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OUTREACH

*Thrust in thy sickle, and reap:
for the time is come for thee to reap;
for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*

Revelation 14:15

deskside chats

“Reproof of Life”



Reproof is a fact of life—one of its more unpleasant ones.

Some of our earliest and most rueful memories center around traumatic experi-

ences involving rebukes, admonitions, and punishments. And to be candid, we must admit that the process never ends. Old age still finds us facing the occasional anguish and embarrassment of correction.

Fortunately we have good counsel on how to handle the problem. In fact, the Bible has quite a bit on the subject, both in precept and illustration. Scripture writers tell us that reproof is a learning process everyone needs. It should be accepted not with resentment but with gratitude, and those who follow this counsel will be wise, happy, and successful.

Solomon sums it up by saying, “The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise” (Prov. 15:31).

Here is an interesting expression, “reproof of life.” No doubt its primary meaning is that profiting from correction is the only way to learn how to live. Acceptance of reproof builds character, and character determines

the quality of life. These are big dividends for the “ear that heareth.”

“Reproof of life” may also refer to the disciplinary value of learning from our mistakes. That’s what we really mean when we say, “Experience is the best teacher.”

Recently an article appeared in one of the most widely read magazines by a doctor who reported a personal experience. A psychiatrist, several years ago he publicly advocated abolishing laws against possession and use of marijuana. In the years that have passed, a large number of young people have come to him with serious mental and emotional problems who admitted habitual use of marijuana. His work with them convinced him that use of this drug can, and often does, cause serious, sometimes irreversible, brain damage.

Wise and humble enough to recognize the “reproof of life,” this doctor eloquently tells how he has changed his professional opinion. He gives a courageous and stimulating demonstration of learning from life.

How about you? Do you have an “ear that heareth the reproof of life”?

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English Teacher

Sylvia Nosworthy is teaching English at Korean Union College. In the United States she taught three years at Pacific Union College Preparatory School, and before that she was at San Pasqual Academy in California for two years. Miss Nosworthy is a graduate of Andrews University, holding a Master of Arts degree in English. An added note of interest is that she is the great-great-granddaughter of John Byington, first president of the General Conference.

X-ray Technologist



Harris

Mahlon and Feryl Harris and daughters have joined the hospital family in Taipei, Taiwan. Harris is a radiologic technologist at the Adventist hospital there. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harris are native New Englanders. He was born in Vermont, and she in Massachusetts. He completed the X-ray course at New England Memorial Hospital in Massachusetts in 1956, and attended Loma Linda University from 1959 to 1960, then again from 1962 to 1964. Daughters Sherylin and Liesl are 11 and 8 respectively.

Ethiopia to Singapore

Alex and Sandy Bokovoy come to the Far East from the Afro-Mideast Division. Dr. Bokovoy served as medical director and surgeon of the Empress Zauditu Memorial Adventist Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

and medical secretary of the Ethiopian Union from 1964 to 1974. He is presently serving at Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital in Singapore. The Bokovoy family has three children, Chuck, 16, Joni, 15, and Jimmy, 6.

Australian Doctor

Percy Harrold has joined the medical staff of the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital. Dr. Harrold is a graduate of the University of Queensland in Australia. He and his wife, Marion, have three daughters, Wendy, 8, Linda, 6, and Cheryl, 4.

National Leader

For the first time in the history of the Thailand Mission, a national has been appointed mission president. Pastor Sunti Sorajjakool, experienced accountant, secretary-treasurer, evangelist, school principal, and minister, was named president of the mission at the year-end meetings of the Southeast Asia Union Mission. The first colporteur-evangelist pioneered Adventist work in Thailand approximately 60 years ago, but the progress has been slow. The church has less than 2,000 members in that country. Pastor Sunti is blessed with a family of four children and a devoted wife who teaches in the Thai Ekamai Adventist School in Bangkok.



