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Water Walking



Almost everyone has sometime had the fantasy of walking on water. Peter did it. The fact that he was a professional fisherman with a healthy respect

for the sea makes his accomplishment all the more memorable. Even the ignominy of his prompt and splashy submersion does not nullify the miracle. For a few splendid moments Peter's faith channeled enough divine power to make a path of waves on which he walked to meet his Lord.

Listen as Matthew tells the story (Matt. 14: 22-32).

It all happens in the middle of a stormy night on Galilee.

Bucking headwinds and high waves, the boat makes little progress.

Jesus appears, walking on the sea.

The disciples, terrified, think He is a ghost.

Jesus reassures them. "It is I; be not afraid."

Impulsively Peter says, "Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water."

Jesus says, "Come."

That one word, spoken as both invitation

and command, produced the miracle. Men can't walk on water. But Peter did. In a flash of supernatural power triggered by instant faith, he stepped out of that boat and moved across the waves to Jesus.

God gave us Peter's story so we could know and use the same miracle-working formula: divine command + faith in action = unlimited accomplishment.

Better than any other account in scripture, this narrative clarifies what happens when God commands and man obeys. The command itself contains all the ingredients of success. The only essential human qualification is obedience. Talent, training, experience—admirable characteristics though they be—are serious handicaps if they inhibit a simple response in faith. Success will come to him who responds, not in self-confidence but in the certainty that what God commands He gives the power to perform.

Ellen White compressed this magnificent concept into a potent capsule of inspiration: "As the will of man cooperates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command, may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings." Christ's Object Lessons, p. 333.

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President

COVER: A foreigner in Palu, East Indonesia, causes enough curiosity to gather a crowd of children. Dave Dennis, Division auditor, who speaks the Indonesian language, turns the situation into storytime. Dennis visited Indonesia for the 1974 year-end meetings.

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SCUC Volunteers



Hornings

Jim and Isabel Horning of Hollister, California, arrived in Hong Kong in December to spend one year as AVSC workers at South China Union College. Mr. Horning is in charge of the school's maintenance program and expects to teach some vocational education courses. His daughter, Pat, teaches English at Far Eastern Academy, and his brother, J. Hal Horning, is serving as a volunteer at Palau Mission Academy in the SDA Mission, Guam-Micronesia.

Secretary in Japan

The new office secretary in the Japan Union Mission office is Mrs. Lucille Gammon. Most recently she worked in the public relations department of the Pacific Union Conference, but has also served in the Atlantic Union, Middle East College, Laurelwood Academy, Wisconsin Academy, Southwestern Union, and the Texico Conference. Mrs. Gammon has done both secretarial work and secondary school teaching.



Gammon

Winning Speaker

Jimmy Solis, a fourth year student of Mindanao Mission Academy, was named first winner of an oration contest held for 12 public and private

high schools in Misamis Oriental. The theme of the contest was "Development of National Discipline as a Way of Life," and was sponsored by the department of education and culture. Jimmy received a new Webster's dictionary for his first-rate performance.

Dr. to Penang

John Richard Melnick, M.D., is serving at the Penang Adventist Hospital in Malaysia. A graduate of Loma Linda University, California, and Columbia Union College, Maryland, Dr. Melnick is from Elmira, New York. His wife, Julianne, is also a graduate of Columbia Union College. She is a registered nurse. The Melnicks have two sons, Todd, 4, and Ryan, 2.



Melnick

Telex Installed



The first Telex message from the Far Eastern Division office went to R. H. Pierson, president of the General Conference, Washington, D.C. FED operator, Quah Ai Hoon sent the first message from P. H. Eldridge, Division president. Now the Division office can be in immediate contact with other denominational organizations that also have a Telex machine. One of the benefits of the new machine is that it will enable the FED to receive daily news bulletins from the General Conference session in Vienna. The Far Eastern Division has been assigned the following: FEDEX-RS21997.

Yugoslavia

Experts in East European affairs say church-state relations in Yugoslavia continue to deteriorate. It has become almost impossible to obtain authorization and sites for the construction of new churches. The government-coordinated campaign against the Roman Catholic Church and the Serbian Orthodox Church has resulted in increased cooperation between the two. Instead of stressing differences, both churches have of late been stressing their common ideological stand.

Chad

Severe reprisals continue to be inflicted on clergy and laity in the country of Chad who oppose the pagan initiation rites of the country's "cultural revolution." One release says that President Ngarta Tombalbaye has declared that Christians "must deny that there is a God, or be killed." Other sources doubt that the Chadian leader has gone that far, but agree that he is irritated with Protestants because of stories on torture and murder that have leaked to the press. All foreign missionaries have now been expelled.

Paris

Sunday Masses will no longer be held in the royal chapel at the Versailles chateau in Paris. The closure was the decision of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. A ministry statement said closure of the chapel was required "to protect extremely fragile surroundings which belong to the national heritage." So many protests flooded the Cultural Affairs Ministry that President Valery Giscard d'Estaing has asked for a full report on the reasons for closing the chapel.

The 19-year-old youth lay on the floor of a nipa home in Dao, a Manobo village of Central Mindanao. He had been lying there four days. His face was lined with pain. A loop in a jungle vine supported his right leg above the bamboo floor. Body fluids were oozing from massive wounds on his right leg. The left leg was covered with dirty rags.

Soon I heard the story. The young man had planned to catch fish for his family. He had filled a can with gas. The light from the ignited gas would attract the fish. The little can of burning gas accidentally overturned, spilling the contents on his trousers. In a moment his clothing was on fire. Four days passed. There was no one to help. The newly opened mission school had no medicine for burns. The youthful teachers were inexperienced in this kind of an emergency.

