last September 15, a lamb shelter was dedicated at Tosuraya of the Ratahan district. Present from the East Indonesia Union were A. Waworoendeng, K. Onsoe, and J. A. Raranta and wife, J. A. Satigi, and the writer.

Pastor Waworoendeng, union president, delivered the dedication sermon, after which Mrs. Raranta unveiled the name board, and Mrs. Waworoendeng unlocked the door.

In his congratulations, the government official expressed appreciation to our denomination for participating in the country's five-year plan. Pastor Raranta, after receiving the land certificate from the church elder, also expressed congratulations.

guam- micronesia

Palau School News

The 1974-75 school year brought an SOS worker and his wife, two student missionaries, Thomas Ranguul, and Jerry Barizo and family to Palau Mission Academy as regular staff members.

J. Hal Horning and his wife, who have been in Hawaii for 24 years and at Loma Linda Academy for another 11, are SOS workers. Horning teaches geometry and is in charge of maintenance.

The student missionaries are Carville Tolson, III, and John McDowell. Tolson, a religion and pre-med major at Loma Linda University, is teaching Bible, math, and science. McDowell, originally from South Africa but more recently from Newfoundland, is an English major at Atlantic Union College and is teaching English and Bible.

Renguul, recently from Andrews University where he received his Master's degree in school administration, is now serving as vice principal and boys' dean, as well as teaching two subjects. Barizo and his family from the Philippines arrived just in time for the new school year. He is teaching a Bible subject, biology and chemistry. He is also MV sponsor and sports director. Mrs. Barizo, a registered nurse, serves as school nurse.

korea

School Burns in Predawn Flame

The Seoul English Language School was destroyed November 5 in what has been reported as the second worst fire in Korea in terms of the number of fatalities. Eighty-eight persons died and some 35 were injured in a predawn fire which swept the Taewang Building about 2:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 5.

Most of the fire victims were young men and women in their 20s attending the night club, according to *The Korea Herald* newspaper. Because of the hour of the fire, no students or staff of the SDA English language center were involved.

The Taewang Building housed a hotel, nightclub, department store, and apartment units in addition to the language school,

which was on the seventh floor. The sixth and seventh floors were damaged while the lower floors escaped the fire unscathed.

This was the second time in less than two years that the building has caught fire. On August 5, 1972, a fire gutted the first and second floors, killing six people and injuring 104.

College Opens After Shutdown

Classes resumed at Korean Union College on November 25, following a temporary shutdown resulting from a government requirement for military drill with weapons on all school campuses in Korea.

To date the government has not changed its position, but college officials resumed operations because "there doesn't appear to be any virtue in remaining closed," reports Robert Burgess, a member of the college faculty.

north philippines

Publishing House Celebrates 60th Year

The Philippine Publishing House, largest publishing complex of the Adventist church in Asia, observed its 60th anniversary in December with a spiritual retreat at Baguio.

A pageant depicting the founding of the firm from a small print shop to a modern publishing complex was presented by the editorial staff.

S. D. Pangborn, Division publishing secretary, and his associate, A. N. Santiago, attended as guest speakers. F. M. Arrogante, president of the North Philippine Union Mission, and chairman of the publishing house's board of management, gave the keynote address.—*F. B. Conopio*

"Desire of Ages" Printed in Tagalog

The Philippine Publishing House has recently released *The Desire of Ages* in Tagalog. This translation from English was done by Flaviano V. Dalisay, Sr., who died before his work was off the press, reports S. G. Miraflores, editor of the publishing house. The first copies were presented to Dalisay's granddaughters. (Photo on next page.)

This edition in Tagalog is in two volumes. The Ilocano translation will be completed early next year. Initial printing is 10,000 copies.—*F. B. Conopio*.



Student missionaries and staff of the Korean Union and language school salvaged anything still useable from the rubbish of the recent fire which destroyed much of the school.



Editor S. G. Miraflores presents an advance copy of the Tagalog edition of "The Desire of Ages" to granddaughters of Flaviano V. Dalisay, Sr., who translated the book.

south china

Three-fold Ingathering

The Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission was greatly blessed by God last year with an abundant Ingathering, not only of donations but also of good reputation, and, above all, of precious souls. While *Sam Yuk* means "three-fold", for the past four years the Tai Po Secondary School has received three-fold blessings from God.