Sorajjakools

East Europe

Scripture distribution in Eastern Europe as a result of Bible Society negotiations shows "encouraging signs of being on the increase." A statement issued by the British and Foreign Bible Society pointed to Czechoslovakia where, it said, 28,000 copies of a new Czech translation of the Four Gospels were printed in Prague, and distributed during 1974, together with 7,500 copies of various Old Testament books.

United States

Despite a sagging economy, high unemployment and a tough money market, the "Minneapolis Star" newspaper says people are reaching into their pockets to contribute record amounts to churches and charities.

Ireland

Roman Catholic Archbishop Dermot J. Ryan of Dublin, has urged his parishioners to exercise restraint in the use of food, and especially, in the use of alcoholic beverages. Ireland's population is one of the best fed in the world, he said, and cutting down on food and alcoholic drinks "could help the poor and hungry of the world." Ryan added, "We are part of that Western society in which too many members are either eating or drinking themselves into illness or even death."

Uganda

President Idi Amin, Muslim president of Uganda, has decided to crack down on a large number of Christian religious groups in his country. According to Kampala Radio, General Amin's Minister of Internal Affairs has signed a decree banning 14 "religious societies," declared to be "dangerous to peace and order in Uganda."

NASKOU

Another World

By Diane Eggensperger

Sweaty, dirty, and tired after a mile-and-a-half hike over muddy trails into the Timor village of Naskou, my fellow student missionary, Sandy Bartlett, and I faced a week of living in this strange new world and conducting a Vacation Bible School. Some of the village men had accompanied us and our translator, Johnathan, from the point where our transportation changed from motor-driven wheels to our own feet. The men had graciously carried our American Touristers and Samsonites heavily loaded with Christmas cards, picture rolls, glue, colored pencils, and a flute as well as a week's supply of clothes.

Sandy and I were student missionaries teaching English in Jakarta, Indonesia. We'd heard of places like Naskou from books and mission stories since we'd first started going to Sabbath school. But now we faced our own really-truly mission ex-

perience. Timor, located in the Malay archipelago north of Australia, is an island of 24,247 square miles divided into Indonesian Timor and Portuguese Timor. Some three million people live on Timor. To us it was another world.

As the dark-skinned men lowered our suitcases from their sturdy shoulders, Sandy and I gazed at the village around us. No road. No telephone poles. No running water. Not even a store. We saw thatch-roofed houses, each with a flock of crowing roosters and cackling hens absentmindedly meandering up and down rows of corn growing in the front yards. Guernsey-colored cows stood contentedly under shelters of fan palm fronds while baby goats romped about mischievously. While we wondered what experiences were ahead of us in Naskou, the villagers must have wondered about us—strange white visitors. A group of boys

stopped their games to visually inspect us. Little girls stopped pumping water to look our way. And their barefoot parents came too—with friendly smiles that assured us we were welcome.

Vacation Bible School began the next morning with a song service. Johnathan and I led the songs while Sandy accompanied us on her flute. The children soon learned all the songs and sang with gusto.

After opening prayer, I told a Bible story which Johnathan translated into Indonesian so the local school teacher could translate it into Amarasi, the local dialect. Because each story had to be told three times—once in English, again in Indonesian, and finally in Amarasi—I stuck to short simple stories.

Storytime over, the children excitedly selected colored pencils and completed pictures in their booklets. The novelty of coloring books ceased, however, when

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we announced recess. With wild shrieks that could be heard in every thatch-roofed house in Naskou, those youngsters fled to the play area where each day we taught them a new game. They learned Steal the Bacon, Flying Dutchman, Simon Says, and some marches.

Glue and scissors, string and Christmas cards were brought out for crafts. One day each child cut out a pair of related pictures from the cards into pretraced shapes and then glued them back to back. We poked a hole in the top and laced a string through it so the "decoration" could be hung in their home. Another day we made baskets from fan palm leaves. While the children skillfully produced baskets of various shapes and sizes, Sandy and I succeeded mainly in getting ourselves tangled up in the long wide strips of palm leaf.

Our biggest challenge was adapting the Vacation Bible

School to the local culture. So we had to make some improvisations. For instance, we had planned to use some of the Christmas cards for making bookmarks, only to discover that hardly anyone in Naskou owned a book!