There was only one thing to do. Emboy Manurong must be carried to the Mountain View

College clinic for treatment. An older brother of the injured man began making a chair for the patient. While this was being prepared the villagers gathered in the new mission school.

What a memorable meeting! More than 100 people crowded into one of the new classrooms. Just six weeks before, these people were spirit worshipers. Ebenezer Aguirre, the student district pastor of the three Manobo villages, told of witnessing a chicken sacrifice while on a trip through this village. About half of the villagers were ill at that time. The datu (chief) called the villagers who were not sick to attend the sacrifice. The chief led in the service to appease the evil spirits and free his people from the sickness. But now the little school house resounded with music of heaven.

The mission teacher introduced the guests. One of them was the datu from Dampaan, a recently baptized Adventist. He rose to his feet and began



Emboy Manurong had been lying on the floor of his home in Dao for four days when J. H. Zachary and students from Mountain View College found him.

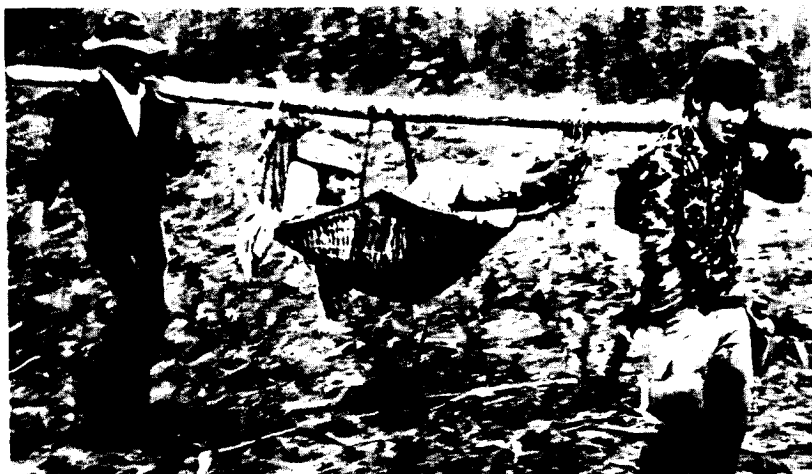
giving a moving testimony of what Jesus had done for him.

"My brothers," he said, "many of you remember my old life. I was often drunk. Betel nut and tobacco were destroying my health. On more than one occasion I traded an expensive carabao for a few bottles of whiskey. I was losing weight. My family often had only bananas and sweet potatoes to eat."

At this point he unbuttoned his shirt and pulled up his undershirt. As he patted his rounded tummy he continued, "As you can see I'm gaining weight now that I have put away these bad habits. My wife now has enough to feed us rice at our house. I have a much better life since I became a Christian." With sweeping gestures and deep

by J. H. Zachary

Medical Aid by Air



Emboy's friends carried him from Dao to the place where Zachary had to leave his jeep—an eight kilometer hike that took three hours. Then the jeep ride to Mountain View college was another three hours.

emotion he urged the people of Dao to listen to the message that the missionaries were bringing from the Bible.

I remembered a vision that the datu had received months before. Jesus had come to him with the promise that he and his people would have a better life if they followed the new ways of the student missionaries. Just two weeks before another dream had come urging him to tell his people what God had done for him. Surely the Lord was using the converted datu in a mighty way.

After the meeting in the school the crowd gathered at the house of Emboy Manurong. The injured man was carefully carried out of the house and placed upon the back-packing chair. His brother, Timbaliwan, hoisted the chair to his back. After 200 meters Emboy Manurong rea-

lized that he could never cover the eight kilometers. The chair cut into his burns with excruciating pain. Villagers scurried off to find a hammock and pole. Soon Emboy Manurong was suspended in the air between two of his friends.

I have been over the path to Dao five times. It is a long trip. The river must be forded 16 times. The trail makes its way through the rain forests of Central Bukidnon. Here and there settlers are beginning to

clear land for rice and corn.

Three hours later Emboy Manurong was loaded into my jeep for the last three-hour portion of the trip to the college clinic.

Early the next morning the decision was made to take Emboy Manurong to the Adventist Sanitarium and Hospital in Iligan City. The new clinic at MVC is still under construction with meager equipment available. Doctor Academia, the college physician, was not able to treat this patient.

Don Christensen, college business manager and pilot, loaded the victim into the college airplane. In 30 minutes the patient was unloaded into a taxi at the Iligan airport.

All of these events comprise an entering wedge. It will be easier to preach the gospel in Dao when Emboy again walks among his people. A distant village in the mountains now has a new hope when sickness comes. ■



From MVC, Emboy was loaded into the college plane, and pilot Don Christensen transported him to the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital in Iligan City. Nancy Moreno, a graduate nurse of MVC, accompanied the patient to the hospital.

Obituaries

O. B. Kuhn

Former missionary to China, Otto B. Kuhn died in Loma Linda on December 19, 1974. He spent the years from 1916 to 1937 in China. During these 20 years Pastor Kuhn served as executive, evangelist, and teacher at various times. He labored both in the coast missions and the East China Union, living at Shanghai and Nanking; and the Inland Mission of Central China at Hankow and Changsha.

During their later years Elder and Mrs. Kuhn resided in Loma Linda where he assisted with the work of the College Church and with the chaplain's work at the hospital in Loma Linda. He was active with the University Church literature work and other activities until a month before his death.