Campaign

First, during a one-week Ingathering campaign, students and teachers collected HK\$40,050.95 (approximately US\$8,000). This resulted from the untiring efforts of our students who visited relatives and friends. One of the girls used 120 receipts in her solicitation. Besides helping to build our new Tai Po church, a million-dollar (HK) project, the

campaign helped those participating to grow spiritually.

Second, owing to the earnest support of the laymen, full cooperation of the faculty, and a good program of studies, an unprecedented reputation is developing within the New Territories here in Hong Kong. Student enrollment has grown from 108 in June of 1970 to 1,100 in September of 1974. This increase contributes to the financial stability of the school and helps the realization of its goal to be self-supporting.

Awards

Last school year our students won three awards in the various inter-school competitions in Hong Kong. We received third place in the handicraft competition sponsored by the Urban Council of Hong Kong; second prize at the Hong Kong Music Festival sponsored by the Hong Kong Education Department went to our harmonica band; and the first award of the walkathon campaign sponsored by the Conservancy Association of Hong

Kong was given to our school.

Third, 80 students were baptized in two services during May and June of 1974. This means that a total of 275 students have been baptized during the last four years. Thus it is possible for the school to have an Adventist section of about 250 students separate from the rest who are non-church members. In this way they can attend our college after graduation and be prepared to serve God's cause in the future.

Thanks

In this connection we give thanks to Milton Lee, M. Y. Hsiao, D. M. Barnett, T. M. Chu, Y. C. Wong, C. C. Cheung, James Su, K. S. Kwan, and others who have conducted one or more Weeks of Prayer or given Bible studies to our students. We praise God for making Tai Po Sam Yuk School a lighthouse to shed the beams of truth in the New Territories and solicit your prayers and support that we can make the work of the school even more fruitful. —*Handel Luke.*

south philippines

God Speaks in The Philippine Jungles

A great miracle occurred when 84 Manobo tribal people were baptized by three Seventh-day Adventist ministers on July 20 last year. This experience shows that God has wonderful ways to speak to honest hearts.

In 1959 a group of miners excavated a certain area of the jungle.

Their native guide was Datu Miguel Bantono, who observed that one of the miners often read his "black book" and learned from him that there is a God in heaven, as opposed to his ancestral belief. His interest was aroused. He decided to have a copy of the "black book." That same miner secured it for him from Manila.

Illiterate

Owning one made him happy but at the same time he was depressed, for he could not read. He pleaded with God for wisdom, and God guided him to the other side of the jungle where he met a Spanish *mestizo* who taught him how to read and write. But he had only four lessons, so he practiced combinations of letters and sounded them out until he taught himself to read.

He sent four of his group to Ampayon to buy copies of the "black book." God led them to the tailoring shop of a Seventh-day Adventist, Ismael Acenas.

"Do you have the 'black book'?" they asked him.

Their question puzzled him, but he was impressed to show his Bible with its black cover.

"That's the book!" they exclaimed.

So Bibles were secured for them from Butuan City.

Brother Acenas learned that these natives were keeping the Sabbath but were still eating pork and chewing betel nuts. "Come and teach us Bible truth" was their Macedonian call. Three times they repeated this invitation, but since they lived 40 kilometers away and our brother was busy in his tailor shop, it was dif-



Miguel Bantono

ficult to respond. Finally, at the fourth invitation, Ismael Acenas and Nathaniel Macanim visited them and discovered that there were more than 50 people keeping the Sabbath. Besides, they readily accepted each Bible truth as presented. In fact, after hearing that the flesh of pigs should not be eaten, they disposed of these animals the very next day. Later, Neufito Asumen, the district leader, visited them and found that attendance had increased to more than 80 persons, with many other prospective interests.

Effort

The mission committee then decided to hold a jungle effort, appointing Nathaniel Macanim as youth evangelist and Ismael Acenas, layman evangelist. Before its formal launching last May, a medical team went up to care for their physical needs.

The writer, together with his office staff, went up personally to observe this interesting development. We were thrilled to see the primitive godliness of these natives.