With crafts completed, Sandy gathered the children around her for one more story before dismissal. She learned to modify her stories too. Imagine telling a story about a train to a group of kids who'd never heard of a train. Or explaining a broken window in a village where homes have no glass window panes.

As the week came to an end

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and I stood before those children for the last time, I thought of the privilege I had of coming to this place.

"With chickens pecking for bugs on the ground around my feet as I talked about Jesus to these children, I was humiliated. Not humiliated because of what I was doing or where I was. No, I was humiliated at the person I was.

I was beginning to see what a rewarding experience it is to really become involved with people and work for Christ. When I saw how much these people appreciated our simple efforts in conducting that Vacation Bible School, I realized my responsibility as a born-again Christian to forget self and share all my talents and love for Christ. I see now that there is nothing in this world that is more important or worthwhile than unlimited unselfish service to people who have less than I.



REVIEW

Marks 125th Year

By Kenneth H. Wood

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the church paper, THE ADVENT REVIEW AND SABBATH HERALD. To commemorate the anniversary a gold seal has been produced which is being used on REVIEW and publishing house correspondence. (Design reproduced with story.) Congratulatory messages have been received from many world figures, including the following from U. S. President Gerald Ford:

"For one hundred and twenty-five years, the REVIEW AND HERALD has faithfully served the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in America. It is a great pleasure for me to pay tribute to all those who have had a part in its successful publication and to commend those who continue to build on its tradition in our time.

"Its many interesting articles have carried the message of compassion and Christian brotherhood far and wide across our own country, and indeed throughout the world.

"I welcome this opportunity to express my greetings to both its staff and readers."

The REVIEW AND HERALD was first published in Paris, Maine, in November, 1850. This was 11 years before the first local conference was organized—Michigan—and 13 years before the General Conference was organized.

Present Truth

In the first number the editor, James White, wrote: "TO OUR READERS: The REVIEW AND HERALD is designed to be strictly confined to those important truths that belong to the present time. We hope to be able to send you this enlarged size of the paper quite often, containing a simple and clear exposition of those great and sanctifying truths embraced in the message of the third angel (embodying the Sabbath in the last day setting)." The purpose of the paper, as its name suggests, was to review the Advent experience of 1843-1844 and to herald the Sabbath doctrine. Throughout its 125-year life the REVIEW AND HERALD has endeavored to unify the Advent family by its presentations on doctrine and by its news of the

activities of the church in all parts of the world. It is the church's one unbroken record of all notable events throughout Seventh-day Adventist history.

In its early years the REVIEW contained eight pages, about 10 x 14 inches in size. In the later years of the 19th century the page size was much larger and the average total number of pages per issue slowly increased to about 24. By 1965 the issues usually were either 24 or 32 pages.

More Copies

In its 125 years the REVIEW has had only nine editors—James White, Uriah Smith, J. N. Andrews, A. T. Jones, W. W. Prescott, W. A. Spicer, F. M. Wilcox, F. D. Nichol, and Kenneth H. Wood.

Early circulation of the magazine was 1,000 or 2,000 copies. Present circulation of the weekly edition in English is more than 100,000 copies.

The magazine now appears in six editions—weekly in English; monthly in English; monthly in English with four pages especially for the Inter-American Division; monthly in Spanish for South America, published in Buenos Aires, Argentina; monthly in Spanish for the Inter-American Division, published at the Pacific Press in Mountain View, California; and monthly in Spanish for North America, published at the Pacific Press. Study is being given to publication in other languages.

GC Sessions

The REVIEW originally published the proceedings of the General Conference Sessions, which at first were held annually. Later separate General Conference Bulletins were issued to cover the sessions. But in 1905 and from 1926 until the present the REVIEW has served as the official minutes for the General Conference Session, the special issues being supplied to all subscribers free. This year the REVIEW AND HERALD will publish the daily *Bulletins* in Vienna, Austria, for distribution among del-

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egates, and then will publish them in Washington, D. C., for regular subscribers. Church members who wish to receive the General Conference *Bulletins* may do so by subscribing now to the weekly REVIEW AND HERALD. The regular annual subscription price is US\$12.95. Orders may be placed through the Adventist Book Centers on the perpetual plan for US\$10.50.