H. M. Tippet

Long-time professor and then book editor at the Review and Herald Publishing Association for 25 years, Harry M. Tippet died in Loma Linda, California, in December. Funeral services were held December 19. Professor Tippet gave 47 years to denominational work.

O. A. Blake

Funeral services for Owen Andrew Blake, former missionary to the Philippines, were held in early December in Cumberland Heights, Coalmont, Tennessee. He died December 2, 1974.

Pastor Blake was first called to mission service in the Philippines in 1929. He was a member of the faculty of Philippine Union College until he was elected treasurer of the Philippine Union Mission. Shortly after World War II Elder and Mrs. Blake returned to the United States, but after only a few months they were called to South America where

First Chinese Church Built in Australia



The first Chinese Seventh-day Adventist church in Australia was officially opened in Sydney last November. The 300-seat structure was completely debt-free when it opened. Approximately half of the cost was carried by Dr. and Mrs. Chan Shun of Hong Kong, who were on hand to unveil the foundation stone and officially open the church. In his dedication sermon, R. R. Frame, president of the Australasian Division, challenged members of the Sydney Chinese Adventist Church to share their faith, especially among the thousands of Chinese who live in the vicinity of the new church. Edward Ho is pastor of the Sydney congregation.

Thank You

After each overseas trip I do my best to write a personal letter to each of my hosts or hostesses where I have been so warmly entertained. However, this year upon my return to the office, I find an enormous amount of work that must be done, especially in connection with the multitudinous details of the coming General Conference session. So will you please accept this open letter as a great big "Thank You" for your many kindnesses and warm hospitality? —D. W. Hunter, Associate Secretary, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

he served as Division treasurer for eight years.

He then served as the undertreasurer for the General Conference for 16 years before retiring in Cumberland Heights.

FOR BETTER LIVING

Attitudes and Their Relation to Health

The World Health Organization has defined health as "a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity." This extends health to include both the body and the mind. Does mental attitude affect physical well-being?

Adverse Effect

Stress, tension, worry, and anxiety seriously affect the normal functioning of the entire emotional (parasympathetic and sympathetic) nervous system. Such emotions can slow and practically stop the digestive processes, cause ulcers, raise blood pressure, and increase the work of the heart. Solomon said: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

Good Reaction

An interest in life and an enthusiasm for living and sharing happiness with others react favorably on health. They sharpen the appetite, improve digestion, lower the blood pressure, and lessen heart strain. Mental attitudes are intimately related to physical performance. Attitudes are not born; they are learned. A wholesome outlook on life can be developed just as strong muscles are developed—by practice and more practice.

Mervyn G. Hardinge, M.D.
Dean, School of Health
Loma Linda University

The principles of healthful living are relatively simple. The rewards of following them are very great. Your family physician is your most able teacher.

central philippines

East Visaya Grows

The ninth year of East Visaya's existence as a local mission in the Central Philippines ended on a note of triumph. Organized in 1965 with a membership of 5,000 and a monthly income of as many pesos, by 1974 membership had doubled and the monthly income was more than 40,000 pesos. Accessions have been increasing as well. By the end of December, 1,041 souls had been baptized during the year.

All in all, the East Visayan Mission has several important factors going for it.

Protected

Though located in a typhoon belt, there has been no major destruction from a typhoon for the past five years. This has encouraged many of our former members who migrated to Mindanao, only to suffer from unsettled conditions there, to return to East Visaya.

The ten-bed medical clinic in Calbayog City keeps Dr. Orville Varona and his assistants busy around the clock. The influence of their medical work is felt by all of Samar. In fact, the district where the clinic is located leads the mission in baptisms.

Another important phase of our medical work is the contribution made by Dr. and Mrs. Roy Day (see January *Outlook*). Though located in Calbayog, numerous field trips extend his "Sight for the Curable Blind"



The East Visayan Mission added 1,041 names to its membership lists in 1974. Many of the converts to Adventism are young people.

program to many towns and villages.

An educational project is now under study. Though there are hundreds of baptized youth in the territory of our mission, there is no academy for them. A survey team has located a choice lot of 1,000 hectares (part of a large tract of public land on Leyte near Ormoc City) which would be a good site for a vocational-agricultural school. Government officials enthusiastically endorse the project, and it is hoped that this large tract of land will be leased to us before long.

Food Factory

Another project being considered is that of a food factory to manufacture soy milk and bake whole wheat bread. This is in keeping with the Philippines' drive for better health for the undernourished.

Above all, we recognize our heavenly Father as the source of all blessings and the hope of future success. We solicit your prayers as we endeavor to help finish the work in this very challenging field of the Central Philippine Union.—*D. M. Niere.*

Youth Leadership

Master Guides studying firebuilding techniques, elementary ropework, codes and calls, and jungle survival? Yes, there were 40 of these youth leaders in the Central Philippines who took practical inservice training for youth leadership. This was to qualify for membership in the Master Guide Service Force unit of the Central Iloilo MV Association.

Believing in the necessity of trained leadership, Vita Jamandre, herself a Master Guide, and R. B. Domingo, youth director of the West Visayan Mission, led out in this activity. Their Strike Force unit began work last February and aims to provide the churches of the Central Iloilo district with skilled and attractive youth leadership.—*Jimmy Acebedo.*

east indonesia

Laywoman Organizes Sabbath Schools

Mrs. Anna Mandagi is a literature evangelist who lives up to the name. True, she sells books and that fulfills the first part. But she is actively engaged in evangelism as well.

