

ELDRIDGES
Time for a Change

deskside chats

Crisis Plan



Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, faced a major crisis. Intelligence reports revealed that an enemy army of massive size had invaded his land.

Three neighbor nations, Ammon, Moab, and Seir, had allied against him.

With inferior forces, Jehoshaphat dared not risk a confrontation. A lesser man would have capitulated. But Jehoshaphat refused to yield. Wise in the ways of God, he summoned all of Judah to Jerusalem, not for military mobilization but for seeking divine intervention.

Before the whole congregation, Jehoshaphat made this eloquent appeal: "O our God, wilt Thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company . . . neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon Thee."

With that simple plea, Jehoshaphat tapped the unlimited resources of divine assistance. God responded immediately. "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not your's, but God's. Tomorrow go ye down against them."

Surely that battle plan was unique in all of

history. As the army of Judah moved out, a group of musicians led the way singing, "Praise the Lord; for His mercy endureth forever."

Result? The three enemy nations started quarreling. Bickering turned into savagry, and while Judah sang, the invading forces cut themselves to pieces. Judah spent three days just gathering the spoils of war!

God's plan for meeting crisis today is the same as in Judah's time. When ordinary methods have reached their limit, God wants us to turn to Him. He wants us to say, "Our eyes are upon Thee."

The church today has developed a splendid organization. Able committees assure balanced leadership. Wise policies govern all ordinary operations. Financial stability is required. Reserves are in hand for emergencies.

Is there a danger that we might rely too completely on these plans and this collective human wisdom?

With Jehoshaphat we need to pray, "Our eyes are upon Thee."

Cordially,

Paul H. Eldridge, President

Pastor and Mrs. Paul H. Eldridge have served 38 years as overseas missionaries in the Far Eastern Division, and plan to retire this summer. OUTLOOK features the Division's president and first lady in this issue.

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people IN THE NEWS

dateline

SMs Return



Phil and JoAnne Jones

Former student missionaries in Hong Kong, Phil and JoAnne Jones have recently returned to the Far East, this time as regular overseas workers at Mount Klabat College in East Indonesia. Pastor Jones is serving as Bible teacher, and his wife is teaching the overseas church school. Prior to coming to the Far East, Jones was a pastor in the Southern California Conference. Both are graduates of Loma Linda University (La Sierra), and he is also a graduate of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. The Joneses have two children, Carlyn, 7, and Torrey, 5.

Okinawa Doctor



Miyashiros

James S. Miyashiro, M.D., is serving at the Adventist Medical Center in Okinawa. Most recently the Miyashiros were at Kettering Medical Center in Ohio, where Dr. Miyashiro took a residency in surgery. Before that they served at Port of Spain Community Hospital in Trinidad, West Indies. Natives of Hawaii, Dr.

and Mrs. Miyashiro both attended Pacific Union College, then moved to Loma Linda where he went to medical school. Mrs. Miyashiro, a graduate of Kettering College of Medical Arts, is a registered nurse. Their son, Dean Rikio is 10 years old.

Bible Teacher



Guptills

One of the most recent arrivals at South China Union College in Hong Kong is Stephen Guptill, Bible teacher. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University, and a Master of Public Health from Loma Linda University. Before coming to the Far East, he served one year as a pastor in the Indiana Conference, and completed his studies at Loma Linda just prior to coming to Hong Kong. Stephen and his wife, Peggy, have one child, Christopher Scott, one year old.

Doctor in Guam

Yoshiyuki Aoyagi, M.D., has joined the staff of the Guam clinic, coming from the Kettering Medical Center in Ohio. Mrs. Aoyagi, a native of Guam, is a registered nurse. Both are graduates of Union College, and Dr. Aoyagi completed his medical studies at Loma Linda University in 1973.

Taiwan

Chiang Kai-shek, president of Nationalist China, died on April 5 in Taipei. In the 1940s the generalissimo, a Methodist, was described as "Christendom's most famous living convert." The country observed a 30-day period of mourning.

India

Bal Bhagwan Ji, 24, brother of 17-year-old Maharaj Ji, has been named the new guru of the Divine Light Mission. Shri Mataji, their mother, announced that she had named her oldest son to replace his brother as guru of the eight-million-member movement because Maharaj Ji became a playboy after he moved to the United States.

England

In an unprecedented action in Church of England history, parisoners of an Anglican church have petitioned their bishop to ordain to the priesthood a deaconess on the parish staff. The woman involved is Elsie Baker, who has served for 33 years. As deaconess she has conducted services, baptisms, and funerals. Church law forbids her celebrating communion or giving formal absolution or blessing.

Jamaica

Churches in Jamaica are closing and barring their doors because of increased vandalism and thefts. One minister attributed the losses to an "increase in the lack of reverence and concern for the spiritual."