Heart Team Returns To South Vietnam

The Loma Linda Heart Surgery Team has completed its second visit to Vietnam, performing 103 operations during the two visits. Of the 103 cases, 57 were female patients, 46 were male. The youngest was a boy of 3; the oldest a man of 49. The majority were young people under 25 with 28 teenagers and 31 children under 10. Dr. Joan Coggin, co-director of the team, said plans have been made for a third visit, probably near the end of 1975.

FOR BETTER LIVING

Who Made The Laws That Govern Our Health?

Every machine operates according to specific laws. Every manufacturer provides instructions for the operation of his machine so that it might fulfill the purpose for which it was designed.

The human body is a highly organized machine, designed to give a lifetime of trouble-free service if properly managed. It is a multitrillion complex of living cells built into organs with special functions to perform. The functions of all the organs are closely coordinated and regulated by highly specific laws. The least error or failure in any part deranges the perfect working of the living

Nigeria Takes Over Ile Ife Hospital

The Western State Nigerian government has taken over operation of all private hospitals in the state, including the Seventh-day Adventist hospital at Ile Ife.

The 158-bed mission hospital has served the people in the western part of Nigeria since 1944. A school of nursing and of midwifery is connected with the facility.

Administrator of the hospital to the present has been B. J. Powell, an Adventist missionary from Denmark. Dr. Kenneth Kelln of Lake Stevens, Washington, has been medical director of the Ile Ife Hospital.

Another American, Dr. James Jay of Los Angeles, has been serving as the surgeon, and Larry Bucher from Graves, Iowa, has been staff anesthetist. Chaplain for the hospital is John Johnson of Chicago, Illinois.

The Ile Ife Hospital has contributed greatly to the medical needs of western Nigeria.

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

machine and may cause sickness or death.

The Designer and Maker of this marvelous organization of living cells—the human body—is the only one who knows all its needs and possibilities. He alone understands and is able to specify the laws under which it can function at its highest and and happiest level. The conscientious observance of these laws pays off in superior health and longer life.

*Mervyn G. Hardinge, M.D.
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Obituaries

Jerry Pettis

The first Seventh-day Adventist to sit in the United States legislature, Jerry Pettis, was killed February 14 when the single-engine airplane he was piloting smashed into a rugged brush-covered ridge near San Bernardino, California. Pettis took off alone from Palm Springs on a 25-minute flight to San Bernardino. He was scheduled to hold a press conference at his district office. Apparent cause of the crash was bad weather.

More than 3,000 persons attended the funeral service in the Loma Linda University Church. Officiating ministers were H.M.S. Richards, William Loveless, and James Mershon with Congressman John Rhodes and Dr. Alonso Baker participating. Congressman Pettis was accorded full military honors at the cemetery. Taps were sounded, marksmen fired a three-volley salute and the color guard ceremoniously presented Mrs. Pettis with the flag from her husband's casket.

Harley E. Rice

Past secretary of the General Conference Department of Health, Harley E. Rice, died in his home in Denver, Colorado, February 16, of apparent heart failure. He was 71 years old.

For 13 years prior to his retirement in 1970, he served as coordinator for Seventh-day Adventist hospitals around the world. He served on an SOS basis as administrative assistant of the Saigon Adventist Hospital for a few months during 1973 and 1974.

A native of Longmont, Colorado, Rice graduated from Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, in 1923, and received an honorary doctorate from the college in 1969. He was ordained in 1950.

In his work at the GC, he visited Seventh-day Adventist hospitals around the world.

central philippines

Young Girl Leads Neighbors to Church

Treposa Bertocio, a girl of 17, was impressed one day that her family should return to the Adventist church.

"But I'm embarrassed," her mother told her. "I could, though, attend the Protestant church instead."

This disappointed Treposa, but God worked out the problem.