She holds the distinction of being the first church member to conduct a branch Sabbath school in the Tomohon district of South Minahasa. In fact, she conducts three—two at Tara-Tara and another at Woloan. And this work has been rewarding.

Last August two young ladies were baptized at Tara-tara, and later

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YOU CAN HELP THIS HAPPEN AROUND THE WORLD. A tribesman from an uncontrolled area in New Guinea has seen the change in the life of his friend who has taken Bible studies. He too wants to know about Jesus so he can go back to his people and teach where the missionary cannot enter.

YOU CAN HELP BUILD "LAMB SHELTERS" LIKE THIS ONE. Children meet in these "lamb shelters" for Sabbath school in Sarawak, Borneo. The witness of these little ones has brought the message to many of their parents.



Adventure in Faith

INVOLVE YOURSELF IN THE

What is this all about? You are being challenged to finish as soon as possible. Now rather than you will concentrate on entering new territories with in places where the work has already begun.

Adventure in Faith needs you. Involvement seem like an every-day experience. You of your time, talents, and money. Adventure as your financial backing. It needs your personal as well as public evangelism involved by going to your neighbors, backslidden friends and loved ones, the needy in your area.

This year the usual Spring Missionary be received. Instead, you are invited to 12. You are encouraged to give an average income on each of these Sabbaths.

The pictures on these pages cannot samples of the many needs around Adventure in Faith offering will be used.

If you believe there is still a great work Adventure in Faith program is meant Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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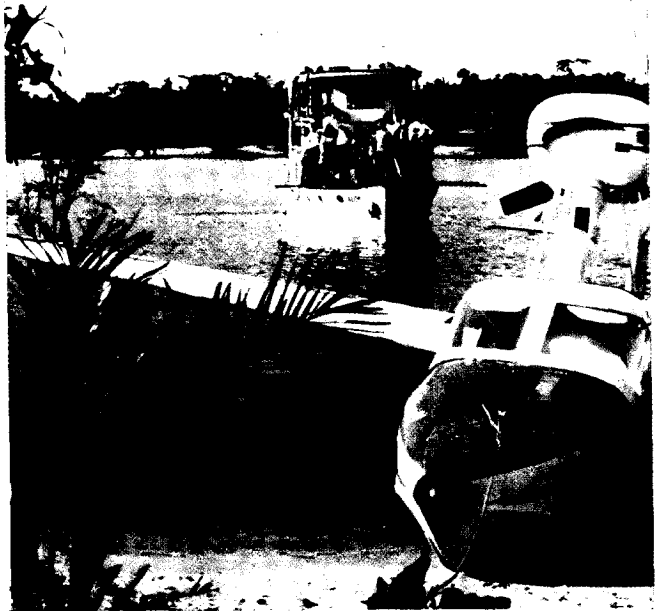
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YOU CAN HELP BUY MORE LAUNCHES AND PLANES. Mission planes and launches are being used in areas of the world where other transportation is unavailable. Thousands of man hours are saved for personal work with the people as a result of these vessels that ply the rivers and traverse the airways.

YOU CAN HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF THE KASAI. Thousands in the Kasai province of Zaire have requested membership in the Seventh-day Adventist church. This has resulted in a desperate need for pastors, teachers, churches and schools in this new territory.



(FROM PAGE 7)

a housewife from Waloan was baptized. These results were not accidental. I have discovered why.

One Sabbath morning I visited one of the branch Sabbath schools in Tara-Tara. Though the weather was bad, Mrs. Mandagi and her friends were already there. After the meeting, I accompanied her to the other branch Sabbath school in the same village where I found children and a few parents. She conducted another meeting for them.

It surprised me to discover that afterward, Mrs. Mandagi went to the village of Waloan, and though she had already conducted two branch Sabbath schools that day, she carried through another program for the third group. No wonder that her TARGET 80 program is successful. Her energy is blessed of heaven.—
Nathan Ruhupatty.

guam- micronesia

Students Baptized At Palau Academy

Sabbath, December 7, was a joyous day for the members of the Palau Mission Academy church as we witnessed the baptism of 12 students. This was the climax to the Week of Prayer conducted by Mokokir Solomon in late November.

Pastor Solomon dealt with the important topic of repentance and how it relates to salvation. His messages were well received, and at the close of each meeting, we gathered in small groups for prayer bands. Following the Week of Prayer, a Bible class was conducted for those who wished to be baptized.

Two ministers officiated at the baptism—Pastor Solomon and C. A. Ortner, academy principal. Those

First Mission House Dedicated



With the addition of the first worker's home, the South Minahasa Mission has taken on a new look. This new home will be occupied by J. A. Raranta and family, mission president. Raranta hopes that construction can soon begin on another worker's home.

baptized included five students from the Marshall Islands, five from Palau, and two from Truk.

It is our earnest prayer that these young people will strengthen the work in Micronesia. We are looking forward to a possible second baptism near the end of this school year.—
John McDowell.

Guam Clinic Reaches Out With Education

The small island of Guam is fast becoming more health conscious as a result of the various health education programs sponsored by the Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic. Large numbers have attended such programs as the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, Heartbeat (a heart-attack prevention screening program), dietary control of cholesterol,

weight control, nutrition education, and classes for expectant mothers. But that is not all.

Because of these specific programs, the community has invited clinic personnel to be special speakers for high school groups at the university, before church groups, and to participate in the Navy's anti-drug course. Last January a Five-Day Plan was televised on Guam's educational television station.