United States

A center to help bridge the 23-year "information gap" between the United States and China is being established in St. Paul, Minnesota. It will be known as the Mideast China Study Resource Center and will represent colleges and churches of various denominations.

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Time for a Change

The president of the Far Eastern Division will step down from his office next month at the General Conference session in Vienna, Austria. After 38 years of overseas service, Pastor and Mrs. Eldridge look forward to retirement in their homeland. OUTLOOK interviewed the Eldridges before their departure from the Far East.

WHY HAVE YOU DECIDED TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: We feel we have been here long enough and it's time for someone else to take over the work. It's also time for us to get back to our children while we are still young enough to enjoy them.

MRS. ELDRIDGE: Larry and Norma left us in 1948 at ages 11 and 13 when they returned to the United States for schooling. And now we have seven grandchildren too.

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO

AFTER YOUR RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: Retire.

ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING SOMETHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO BUT BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES NEVER COULD?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: I've always had an interest in counseling, and there's a possibility that I will get into this type of work. I'd also like to do some more writing.

I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE MADE SOME TANGIBLE PLANS FOR A NEW HOME IN THE UNITED STATES.

ELDER ELDRIDGE: Yes, we are purchasing a small condominium near the Mountain Sanitarium in Fletcher, North Carolina. Our new home, which will be completed when we arrive next summer, is in a retirement village in a rural area.

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MRS. ELDRIDGE: Some of our neighbors will be Marion Simmons and the H. M. Baldwins, who used to be here in Singapore.

AFTER LIVING OVERSEAS 38 YEARS, WHAT ADJUSTMENTS, IF ANY, DO YOU EXPECT YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE IN GOING BACK HOME?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: It will seem strange not to travel as much as I do, and I imagine after awhile I will get itchy feet. Also, it will seem strange buying only the things we need for the immediate future, rather than stocking up on some items to last from one furlough to the next. Another "adjustment," if you can call it that, will be living in our own home instead of denominational housing. This is the first home we've ever owned.

MRS. ELDRIDGE: Shopping will be a little different too, for we have learned to rely on dressmakers and tailors rather than ready-made clothing. And, after 38 years, we will no longer be foreigners.

LOOKING BACK 38 YEARS, WHAT WAS IT LIKE COMING OVERSEAS FOR MISSION SERVICE THEN?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: It was very exciting. We had always wanted to be missionaries, and had thoroughly

discussed it before we married. We had sent our names to the General Conference mission board, so you can see we were serious. However, we were thinking more in terms of India, not Japan.

WHAT DID YOU KNOW ABOUT JAPAN BEFORE YOUR CALL?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: We knew absolutely nothing about the country, and even had to look it up on a map.



Pastor Eldridge says he'll probably get "itchy feet" to travel again after retirement, but he feels it's time to step down from the top post of the Far Eastern Division and turn over the responsibility to someone else.

DESCRIBE BRIEFLY THE ELDRIDGES DEPARTING FROM AMERICA IN THE SUMMER OF 1937.

ELDER ELDRIDGE: We had said our goodbyes in Boston for we were living on the East Coast when we received the call to Japan. After a grand send-off at the Southern New England Conference campmeeting, Retha, Norma, and I took a train from Boston to San Francisco. Norma was two then, and Larry was born later that year. It took three and one half days to cross the country, and then we boarded a Japanese ship, the *Tatsuta Maru*, in San Francisco. We had specifically requested to sail on a Japanese ship so that we might become acquainted with the Japan-



ese. The trip across the Pacific to Yokohama took two weeks.

HOW DOES THAT TRAVEL TIME COMPARE WITH YOUR JET TRIP HOME THIS COMING SUMMER?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: We will be stopping in Vienna for General Conference, but travel time will be less than two days.

WHAT PERSONAL BELONGINGS DID YOU TAKE TO JAPAN?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: Well, we didn't have much. I had been a ministerial intern in the New York Conference

until one month before we left, so had been on a regular salary only one month. Retha, what did we bring?

MRS. ELDRIDGE: A stroller, two baby beds, a refrigerator, and a washing machine.

HOW LONG DID YOU EXPECT TO STAY WHEN YOU CAME TO THE FAR EAST?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: We had every intention of making it a lifetime career.

YOU WERE IN JAPAN ONLY THREE YEARS BEFORE WORLD WAR II. HOW DID THE WAR AFFECT YOUR WORK?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: Japan was at war with China when we arrived, so we never knew anything but war in Japan. When the United States became involved, then all Americans were under suspicion and treated as spies. We were frequently questioned. People associated with us were questioned. When the situation worsened, the U.S. State Department ordered all Americans out of Japan. We were among the missionaries from Japan and Korea who went to the Philippines in 1940.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE PHILIPPINES?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: I served as a radio evangelist from 1940 to 1942, but when the Japanese came to the Philippines, we were imprisoned, and that story is in my wife's book, *Bombs and Blessings*. We were in the Philippines until 1945, when we went back to America.