Just when the family was considering what should be done, the girl's uncle came from a distant barrio to visit them. When he heard of the plan to go to the Protestant church he scolded: "How could you afford to join another church when you know the truth so well!" Without delay the family decided to return to the Adventist church.

Leader

Not long after, Treposa and the rest of the family were baptized. She became so active in church work that when they formed their home division Treposa was chosen elder of the church, treasurer, and Sabbath school superintendent.

Every Tuesday and Sabbath afternoon she began to visit the people of the neighboring barrios. At first they would not listen to her because of her youth. But when the people questioned her and she answered readily with Bible truth, they were amazed at her knowledge, and many requested regular Bible studies. As of December, 1974, nine people were regularly receiving Bible studies from her. Others wanted to be included

too, and an arrangement was made so that these interested people could come to the small newly built chapel on Wednesday evening for Bible studies and also to attend the mid-week meeting.

One day when she and some friends were on their way to do missionary work in a nearby barrio, some of their neighbors, looking quite angry, stopped them and shouted. Surprised by such unruly action, Treposa asked what wrong they had done.

Apology

"You always go out to preach to people in other barrios, but you have neglected us, your neighbors," was the unexpected reply.

Immediately Treposa and her group apologized for this and told the people, "If this is what you want, we will begin the meeting tonight." True to their word, work for these neighbors began that very night.

When T. V. Gulfan, the district pastor, visited them last September, he gave the little group a 50-peso goal for Ingathering.

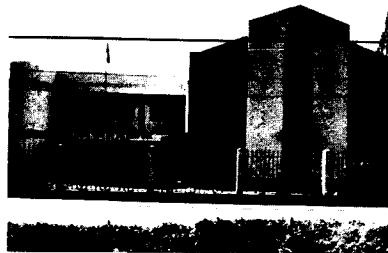
"How much have you solicited?" he asked when he returned in December.

Surprise

"We lack 20 pesos, pastor," Treposa replied.

When the money was counted, it was found that this little group of believers in Bagacay, a mountain section of Calatrava Town in Negros Occidental, had ingathered 20 pesos less than 500!

Inspired by the enthusiasm aroused by Treposa and her mountain church, Pastor Gulfan is going to hold an effort in Bagacay to follow up the interests. — E. A. Bingcang.



The remodeled Cebu City church was rededicated January 4, 1975. L.E. Montana and F.P. Penola, presidents of the Central Philippine Union Mission and Central Visayan Mission respectively, led out in the service.

Remodeled Church Dedicated Again

The remodeled Cebu City church was rededicated on January 4. Leading out in the service were L. E. Montana, president of the Central Philippine Union, who delivered the sermon, and F. P. Penola, president of the Central Visayan Mission, who conducted the dedicatory ceremony for the newly elected church officers.

The Cebu City church has 675 members, a tenth of whom are workers at the adjacent Miller Sanitarium and Hospital. Of the original handful of charter members, seven survive: Mrs. Fidel Adlawan, Mrs. Blas Ferraren, Mrs. Abdon Capobres, Mrs. Domingo Quijano, Mr. and Mrs. Esteban Abas, and Mrs. Mariano Eyas.

The original Cebu City church, built in 1922, was damaged by the last Pacific War and then reconstructed following the close of hostilities. The earthquake that destroyed the Ruby Tower in Manila resulted in stricter building construction supervision in the Philippines, and the warning that a quake of similar intensity in Cebu could possibly destroy our church made the brethren take immediate steps to remodel and strengthen the building. The expenditure of approx-

imately 120,000 pesos resulted in what has been declared to be one of the most beautiful chapel buildings in Cebu City today. — *F. P. Penola.*

Barreta Launches Evangelistic Effort

There's no Adventist church in Guinsay, Danao City, although there are a few Adventists. There had never been an evangelistic effort in the city until Ely M. Barreta, communication secretary of the Central Visayan Mission and pastor of the Capital Center Church, decided to conduct one.

The place he chose for the meeting was along the national highway in a residential area. Attendance has been quite good in spite of the annoying interruption of "brown-outs." This was solved, however, when the mission bought a new generator.