We have seen tremendous changes in many of our participants. Weight



Excess weight is usually the result of an unbalanced eating and exercise program. Participants in weight control programs at the Guam Clinic go through exercise routines as well as cutting calories.



Healthful shopping is sensible shopping, says Nikki Mead, health educator at the Guam Clinic (left). In a "shopping bag demonstration" she shows Sherry Dozier, housewife, wise selections of foods which are low in cholesterol.

loss, cholesterol and triglycerides reductions, cessation of smoking, acceptance of a vegetarian diet, and probably the greatest change is being made by a young couple who are seeking baptism as the direct result of these health education classes. — *Nikki Mead.*

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Progress Reported at Quadrennial Session

There was good news aplenty at the 25th quadrennial session of the Korean Union Mission, which was held at the Seoul Adventist Hospital Church last November 26 to 30.

On opening night, E. Y. Kim, union president, reported 7,792 baptisms during the last quadrennium. Approximately three million tracts were distributed during each of the last two years. More than 250 lay leaders have been trained to lead those churches without regular pastors. All this has brought about a 250 percent increase in tithe.

Progress reports from the union's departmental secretaries, local mission presidents, and institutional representatives highlighted the daily program. Personnel changes were voted and plans laid for future work. Throughout the session, a cooperative spirit and the influence of the Holy Spirit were evident. — *T. C. Kim.*

Koreans Celebrate 70th Anniversary

The three angels' messages in Korea were first proclaimed in 1905. Last November 30, during the 25th quadrennial session of the Korean Union, an impressive anniversary celebration was held which featured a Sabbath afternoon service in the new Seoul Hospital Church, an exhibition of pertinent pictures, periodicals and books, a musical concert, and the presentation of a commemorative album.



C. M. Park [left] receives a certificate for 43 years of service in the Korean Union Mission. This award for the longest continuous service record in Korea is presented by E. Y. Kim, union president.

E. Y. Kim, Korean Union Mission president, spoke at the special anniversary program. Following this, congratulatory messages were given by three guests: D. W. Hunter, an associate secretary from the General Conference; P. H. Eldridge, president of the Far Eastern Division; and M. H. Nam, first vice-mayor of the city of Seoul.

On this occasion 191 denominational workers were given awards for continuous service in the church. Of these, 146 individuals received

awards for 15 to 24 years of service; 27 workers received awards for 25 to 34 years of service; C. M. Park, a local pastor in the Middle West Mission, and P. W. Woo, a local pastor in the Central Mission, each received awards for more than 35 years of continuous service.

Thirteen lay workers were commended for their special contribution to the work in Korea. Four overseas workers (R. S. Watts, Sr., representing those who have served in administrative capacities; George H. Rue, M.D., representing medical workers; Mrs. Theodora Wangerin, representing editorial workers; and C. W. Lee, representing educators) received special commendation in absentia for their valuable contributions while serving in Korea.

Approximately 2,000 church members gathered for this special Sabbath service, which was broadcast in its entirety over CBS radio throughout the whole nation and viewed over KBS, MBC, and TBC television stations. — *T. C. Kim.*

Ordinations



Eight new ministers were ordained November 30, 1974, at the close of the 25th quadrennial session of the Korean Union Mission. P. H. Eldridge [center], president of the Far Eastern Division, and E. Y. Kim, president of the Korean Union Mission, conducted the service. Those receiving ordination were J. Y. Oh, K. H. Shin, and M. H. Kim from Korean Union College; B. H. Yoon from the Seoul English Language Center; J. S. Lyu from the Korean Union Mission; S. K. Kang from the Busan Sanitarium and Hospital; J. S. Lee from the Middlewest Korean Mission; and B. Y. Chang from the Central Korean Mission.

north philippines

Baptism Held in "Miracle Spring"

Dolores is a town in Quezon province in the South-Central Luzon Mission where a few months ago not a single Seventh-day Adventist could be found. In fact, it was considered impregnable by Protestants.

Every year, during what is called "holy week," thousands of Filipinos make a pilgrimage to its "miracle spring." They bathe in the spring, drink its water, and believe they will be cured from their physical ailments, gain peace of mind and cleansing from sin. A mountain nearby is believed by these people to be Calvary where the Lord was crucified.

No Success

Reliable information from those living in Dolores revealed that other religious groups have tried to preach in this town but never met with success. However, we viewed the situation differently. We remembered the promise of the Lord: "I will work, and who shall let (hinder) it?" (Isa. 43:13). We believed that no one could keep the Lord from manifesting His will to these people.

In cooperation with the North Philippine Union program of church planting, the South-Central Luzon Mission staff decided to hold an evangelistic effort in Dolores. M. R. Cudanin, mission lay activities secretary, accepted the challenge and became the speaker. After two and a half months of services every night, we had our first baptism last October of 23 candidates.

Among those baptized were Glicerio Homoroc and Herminigildo Tapalla. I mention them not for any special services they have rendered



Thousands of Filipino Catholics bathe in the "miracle spring" of Dolores every year during Holy Week. Recently 23 persons were baptized into the Adventist church in this same pool. Pictured are E. L. Dingoasen and M. R. Cudanin performing the baptisms of two converts.

to the town but for what the gospel of Christ has wrought in their lives. Mr. Homoroc is very well-known even to the youngest school child as the number one drunkard of the town, a cruel man who since his conversion has become a loving husband and father to his family.

So Late

"Why did you come so late to preach to us?" asked Mr. Tapala. "Had you come earlier to teach us the gospel of Christ, I should not have lost a portion of my land and my two jeeps in gambling." Today he is happy for he found Christ.