SPEAKING OF BOOKS, MRS. ELDRIDGE, I BELIEVE YOU'VE WRITTEN TWO BOOKS.

MRS. ELDRIDGE: Yes, the other was *From the Rising of the Sun*, published in 1963. It's the story of the Voice of Prophecy in Japan.

TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT THAT BIG UNDERTAKING.

MRS. ELDRIDGE: My husband returned to Japan in 1946, the first Adventist to have missionary status there after the war. We started with a

Bible Correspondence School in 1947 after receiving 25,000 sets of Japanese Bible lessons from Hawaii. The radio program did not begin until August, 1952. Elder Paul Wickman from the General Conference came to Japan and helped us make arrangements for a contract with station JOKR. When he left Japan, we had the contract, but that was all we had. No speaker, no music—only a contract. As you know, my husband became the speaker for the broadcast. Several graduates of the Ueno Conservatory of Music helped us with the music for the first programs.

"We feel we have been here long enough and it's time for someone else to take over the work. It's also time for us to get back to our children while we are still young enough to enjoy them."

MRS. ELDRIDGE, I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN YOUR HUSBAND'S SECRETARY FOR MANY YEARS. HAVE YOU DONE OTHER WORK IN ADDITION TO THIS?

MRS. ELDRIDGE: Yes, I have been Paul's secretary for approximately 35 years. When we first went to Japan, I taught music and conversational English at the college, then when the Voice of Prophecy began, I was director of the Bible Correspondence School for a number of years. And I also worked as an accountant on a couple of occasions.

ELDER ELDRIDGE: She's also been involved in a lot of editorial work, beginning back in academy and college. But while in the Far East she has worked on Sabbath school quarterlies and several books translated into Japanese, including *The Desire of Ages*.

DID YOU DO THE ACTUAL TRANSLATION?

MRS. ELDRIDGE: No, I was proofreader and copy editor—checking and double checking the Japanese translation for accuracy.

WHAT ABOUT *OUTLOOK*? HOW LONG HAVE YOU EACH BEEN CONTRIBUTING TO THIS PUBLICATION?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: I started writing "Deskside Chats" in 1967, and I think Don Roth asked my wife to help with editing and proofreading in 1968.

NOW MAYBE I WILL PUT YOU ON THE SPOT, BUT I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YEAR, YEARS, OR EXPERIENCE YOU WOULD RATE AS THE MOST EXCITING OF YOUR MISSION CAREER.

MRS. ELDRIDGE: It was our rescue from internment camp in the Philippines during World War II. The most beautiful sight we had ever seen more than one hundred parachutes blossoming in the sky. It seemed that angels had come at last.

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST UNEXPECTED EXPERIENCE?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: I never expected to be president of the Far Eastern Division. In fact, at the Detroit General Conference of 1966, I really expected to return to the United States. I had been approached about another position and had responded favorably, so I never expected to be elected president of this Division. That just shows you the turn that a General Conference session can take.

WHAT WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT EXPERIENCE OF YOUR MISSION CAREER?

MRS. ELDRIDGE: The long separation from our children has been the greatest sacrifice of our service.

IF THIS WERE 1937 INSTEAD OF 1975, AND YOU COULD LOOK AHEAD OVER THE NEXT 38 YEARS, WOULD YOU STILL CHOOSE TO SERVE YOUR GOD IN AN OVERSEAS MISSION FIELD?

ELDER ELDRIDGE: Definitely.

MRS. ELDRIDGE: Absolutely.

Singapore Students Help West Irian



A pastor in West Irian, New Guinea, is now using this three-horsepower outboard motor donated by the students of the Far Eastern Elementary School in Singapore. Fifth-grader Sam Dennis (left) and fourth-grader Terry Rawson (right) are pictured holding the brand new motor just before it was transported to New Guinea. The 26 students of grades 1-8 raised money this school year to provide the motor, a dugout canoe, and a thatch-and-zinc church building for the mission in Irian Jaya. The projects total approximately \$51,000.

Witness in Europe

Missionary Packets Ready for Delegates

Adventist World Radio has prepared special Bible Correspondence Course enrollment card packs for delegates who wish to share their faith en route to Vienna and the General Conference Session in July. AWR program logs are also included in the missionary packets.

Requests for this material should be sent directly to: AWR, Apartado 2590, Lisbon 2, Portugal. Please state which countries will be visited and how many cards are desired. Those planning to travel after the Session are requested to pick up their packet at the general exhibit in the Stadthalle front lobby in Vienna.

central philippines

Youth Congress Meets in Bacolod

Presidential Executive Assistant Jacobo C. Clave presented one of the messages to the All-Philippines Youth Congress in Bacolod City, April 1 to 5.

"I can only be sympathetic to the striving of our youth for their rightful place in the sun," he said. "It is my hope that through this congress the participants will give more of themselves to the task of nation-building, particularly in bringing about a higher quality of life for our people."