On February 8, 11 souls were baptized and another 15 are studying for baptism at the end of the effort.

The next step will be to build a church, and land has already been purchased for a chapel which should be completed by July 1, 1975. — *F. P. Penola.*

guam-micronesia

Guam Clinic Tests Blood Pressure

Last November the Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic sponsored a blood pressure screening program at the Guam Hilton Hotel. During lunchtime that day approximately 40 people had their blood pressure taken and were given pamphlets on hypertension. Hotel employees, restaurant patrons, and businessmen were among the participants.

One man was so grateful for this free community service that he gave ten dollars to show his appreciation.

"If this program had been available ten years ago," he told one of our



Debbie Rawson of the Guam Clinic takes blood pressure of a patient. Health educator Nikki Mead, center, helped organize a blood pressure screening program at the Guam Hilton Hotel recently.

volunteer workers, "I would have known that I had high blood pressure."

The appreciation of the people who participated was enough to say that many more programs of this nature should be offered by the Seventh-day Adventist church. — *Nikki Mead.*

japan



San-iku Foods

Food Company Tops Million-dollar Mark

San-iku Foods topped the million-dollar mark in 1974 with sales reaching \$1,000,725. We thank God not only for this attainment, but also for the result of the health food ministry. Ministers, colporteurs and lay members report finding quite a few people interested in the Adventist message because of its teachings in health. We pray and trust that God will continue to bless this very important work in Japan. — *Masao Uruma.*

korea

Yung Nam Offers Vocational Program

Adventist academies in Korea are oriented toward preparing students for college. Korean Union College, with an enrollment of about 450, effectively trains those who enroll. However, only about 20 percent of those finishing academy go on to college.

What will the others do?

Sung Ki Cho from Yung Nam Academy has the answer.

New Courses

With a technician's skill, he has established a vocational program in which 72 of the 160 students at Yung Nam Academy are enrolled. The program, which lasts from six months to a year if the student is enrolled full time, prepares him to take government technician's examinations. The 42 graduates of this program have all passed the government exams. This excellent rate of passing is greatly wondered at by government examiners, for the normal rate is about 40 percent passing for students of other schools.

Sung, who has authored books, manuals, and syllabuses, is the inspiration behind the scenes. He instills in his students the desire for high quality production. As a result, they are much in demand. One company already employing five of his graduates recently came with a request for 30 more.

Variety

Six areas are offered: mechanical engineering, drafting and design, metal painting, wood painting, utility, and plumbing. Preparation in each area qualifies the students to take government exams.

Sung's mechanical drawing classes for girls are the first ever held in Korea. Sung has developed a teach-

ing system whereby he can supervise many students at one time even though they may be in different rooms and studying different subjects. A visit to his shops and classrooms and the excellent percentage of passing government exams quickly convince one of the success of his methods.

Equipment

The shops and classrooms are inadequate because of lack of funds. The equipment he has is outdated. But he makes up for this by having his students under his supervision visit other schools with modern equipment just before taking the exams to try out the kind of machinery on which the exams will be given.

Despite obstacles, with insight, intuition, and skills, Sung carried on an outstanding program producing skilled workers that are much in demand. — O. C. Edwards.



Sung Ki Cho initiated the vocational program to benefit the many students who do not go to college. Graduates of the school are in great demand by various industries.



Technician courses help students of Yung Nam Academy find jobs after graduation. Nearly half of the school's students are enrolled in vocational courses.

north philippines

Oriental Mindoro Leads In Soul Winning

"My own obsession is to see that all the unentered towns and barrios of Oriental Mindoro Province hear the three angels' messages before Christ comes." This was veteran lay preacher Urbano Castillo speaking, an untiring worker for God whose life has matched this goal.

I asked him how it could be done, and his answer was immediate.

"With all these dedicated laymen of Oriental Mindoro working hand in hand with our district pastors, I believe the Lord will help us achieve this dream."

Is there a basis for such optimism, I wondered. What have the laymen of Oriental Mindoro done to show that they are dedicated and ready to finish the work in that province?