The experience of these two men has been noised abroad to adjoining barrios where people have told us they are interested to hear a Seventh-day Adventist preach to them the gospel which could transform a

drunkard and a gambler.

To God be all the glory and honor. Once more He has proved by this experience in Dolores the truthfulness of His promise, "So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void" (Isa. 55:11). — E. L. Dingoasen.

Central Luzon Holds MV-Temperance Meet

A mission-wide MV-temperance convention, held in the Baesa Tagalog church in Manila, was called by the Central Luzon Mission last November. All 205 delegates were local church MV and temperance officers for 1975. There were also 87 workers present.

Latter-day events were discussed at the evening meetings. Morning and midday meditations were devoted to studies of righteousness by faith. Selected pastors gave instruction in youth evangelism, leadership, and temperance.

J. L. Tulio, Central Luzon Mission president, gave the keynote message at the opening service. On Sabbath morning, 5,000 attended the sermon hour at the Philippine Union College auditorium, at which time F. M. Arrogante, North Philippine Union president, challenged the youth to greater exploits during 1975.

During the week, workers attended a youth counseling class conducted by A. A. Damocles, PUC dean of student affairs. A shepherdess forum and cooking demonstration by Mrs. E. C. Lagabon, parent-home education director of the mission, was scheduled for workers' wives.

Outstanding youths were presented by their district pastors and interviewed by the writer. One of these was Benjamin Magboo, who had conducted Voice of Youth meetings during the rainy season. His efforts brought 15 souls to Christ. Despite pressure from his parents for

him to take the medical course, he has decided to be a minister.

In all, 41 Voice of Youth efforts which resulted in 255 baptisms were reported. For 1975, the goal set for the young people of this mission is 100 VOY efforts and 1,000 souls won to Christ. To accomplish this are 5,000 Missionary Volunteers and 200 MV societies.

The theme of the convention was "Get Alive in '75", and the theme song, composed by Mrs. M. A. Penaranda, PUC church choir director, was "Get Alive, O Youth." The climax of the meetings was a candle-lighting ceremony led by the writer. Several young people testified, and all renewed their consecration to share with others the light of truth. — A. T. Fabella.

south philippines

Seniors Already Winning Souls

Mountain View College ministerial seniors are ready to go to work for the Lord. This year's group of young men and women have been the most active senior class in the history of the college. In 1974 they won 336 souls. When this figure is added to those won during their entire college training, it is seen that this class has brought 837 souls to the Lord Jesus.

Action

The members of this class have preached for a total of 18 evangelistic campaigns. They have given health lectures during another nine campaigns. They have also conducted five DXCR Bible classes, which were actually evangelistic campaigns over MVC's new radio station.

Two of these class members have spent a total of 12 months as student missionaries in one of MVC's four

PUC Graduates



Dr. Gottfried Oosterwal (left) was the guest speaker for the 1974 first semester graduation at Philippine Union College. Pictured with Dr. Oosterwal and Dr. Alfonso Roda, president of PUC, are the recipients of the M.A. degree: Chun Dae Yun from Korea; Claro Vicente from the Philippines; Johnny Rantung from Indonesia; and David Saguan from the Philippines. The first three candidates received their degrees from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (Far East) while Saguan received his M.A. in religion from the school of graduate studies.

mission schools. As mission teachers, they conducted regular evangelistic meetings and gave Bible studies throughout the week.

Practical

This class has put their church building training to very practical use. Each member has served as a local church pastor, as well as a district pastor where he supervised four or five churches. While serving as pastors, these men and women supervised the construction of 18 new churches.

These are my reasons for believing that this graduating class is prepared to accept the challenges of TARGET 80 and church planting. — J. H. Zachary.

MVC Students Break Baptismal Records

"Sir, I would like to stay at Banlag during Christmas vacation to give Bible studies to interested persons." This request by Fausto Corpin is typical of the young men and women who, for the first time in the history of MVC, have helped to win more than 1,000 souls. The exact figure for 1974 is 1,143!

Soul winning at MVC reached its climax last year in mid-October when 215 individuals were baptized in one day. These baptisms took place in 35 barrios, where 11 ordained ministers of the college and two local districts conducted from two to four baptisms each.

Two great evangelistic thrusts were made in October and December. During the semestral break in October, 11 teams preached the gospel in nearby barrios. Then during the Christmas vacation, an additional 15 teams conducted campaigns for souls.

Fifteen of these evangelistic meetings were conducted in new church buildings. At the outset of the year, the ministerial students set a goal of building 12 churches. What a challenge! One church each month for a whole year.

Now, in retrospect, we can view the results. Laymen and students worked together in many *pahinas* (workbees) to construct these churches, most of which were built either in dark villages or where there were only one or two Adventist families.

Plans are already under way for 1975. — J. H. Zachary.

southeast asia

First Union Camporee Held in Thailand

"It was a grand day when I was born again . . . It was a grand day." The words of this chorus expressed well the sentiment of the 300 Pathfinders and youth leaders who attended the first Southeast Asia Union Pathfinder camporee, held in Phuket, Thailand, last December. Seven of the nine countries comprising the five local missions in the union territory were represented.

The Honorable Nai Sumai Rachapantarak, Governor of Phuket, who with his wife and a number of government officials welcomed the campers, officially opened the camporee by cutting the ceremonial ribbon at the arch which served as public entrance to the camp grounds.