Welcome

The people of Bacolod City showed their traditional hospitality by opening their homes to more than 3,000 guests who attended the five-day meetings in the auditorium of West Negros College. Special features of the congress were the workshops in youth evangelism, child



Gymnastic teams such as this group from Philippine Union College demonstrated physical prowess during the youth congress. Overseas school teacher, David Gouge directs this organization.

evangelism, Pathfinderism, leadership, vocational evangelism, publishing evangelism, and physical fitness.

B. E. Jacobs, youth director of the Far Eastern Division, delivered the keynote address in which he stressed, "Prayer, Bible study and witnessing are the keys to spiritual health."

Bacolod City Mayor Carlos Benares sent a message to the dele-

gates in which he described the 1970s as the decade of young people, and urged them to be aware of their potential.

Visitor

A special guest of the congress was Clark Smith, associate youth director from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Several Division leaders also participated in



Dr. E. A. deLeon, dean of faculty of Philippine Union College, leads out in the vocational education workshop section of the youth congress in Bacolod City. Several workshops in evangelism and leadership were conducted during the meetings. J. H. Lantry, associate director of education for the Far Eastern Division, is pictured standing on the right.



Clark Smith, associate youth director from the General Conference, participated in the All-Philippines Youth Congress in Bacolod City.



Division President P. H. Eldridge challenged the youth of the Philippines to continue the march of high standards and faithful witness.

the meetings as well as youth leaders from the Philippines.

Several groups punctuated the meetings with messages in song and or gymnastic demonstrations. The groups included the PPH Chamber Singers from Manila; Pilgrim Singers from Caloocan City; PUC Ambassadors from Manila; CCC Choral from Pasay City; MVC Gymnasts from Mindanao; PUC Gymnasts from Manila; East Visayan Academy Singers from Cebu; Capitol Center Choir from Cebu; and Good News Melodiers from Iloilo. — *Salvador G. Miraflores.*

Delegates Meet For TARGET 80

One hundred church elders of the Negros Mission were joined by an equal number of visitors to attend the TARGET 80 Phase II Seminar held at the Bacolod Adventist Center early this year.

L. E. Montana, Central Philippine Union president, assisted by his departmental secretaries, led out in the instruction and subsequent discussion. B. E. Jacobs, youth leader of the Far Eastern Division, emphasized the place of Spirit-filled witnessing in soul winning.

On Sabbath afternoon, Joaquin Rosendo, publishing secretary of the Negros Mission, was ordained to the gospel ministry. This was followed by the ordination of 37 church elders. In

addition, ten district leaders were ordained as local church elders in their districts so that they can now preside at communion and at church business meetings.

With organized prayer groups and Spirit-filled witnessing inspiring every church, a new concept of commitment to the unfinished task has come to our people. — *H. V. Gayares.*

Negros Mission Plants Churches

The idea of a Mission Task Force was conceived by D. G. Jucaban, enthusiastic president of the Negros Mission. Its purpose has been to promote The Bold Adventure (one phase of TARGET 80), which encourages our people to plant one church or company for each existing church by General Conference time this year. Already the Mission Task Force has planted 20 churches and reconstructed several others.

All office workers with the district leaders are members of the Task Force. Equipped with carpentry tools, shovels, picks, trowels for concrete work, and brushes for painting, the Mission Task Force is ready to help the local brethren construct their new church building.



The TARGET 80 Task Force under the leadership of D. G. Jucaban, gather rocks for the construction of a platform in the new La Granja church.

A result of this enthusiasm has already been seen in the spiritual lives of our people in the Negros Mission. — *H. V. Gayares.*

Jacobs Conducts Life Crusade

B. E. Jacobs, Division youth director, conducted a major evangelistic effort at the new Bacolod Adventist Center located on the Negros Mission compound in Bacolod City. The "This Way to Life" crusade continued 45 nights.

Pastor Jacobs preached the first 20 nights, and his associate evangelists, V. F. Bocala and H. V. Gayares, Central Philippine Union evangelist and Negros Mission stewardship secretary respectively, took over the remaining 25. The first baptism in February resulted in 108 individuals expressing their commitment to God. At the second baptism in March, 75 more took part. Subsequent follow-up continued for other interests.

Conflict

Mrs. Gonzaga, a public school teacher in Silay City, now rejoices in her new-found faith. However, her decision had been difficult due to her being a teacher of religion for another Christian denomination.

Mrs. Ramos, though threatened by her husband, decided to be baptized. His reaction was as she had feared, and blows rained down upon her. Finally, he decided she had had enough, took three of their six children, and disappeared into the night to find shelter with his parents.

Returns

Upon arriving there, Mr. Ramos was attacked by very severe pain which he interpreted as being punishment for the suffering he had caused his wife. That evening he decided to return home and ask for forgiveness. Mrs. Ramos, now a Christian, was understanding and helped relieve his pain. The following Sabbath she attended church, rejoicing in her freedom to worship God.