Supporting facts are easy to find.

Of the 47 churches and companies located in this province, 35 are a direct result of laymen's effort. During 1974, they were able to have three churches and two companies organized, and two church dedications were held.



This baptism was held at Conrazon, Bansud, at the close of Urbano Castillo's crusade. Castillo is pictured second from right. Laymen in Oriental Mindoro were responsible for most of the baptisms in their mission during 1974. Protacio Mendoza, district pastor, second from left has given support to their work by conducting lay preachers' training classes.

It is interesting to note further that among the six provinces comprising the South-Central Luzon Mission territory, Oriental Mindoro was the leader in soul-winning activities in 1974. Four hundred eleven precious souls were baptized, and the majority of these were the result of the dedicated ministry of our laymen.

Another astonishing record was set in Oriental Mindoro last year. All the churches and companies located in this part of the mission reached their Ingathering goal, some in one day and the others in two days.

"Nothing is hard to accomplish when our laymen have a mind to work," P. L. Digidigan, pastor of the South Oriental Mindoro district replied when asked about the amazing work done by our laymen in this province.

Thanks to the right example and inspiration of veteran lay preacher Urbano Castillo, the laymen in Oriental Mindoro have a "mind to work" and are dedicated to finish the preaching of the Word in that section of mission territory—*E. L. Dingoesen*.

south china

Hong Kong Wants To Stop Smoking

A poster on Hong Kong's Star Ferry bears the caption, "This is the ash from one cigarette." The picture shows the smoky blue-grey remains of a burned housing complex.

Campaign

Hong Kong has been blanketed with such signs as a part of the government's fire prevention campaign. In fact, the government is considering introducing smoking restrictions in theatres, on public transportation, and possibly in restaurants. According to statistics, most fires in the colony are started by smokers who carelessly throw away that smouldering end.

Thus the stage is set for a boost to the stop-smoking programs of the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital. Although the hospital has been conducting Five-Day Plans on a regular basis, the government's recent campaign has given a spark of publicity to the hospital's program, especially the Smoker's Dial, which is recorded in both English and Chinese.

Editorial

The *Hongkong Standard* focused its January 27 editorial on the stop-smoking programs of the Adventist Hospital.

The Five-Day Plan "has worked internationally so there is no reason why it should fail in Hong Kong," reasoned the editor.

The writer may have lit a few fire-crackers with his bold attack on the financial branch of the government which is considering increasing the duty on cigarettes in order to bring in much-needed revenue.

Interest

Speaking of other departments of the government, he said, "Obviously they are concerned with the increase in the number of smokers, otherwise they would not show interest in trying to push forward the anti-smoking legislation.

"If they are serious, they have a ready-made back-up system with the new stop-smoking telephone scheme."

"We have been able to generate more publicity with this than anything else we have ever done since I've been in Hong Kong," states Bob Burchard, hospital administrator.

In addition to the editorial, the *Standard* ran a feature story on the stop-smoking programs, some of the Chinese papers have carried articles, and staff physician S.R. Kettner, M.D., was interviewed on the television program, "Weekly Affair."

It seems that people around the world look to Adventists to stop smoking.

south philippines

Leaders Take Second Aim at TARGET 80

"More efforts, more souls, and more churches this year" is the way the 300 delegates to a three-day seminar summed up their inspiration. Stage two of the TARGET 80 program for the entire Far Eastern Division reached the South Philippine Union early this year and took the form of meetings in the Davao City church which were attended by many more than the official delegates.

R. C. Williams, Division ministerial secretary, and the union officers and departmental secretaries led out.

The Davao City meetings began at 7:30 a.m., and with but brief breaks at mealtime continued until 9:00 p.m. Weekend attendance soared to more than 2,000.

The stage two program of TARGET 80 is now going forward in the entire union as special training in soul winning is given to church members. This is with the goal in mind of doubling church membership as well as the number of churches throughout the South Philippines.—*D. J. Generato, Jr.*

Pagan Surrenders Charms of Magic

"Sator arepu tenet opera ruras" were the magic words that used to bring assistance and power to Boy Walang Patawad. After using this phrase, Boy would then mumble other seeming gibberish which would make him either invisible, invulnerable, or would give him power to escape bullets.