Ball of Fire

The first campfire came to life when B. U. Donato, union youth director, standing at the center of the circle of Pathfinders, intoned, "And God said, 'There shall be light,' and there was light." At this, a ball of fire came sliding down the nearest pine tree and hit the pile of wood which exploded into a brilliant flame. The opening night program came to a close when B. E. Jacobs, Division youth director, gave his first Campfire Glow message.

There were many long-to-be-remembered activities: sunrise worship on the beach; flag raising with delegates from one country singing their national anthem; calisthenics, swimming lessons, and first aid classes; contests in fire building, knot tying, and signalling, when Pathfinders competed not with each other but with the time allotted; nature nuggets and stories; march-

ing and fancy drills; and evening worship, the climax of the day.

Weekend meetings were especially inspirational. Friday evening there was an investiture of several Master Guides, followed by an appeal from R. S. Watts, Southeast Asia Union president, for young people to prepare themselves for the ministry and Bible teaching. A large number responded.

Decisions

Pastor Jacobs was the Sabbath morning speaker and called for decisions to follow Christ. Scores of campers stepped forward, indicating their desire for baptism.

Sunday featured a visit by boat to the scenic islands near Phuket. Then on Monday, just before camp break, trophies and medals were awarded to deserving clubs, units, and Pathfinders.

This first Southeast Asia Union Pathfinder camporee was declared a great success, and friends parted with prayers and promises that they would meet again, if not on this earth, with God's blessing in the earth made new. Yes, it had been "a grand day."—*Raymond Poey*.

Sabah Colporteurs Set Higher Goals

A national park in Sabah near Mt. Kinabalu, Southeast Asia's highest mountain, was the locale for an institute attended by 17 literature evangelists which convened early in November last year.

Representing the Southeast Asia Union publishing department was R. L. McKee, H. Liklikwatil and Lim San Hoe of the union publishing house in Singapore were also present. Sabah Mission workers in attendance were M. Gaban, E. Siagian, Chai Sui Kong, Anton Tobi, James Lai, Charles Gaban, Peter Wong, and the writer.

Inspirational messages and essential instruction were provided. A number of literature evangelists re-

ceived awards for special success in sales. Brethren Nati and Melson Omar were each given a tape recorder. A transistor radio was awarded to Miss Lee Ah Heong. A trophy from the union was given to Willy Simbaku for having made the highest sales in the Sabah Mission. Three-year service pins were awarded Brethren Nati, Malik, Ripol, and Sitang.

The 17 literature evangelists set a goal of recruiting at least 17 new colporteurs during 1975 and decided on an annual sales goal of M\$240,440 for the Sabah Mission.

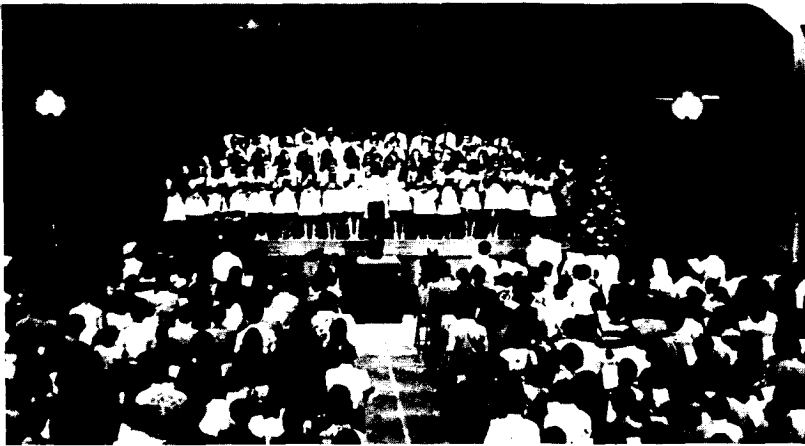
An appeal for rededication and a prayer of consecration concluded the institute.—*L. Pandjaitan*.

Kuching Church Hosts Christmas Carol Service

A congregation of more than 800 Christians from six leading churches in Kuching attended the interdenominational Christmas carol service held at the Sunny Hill School auditorium on December 20. The organizing committee consisted of representatives from the participating churches: namely, the Anglican Church, the Baptist Church, the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Salvation Army, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the latter being the host whose pastor served as chairman.

Preparation starting six months prior to the occasion included committee meetings, printing, advertising, and organization of the hosting church to provide lighting, publicity, and entertainment in the form of light refreshments when the service ended. The most important preparation was the weekly choir practice which continued for more than three months in advance.

The choir of 80 members was led by Romulo Daquila of the Ayer Manis School. The program was broadcast on Christmas Day by Radio Malaysia in Sarawak and was reported in the newspapers. Praise God for provid-



Christmas caroling brought together six of the leading churches in Kuching, Sarawak. The choir of 80 members consisted of Anglicans, Baptists, Roman Catholics, Methodists, Seventh-day Adventists, and members of the Salvation Army.

ing fine weather which is rare at that time of the year.

Bruce Johnston, president of the Sarawak Mission, extended his welcome at the beginning of the service. Then followed favorite carols, prayer and Scripture reading. The offering collected was equally distributed among the Sarawak Society for the Blind, the Salvation Army Boys' and Girls' Home, the Ceshire Home, and the Bible House. Many thanks to God for making the program inspirational with its motto, "Unity in Christ."