Other members of the crusade team were five ministerial interns—Rolando Deocades, Herovic Minel, George Victoriano, Joseph Tigley, and Josue Subang; two Bible instructors—Noemi Geniebla and Yolanda Tumpag; and the assistant chaplain of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital, Sally Cordero. Orlando Aguirre, Jr., was team coordinator. Jack Rosendo assisted him. D. G. Jucaban served as translator.

In addition there were drivers who gathered and conducted interests to their home after the meeting, ushers, singers, and ladies in charge of child evangelism. We praise the Lord for what has been accomplished during the "This Way to Life" crusade to prepare souls for His soon coming.—*H. V. Gayares.*

Bacolod Sanitarium Expands Facilities

Dedicated more than eight years ago as a 50-bed hospital, Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital is now adding a two-story extension which will have services and doctors' offices on the ground floor and 16 air-conditioned private rooms on the second. This will bring patient capacity to 75 beds.

Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital has become a training center, approved and accredited for a medical internship program. It is affiliated with Philippine Union College for a medical technology internship program and also with Mountain View College as the clinical division for the junior class of the school of nursing.

Last November, Dr. F. T. Geslani, medical director of the hospital, presented the expansion program to the annual council of the Far Eastern Division meeting in Singapore. Work has progressed rapidly since. Now, after six weeks of actual construction, the building is almost half completed. This augurs well for finishing the extension program in the near future.—*M. E. Bingcang.*



The new extension on the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital reaches almost in front of the church. This addition will house 16 more patient rooms, bringing patient capacity to 75. Construction is more than half completed.

Mrs. Mejia Tells Secret of Longevity

"I live mainly on vegetables and nuts," declares 110-years-young Mrs. Dolores Payot Mejia of Conalum, Inopacan, Leyte. "What I avoid at

the table are meat and fried food."

Mrs. Mejia is active in her household. She sweeps the yard, cooks, mends clothes, attends Sabbath school association meetings, and sometimes ventures out on missionary journeys with church members.

At 110, Mrs. Mejia still reads her Bible faithfully without glasses and is an active participant in memory verse exercises at MV meetings. One thing special about her is her smile when meeting people and while performing her daily chores.

Dolores Payot Mejia was born January 11, 1865, in Conalum, Inopacan, Leyte, to Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Payot. She was married May, 1903, to Julio Mejia, now deceased. They had six boys and three girls. Of these children, eight are baptized Seventh-day Adventists. Except for one, all are married and active in God's work. Besides these nine children, she has 19 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Since her baptism in 1948 by Pastor Cabardo of Malaybalay, Bukidnon, her prime objective has been to help finish God's work.—*Ike B. Sarsoza.*



Mrs. Mejia contributes her long life of 110 years to a strict vegetarian diet. She also avoids fried foods.

east indonesia

Visitors Surprise North Minahasa

The unexpected visit of two youth leaders sent East Indonesia Union and North Minahasa Mission personnel scurrying to arrange a schedule of appointments.

B. E. Jacobs, Division youth director, and Clark Smith, associate youth director of the General Conference, visited the mission on the weekend of March 22. Upon their arrival, T. Katemba, union youth leader, raced off on his Yamaha motorcycle to inform every youth director in the district and arrange for several meetings, including a large Sabbath meeting in the Tikala church.

The two youth leaders encouraged the young people of North Minahasa to respect the name of "Christian."

"It carries a deep responsibility," said Jacobs.

Smith emphasized the thought that Jesus is the only answer to the world's problems in these troublesome times.

In spite of the rushed preparation, the people were ready for the messages of these ministers. In an appeal made at the end of the Sabbath day, every person in the Tikala church responded to Elder Jacobs' call. — *R. A. Weley.*

Church Celebrates 40th Anniversary

A special service celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Rerer Church in South Minahasa drew members from other churches in the district, as well as government officials and representatives of the East Indonesia Union and the two Minahasa missions.

Of particular interest were almost ten members who had been in the first baptism of the Rerer church.

They sat on the front row. Some were husband and wife, though others had lost their companions since then. Special mention was made of Mrs. Pandelaki whose husband had pastored that church when it was organized 40 years before. She and the other longtime members were given flowers.

Paulus Rantung, Rerer district leader, began the program with a warm welcome. Brother Mandias, church secretary, read its history. J. A. Raranta, South Minahasa Mission president, introduced the denominational workers who are the fruits of the Rerer church. A. Waworoendeng, East Indonesia Union president, delivered the anniversary sermon.

When the children of those baptized in the first baptism presented a special song in honor of their parents, Mrs. C. Waworoendeng, wife of the union president, also stood up since she is the daughter of Pastor Pandelaki, now deceased.