As an evidence of their interest in Bible truth, they constructed a

church where they gathered for worship two Sabbaths before their baptism last July. Among the 84 souls baptized were Datu Miguel Bantono and two criminals. Praise God for sending us a brave youth evangelist, Nathaniel Macanim, with Datu Bantono, who went up to their hideout to proclaim the gospel message of hope.—*P. G. Frasco.*

southeast asia

Five Day Plan Held in Cambodia

"War casualties are the biggest health problem in Cambodia, but we want to prevent the habit of smoking from gripping our people as well, so we are glad you have come to our country," declared Dr. Kim Vien, Cambodian minister of health to R. O. Heald, M.D., and Helton Fisher, who recently completed a Five-Day Plan in Phnom Penh.

The series, organized by Ng Gan Theow, was held at the Adventist English Language School. In addition to the talks by Dr. Heald and Pastor Fisher, films were shown in six sessions to the 550 students of the language school. Another large English school nearby also requested the lectures to be given, and the headmaster made a presentation of his own cigarettes to Dr. Heald on the first night of the Five-Day Plan.

The student missionaries of the language school were of great help in managing the program and offering their hospitality to us.—*R. O. Heald, M.D.*

A NEW HOME FOR POLEN

Wearily she patched sheets of torn cardboard with banana leaves, repairing the roof on the wretched hovel she was forced to call "home."

Driven by the starvation of poverty, Polen Hipolita, 51-year-old crippled widow, begged in the marketplace for more than a year. Nights were cold in the shack and the patched cardboard roof lent little refuge from frequent rains.

The despicable fate of this beggar widow concerned members of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Pondol, Hinunangan, Southern Leyte in the Central Philippines.

Love in Action

Their solution was simply, "Let's build a new home for Polen!"

With inexpensive local building materials—bamboo and nipa palm leaves—the carpenters in the Pondol church constructed a small sturdy hut in a coconut grove at the edge of town. The Dorcas Society ladies dug into their barrels to furnish the house with pots and pans and other things to make the new home comfortable. They even found some dresses to fit her.

But a nipa roof, a cooking pot, and a new dress were not the gifts that made the difference in Polen's new home. The gifts that made the difference were love and faith—the love shown by members of the Pondol church, and the faith in Jesus they shared with her.

Changed Life

Since this experience, Polen attends church every week with her new friends. Early on Sabbath morning she struggles to church on a cane, yet arrives even before the minister or church members.

What did it take to lift Polen from a beggar's lot to a new life of new hope? Less than \$6.00 worth of bamboo and palm leaves, a little free labor, a search through the Dorcas barrel, and the love of Jesus working through men and women who cared. —/ke B. Sarsoza.

Gardner Stops in Singapore



Founder of the Penang Adventist Hospital in Malaysia, J. E. Gardner, M.D., stopped by Singapore at the time of Division Council. He had just completed a short term of relief service in Hong Kong and had also stopped in Penang before coming to Singapore. Pictured left to right: Drs. Stephen and Margaret Tan of Singapore, R. I. Gainer, treasurer of Southeast Asia Union Mission, Dr. Gardner, and R. S. Watts, president of Southeast Asia Union Mission.

Spiritual Problems

By C. A. Williams

"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Col. 3:23). For the Christian, daily work performed in service to employers is service to God. This verse indicates that stewardship is the center of our daily work. A man spent twenty years in an auto factory tightening the nuts that held radiators on the frame. In this job which would have been slavery to another man, this man's personality bloomed and he became a stalwart leader in his community. Those close to him knew his secret. Everything in his life, even tightening a million nuts, was done in service to God. It is not our work that destroys us, but our attitude toward it.

The poorest steward is one who sees no relation between his daily work and his service to God. Marian Castle in her novel, *Deborah*, describes the influence of a certain farmer: "When he left a place he always left the land a little poorer, the gates sagging a little lower, the ruts in the lane gouged a little deeper." A Texas dry-land farmer boasted, "I've worn out three eighty-acre farms in my life." These men were robbing God just as much as if they were withholding the tithe. If I cheat on my lunch hour and if I idly fritter away my time in my work, I have violated my stewardship before God.