In an interview with the writer, Boy related an experience when he was attacked by some vicious dogs. After mumbling some gibberish, he became

invisible to them. He then proceeded to play with the animals by touching their angry mouths as they aimlessly bit the air. Witnesses confirmed that they saw Boy, but the attacking dogs went about unable to find him.

Magic

On another occasion, a group of hoodlums waited on a dark corner to attack Boy. Through his magic words, the youth were able to lift their weapons but could not lower them again. Boy simply stood looking at his helpless attackers.

For his magic charms, Boy had several bottles of oil containing oil-soaked roots and metal needles. He declared that these bottles would become extremely hot in his pockets whenever he would approach danger. He also had some plastic envelopes with magic words and strange pictures on them. One of these he would hang around his neck for protection. It made him invulnerable so that an enemy would miss Boy whenever firing at him. His magic words, plus a series of rituals to be carefully followed, made Boy a wonder man in the community.

All this is now past.

New Life

March 30 of last year was a memorable day for Boy Walang Patawad. With his sister, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and was baptized. They then surrendered their charms of magic to the writer as evidence of their final separation from the enemy of souls.

The conversion of these two young people was brought about through the help of laymen of the Dumingag area, particularly Tranquilino Paypa, a literature ministry sustentee. — *F. B. Caballero.*

Smoking by a mother can affect her baby even before it is born, reducing the possibility that it will get a normal start in life when it is born. [From the film, "I'M SORRY, BABY"—LISTEN, May 1974.]

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With words of farewell, Bruce Johnston, Sarawak Mission president, presents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Belles a piece of batik cloth. Belles gave six months of volunteer work in Sarawak.

Belles Completes Volunteer Stint

Bill Belles and his wife returned to Washington, D.C., early in January after six months of unselfish service in the Sarawak Mission. He had come out as a relief pilot, awaiting the arrival of Paull Dixon and family who joined the Sarawak Mission team for a regular term as pilot-evangelist.

While in Sarawak, Belles made almost daily visits to jungle churches. He also made emergency air trips to bring isolated patients in to the Kuching hospital. As a professional architect, he also spent time drawing building plans for chapels and churches in the Sarawak Mission.

These young workers were loved and will be greatly missed — *Sim Chor Kiat.*

Electric Organ Donated To Taiping Church

Thanks to the generosity of the members of the Balestier Road Church in Singapore, there is a new Yamaha electric organ in the meeting place where a recently organized company of believers gather in Taiping, Malaya.

The Taiping group came into existence at the close of an evangelistic series conducted by C. H. Damron, director of the Voice of Prophecy in Singapore and secretary of the Ministerial Association of the South-east Asia Union.

R. E. Finney, Jr., pastor of the Balestier Road Church visited the Taiping company on a visit to Malaysia and found a woeful lack of instrumental music. When he got back to his own pulpit, he made an appeal to his members to contribute to a fund which would provide an organ. The special offering made it possible to purchase the instrument.

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Adventist Books Sold in Sumatra

Late last year a four-week itinerary was made in North Sumatra to promote the Spirit of Prophecy. The books available to our people were volumes one and two of *Counsels to the Church* and *Life at its Best* (the modern title for *The Ministry of Healing*). Besides these, *Real Happiness* (known formerly as *Steps to Christ*) is in production. Presently being translated are volumes three and four of *Counsels to the Church*, *The Impending Conflict*, and *The Desire of Ages*.

The church members in Medan purchased 46 Spirit of Prophecy books in one day. At Sidamanik, a very enthusiastic church group purchased 27 volumes. In all, approximately 500 Spirit of Prophecy books were taken by our people in North Sumatra during this one itinerary. Certainly these volumes will be a blessing to the churches and will bring in that "revival of primitive godliness" so needed today. — *W. L. Wilcox.*