The Happiness Singers, a Manado City group led by H. Mamanua, presented several special numbers. There were other singing groups as well to add to the inspiration of the occasion. — *Nathan Ruhupatty.*

South Minahasa Dedicates Church

Early this year the Langowan Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Minahasa Mission was dedicated free of debt. The governor of the province was represented by Lt. Col. J. F. Lumentut, who expressed congratulation. From the East Indonesia Union were E. Kamuh and wife and J. K. Manoppo. J. A. Raranta, president of the South Minahasa Mission, and his entire staff were present. The dedicatory sermon was given by Pastor Kamuh.

This new church building has a seating capacity for 300 and is valued at approximately eight-million rupiahs (US\$20,000). We wish to express our appreciation to the Church Extension



Langowan Adventist Church

Fund from which came part of the building cost. Church members also made sacrificial gifts. Above all, we are grateful to the Lord who is the source of all blessing. — *Nathan Ruhupatty.*

japan

News from JMC

New Record

Enrollment is up from the past several years with 160 students enrolled in the junior high school, a record enrollment. The high school reports 230 students and the college 130. This is a 20 percent increase in enrollment over last year.

Visitor

Dr. Robert Reynolds, president of Walla Walla College, visited the campus March 12 in connection with talks concerning the possible affiliation of Japan Missionary College and Walla Walla College.

"His visit enabled both staff of the college and those connected with education in the Japan Union Mission to become acquainted with the objectives of the affiliation," stated Dr. Shige Arakaki, president of Japan Missionary College. "Both students and teachers are enthusiastic about the idea of affiliation," he added.

Missionaries

During the current school year (April 1975 to March 1976), seven students have taken time off from their studies to help in the church's evangelistic program. Two young

men, Shinichi Nihei and Ko Fujita, are serving as student missionaries teaching Japanese in Paraguay. Five others are helping in evangelistic and pastoral work at various locations throughout Japan and Okinawa.—*Lowell C. Hagele.*

Japanese Students Finish Mission Stint



Now back at Japan Missionary College, Kizu Kubo and Shozo Kishida have just completed two years of teaching Japanese in South America.

Kizu Kubo and Shozo Kishida have just completed a two-year student missionary stint in Asuncion, Paraguay, South America.

Their work there was operating a Japanese language school for the Japanese population. Although the children of these immigrants are able to speak both Japanese and Spanish, they need formal study in current Japanese not in use when their parents lived in Japan. They also received instruction in writing and reading the 2,000 basic Kanji (Chinese characters) used in written Japanese.

The Japanese student missionaries patterned their program after the English language schools operated by Americans and Australians here in the Far Eastern Division.

When asked what aspects of the student missionary program were of the most value to them, Kizu and Shozo responded that it was the opportunity to live and fellowship with those of another country culturally and economically different than one's own. Also, the experience gave them a world perspective to-

ward evangelism, and they felt it was an encouragement to the host country.

These two students have already been replaced by Shinichi Nihei and Ko Fujita, also students of Japan Missionary College, who will continue the language school program.—*Lowell C. Hagele.*

korea

Backslider Returns To Adventist Church

Kim Dea Jin, a youth of 29, attended Sabbath school for a short time, not because of any particular interest in Christ, but he thought that church membership would increase his status in his home town. His real interest was politics.

As spare time permitted, he worked actively for various politicians, but he was never successful. His candidates were just not elected.

Failure in politics. Loss of interest in church. And soon he stopped



Kim Dea Jin



This is the church that Kim Dea Jin built in Keun Hyung. He sold his cows and obtained a loan on his rice crop to finance the project.

attending altogether. He became a drunkard.

That was years ago.

But as time passed and his feelings of disappointment and dejection continued, he began to realize that the things he had heard in the Adventist church were transpiring in the world before his eyes. Prophecy was being fulfilled. This realization, of course, was evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in his heart.

Back Again

One day he saw a Seventh-day Adventist church, and suddenly his desire was aroused to return. In fact, when he heard of evangelistic meetings being held at an Adventist church about seven miles from his home town, he attended. It was good to be back. Yet he had many questions for the pastor, the most urgent being, was it too late for him to be saved? Of course he was encouraged to accept Christ at once and to begin studying his Bible again.

A few months later Brother Kim attended a laymen's institute held in Taejon for the Middle West Mission. At these meetings he was deeply convicted of the truth of Bible teaching. When others at the meeting made commitments to hold lay evangelistic meetings, he also promised to conduct meetings, even though he did not yet know much about the Bible.

Preaching

Upon returning home to Keun Hyung, a resort town on the western seacoast, he began preaching and witnessing to his neighbors. They were very impressed with the change in his life. He decided to build a church, so he sold his cows and obtained a loan on his rice crop. With the money, he built a small church. A year has passed since then, and now about 50 Sabbath school members are meeting there.

The Lord has blessed Brother Kim in his witnessing to his friends and

neighbors. His experience is but a sample of what will soon be seen on a larger scale in Korea as more laymen become active in soul winning.