Literature Evangelists Meet at Bako Beach

Nineteen literature evangelists of the Sarawak Mission met together late last year for a four-day institute at beautiful Bako Beach National Park. Church leaders in attendance were: D. W. Hunter, an associate secretary from the General Conference; R. L. McKee, publishing secretary of the Southeast Union; H. Liklikwatil and Lim San Hoe from the Southeast Asia Publishing House; Bruce Johnston and L. Pandjaitan, president and publishing secretary of the Sarawak Mission respectively.

Instruction and inspiration were given by these leaders. TARGET 80 was explained by Pastor Johnston.

The 19 literature evangelists set a

goal of recruiting at least 19 new colporteurs during 1975 and decided on an annual sales goal of M\$180,000 for the Sarawak Mission.

A praise service and rededication to the literature ministry concluded the institute. — *L. Pandjaitan.*

Mission Fights Drugs In School Lectures

The first 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking in Kuala Lumpur, was conducted recently in the Chempaka Room of the Equatorial Hotel, by Roger Heald, M.D., and Jonathan Ng, temperance secretaries of the Southeast Asia Union and the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission respectively.

The 5-Day Plan was part of the follow up of the month-long anti-drug abuse campaign sponsored by the mission temperance department for the government secondary schools in Kuala Lumpur. More than 30,000 students and teachers participated in this campaign.

Among those attending this 5-Day Plan was an important official in the Ministry of Health. Both this man and his wife claimed victory over the smoking habit through the 5-Day Plan and were very thankful to the church for offering this community service to the public. Praise the Lord for the right hand of the gospel ministry. — *Jonathan Ng.*

SS Evangelism

Le Thi Bach, child evangelism secretary of the Vietnam Mission, has completed a marathon stint of translating Sabbath school, Vacation Bible School and branch Sabbath school programs and lessons from English into Vietnamese. Mrs. Bach has also carried on a number of Sabbath school training sessions and encouraged or helped in 29 Vacation Bible Schools during the past year. — *Bob Grady.*

Temperance Contest

The annual temperance week at Ayer Manis School in Serian, Sarawak, was climaxed by a speech contest.

Some 35 students participated and were judged according to bearing, sincerity, content, delivery and effectiveness. The students were free to choose their topic from any of the whole spectrum of drug abuse.

The temperance club sponsored contests for poems, jingles, and posters. Posters were displayed in the school chapel and created much interest in the speech contest.



Dr. Heald and Jonathan Ng held a 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking in connection with an anti-drug abuse campaign held in the government secondary schools in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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Vegetarian meals should be attractive as well as healthful, says Mrs. Sie Tiong Gie, parent-home secretary of the East Java Mission. Mrs. Sie and her staff stressed nutritional value, attractiveness, and economy of food preparation.

Home-Health Seminars Emphasize Better Living

Home and health seminars held in Surabaya and Malang in East Java last year were enthusiastically received. The team was composed of G. C. Ekvall, M.D., health secretary of the Division; Mrs. Sie Tiong Gie, parent-home secretary of the East Java Mission, and Sally Supit of Bandung.

Program

Dr. Ekvall presented enlightening health lectures on heart attack, cancer and flesh foods. Mrs. Sie and her staff demonstrated how various vegetarian dishes are prepared attractively with the least expenditure of time and money. Mrs. Supit dealt with the important subjects of proper nutrition and child training and guidance.

In attendance at both seminars were prominent citizens, teachers and students from nearby girls' schools, sisters from the Catholic hospital and schools, members of the Women's International Club, leaders of parent-home associations from local SDA churches, and wives of mission workers.

It was gratifying to note the hearty response of those who attended. The lady mayor of Malang stayed the whole day, listened attentively to the lectures, and enthusiastically watched the cooking demonstrations. The ladies had just one complaint: "The seminar is too short. We want some more."

More

Even before the seminars were over, there were requests from various social and religious groups for similar lectures and demonstrations. Thus there is a busy schedule ahead as our ladies work to fulfil the motto of these home and health seminars: "Nutritious cooking, healthy citizens, and a strong nation." For, after all, healthier and happy living promotes TARGET 80.

Sumatra Witch Becomes Christian

In the spirit of TARGET 80's Bold Adventure, B. Sarumpaet, an active layman in the Langkat district of the North Sumatra Mission, has been instrumental in the baptisms of a former witch, a black magician, and a group of Muslims.



Pihulikem

Pihulikem, the former witch, was also instrumental in leading 15 of her friends, most of them Muslims, to the Adventist message, and has already proved her value as an active laywoman.

Also as a part of the TARGET 80 program in the Langkat district, Bibles have been distributed to those who are faithful in attending evangelistic meetings by Pastor Rifai Burhanuddin, district leader. Recently a Muslim school teacher and his friends were the recipients of Bibles because they had attended regularly.—Rifai Burhanuddin.

STEWARDSHIP MEDITATIONS

by C. A. Williams

One of the greatest tragedies resulting from money becoming a man's master is the way it can hinder the discovery of God's will, and rob a man of God's best for his life. What chance, for example, has a young man of finding God's best in his choice of occupation if his only consideration is to find the easiest way to make the greatest amount of money? Some young men are held back from full-time service such as the ordained ministry for this very reason, and let it be added, it is often a parent who objects that "there is no money in it." Most serious of all, though, covetousness can exalt money to the place in our lives which belongs to God alone. This is why the New Testament describes covetousness as idolatry [Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5]. "Thou shalt not covet" may well come at the bottom of the second table of the law, but to break it also a violation of the first and great commandment which admonishes us to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind. See Matt. 22:37.



Pastor Burhanuddin and others distribute Bibles to Muslims attending an evangelistic meeting.