Nursing Program Goes to College

Nursing education in Korea has come under control of Korean Union College, and a new baccalaureate program has been added. This makes Korea the first country in the Far Eastern Division to offer two kinds of nursing education—a technical program and a professional program. In keeping with the trend in many countries, nursing education has taken its place in the educational stream as it becomes a new academic discipline offered by Korean Union College.

Coordinated

These two departments of nursing are coordinated under one head, Cho Song Moon, chairman of the department of nursing. Lois Wilson has returned to Korea from study leave in Loma Linda to assist in the development of this change. She will help in teaching, and generally coordinate the two programs.

In Korea, along with other countries in Asia, nursing educators believe that it requires at least three years to educate a nurse for beginning practice. Therefore, the technical program is three years in length. The baccalaureate degree may be earned in four years.

Same Classes

All nursing students are in the same classes during the first three years. In the B.S. program students complete professional nursing courses in the fourth year. While the three-year students meet specific government requirements in the shorter program, the B.S. students meet more lenient government requirements and complete requirements of Korean Union College for a B.S. degree.

It will be possible for graduates of

the three-year program to continue in the four-year program by passing a special examination which has been developed by the nursing profession in Korea.—*Wilma Leazer.*

Sabbath Meetings Held In Charcoal Factory

Y. K. Kim, a church elder in the Southwest Korean Mission, owns a large charcoal briquette factory that employs 200 workers. For a long time he was concerned about how his employees could observe the Sabbath. Finally, he decided to close shop on Sabbath and build a chapel at the factory.

Now each Sabbath his employees meet for services in this chapel. Recently E. Y. Kim and H. C. Im, presidents of the Korean Union and Southwest Korean Mission respectively, attended the opening service for this unique church.—*T. C. Kim.*

New Commission Set on Temperance

A Commission for Prevention of Alcoholism, Smoking, and Drug Dependency has been organized in the Korean Union, with Dr. M. S. Kim, former director of Severance Hospital, as president. Special guests from the Division and prominent Korean leaders in education, health, and religious institutions gathered to cooperate in this important work.

The Commission will conduct

research into the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs and will also support persons or other organizations who are involved in the same work and will gather research materials. A special plan of prevention by education is also an integral part of the program.—*T. C. Kim.*

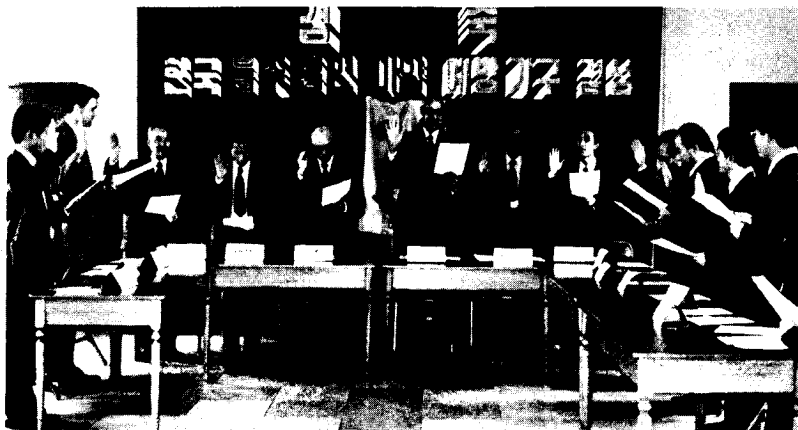
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Crocodile Garments Opens Another Branch

The 17th branch of Crocodile Garments Ltd. was officially opened in Central Kowloon on April 1 by Dr. Chan Shun, general manager of the company, and several ministers in the Hong Kong area, including T.M. Chu, president of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission.

Following the opening song and prayer by M. D. Lee, chaplain of the Hongkong Adventist Hospital, Dr. Chan Shun gave an impressive address. He drew attention to the fact that in a time of worldwide depression when many big firms and factories are having to close or slow down, Crocodile Garments, under God's prospering care, continues to grow and expand. He gave all praise and glory to God.

Then the writer discussed the secret of success and referred to the



Division President P. H. Eldridge, center, reads the pledge at the establishment of the Korean Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, Smoking, and Drug Dependency.

miraculous draft of fishes when the disciples "cast the net on the right side of the ship," the side toward the shore where Jesus was standing. When we are on the side of Jesus, taking Him as our Director, Guide, and Partner in all our endeavors, then His blessings will be bestowed on us. Since Crocodile Garments Ltd., has been faithfully following God in observing Sabbath, paying tithe, and supporting His cause, it is but natural that prosperity and blessing should follow.

The ceremony came to a close with a benediction by Handel Luke, principal of Taipo Sam Yuk Secondary School.—H. S. Lo.

southeast asia

Penang Hospital Helps Smokers

A 60-year-old man, who stopped smoking at a recent Five Day Plan at the Penang Adventist Hospital, tells how he started smoking at the age of 12.

"When I saw my father puffing cigarettes, my curiosity was aroused. I decided to be like him and discover the pleasures of smoking too," says Encik K. M. Abdul Karim.

"One night when he left the house with my mother, I sneaked into his room and stole one of his cigarettes. That was how my smoking habit began, and soon I was puffing one and one half packs a day," he continues.

Then he suffered a heart attack, and came under the care of Dr. Carl Schneider at the Penang hospital. One of the first things the doctor advised Mr. Karim was to stop smoking.

The recent Five Day Plan held in March drew 43 smokers who wanted to kick the habit.—S. Vellu.

Radio Sarawak Broadcasts Gospel



Pastor David Ngali and E. Sinaga prepare radio programs for the airwaves of Sarawak. Pastor Sinaga has been broadcasting for the Sarawak Mission for 10 years.

This year radio broadcasting in Sarawak by the Seventh-day Adventist church celebrates its 10th anniversary. It was in 1965 that R. C. Hall and E. Sinaga made an unsuccessful bid for sustaining time on Radio Sarawak. They were turned down on the basis that it was impossible to give equal time to all religions.

Disappointed but not discouraged, these brethren prayed most earnestly that God would open "a door of beginning." Several months passed before Pastor Hall once again approached the manager of Radio Sarawak. This time he offered the program, "Your Radio Doctor," which was heartily accepted and given free time. Enthusiastic response came from the listening audience as the months passed by.

Choir

Next year time was given to the Sunny Hill church choir for broadcasting special music that included classical songs. Under the dynamic leadership of Hulman Sinaga, this once-weekly broadcast of 15 minutes every Sunday evening gained popularity and helped to nudge wider the "door of beginning."

Later Brother Sinaga introduced the popular program, "Music for the Millions," while his wife conducted a "Children's Corner" which included

both religious songs and Bible stories for children.

Early in 1967 after much prayer, Pastor Sinaga and his son Hulman went to the Iban section of Radio Sarawak seeking permission to broadcast in the Iban language.

Compliments

"The songs of Sunny Hill School are good," the station manager replied. "The religious programs must be good, too!" And so the "door of beginning" opened wider for gospel broadcasting in Sarawak. At the same time, English language tapes by H. M. S. Richards and Chinese language tapes by Milton Lee were accepted for broadcast.

The Way of Life quartet provided a new dimension to Adventist broadcasting in Sarawak and inspiration and hope to the thousands who listened. Soon the station manager told the team, "Your program is the best religious broadcast that we have."

Door Opens

The "door of beginning" opened wider when the manager of the Bidayuh language section upon hearing the programs in Iban requested our brethren to begin broadcasting in Bidayuh. This they did. The program was so popular that they were asked to go on the air every other day.

Since 1968 Radio Malaysia Sarawak has been carrying the message to Sarawak's thousands of villages in English, Chinese, Iban and Bidayuh. Many have written telling how they have come to know and love Christ through hearing the radio broadcast and studying the Way of Life Bible correspondence lessons which have been offered since 1974. It is no longer a "door of beginning" but rather, a door of opportunity; and great blessing has come to the state of Sarawak as Seventh-day Adventist workers have stepped through the open doors.—C. H. Damron.

west indonesia

Kalimantan Reports Mission Advances

A live-and-learn demonstration village is being established on the Mahakam River in Kalimantan (Indonesian Borneo), reports Victor Aaen, public health worker.

"Young families will work and study healthful living, various trades, and Bible work, then after six months will return to their home villages as lay health representatives," explains Aaen. The teaching staff of the demonstration village will also assist in the jungle-village work.

This project is assisted by a U.S. Agency for International Development grant of US\$39,000, and a land grant of 125 acres from the Indonesian government.

Presently two young missionary families are working in the Kalimantan area. Aaen, who arrived in West Indonesia only last September, is involved in public health work; Bill

Tol, who has been in the Far East only seven months longer than Aaen, is minister, and pilot of the mission plane, a Cessna 185. Both men are 28 years old.

Although their work is relatively new, much progress is already seen. With the help of four student missionaries during last Christmas vacation, the first jungle airstrip was opened in Ongko Asa, thus making it possible to reach that village from mission headquarters in only one hour as compared to four days by land.

A radio communication network similar to the one in the Sarawak Mission, is being established so the mission office can be in contact with the village pastors every day. Funds are being sought for trail bikes for the pastors to speed their transportation from church to church. They often walk three to four hours between churches for Sabbath services.

Aaen announces that future plans call for literature launches to travel the great Mahakam River highway. The launches would also be used for a medical clinic, health education classes, and evangelistic outlets.

Angels Guard Sumatran Academy

"Don't tell the Adventists that the angels of heaven are protecting their school," the villagers told a neighbor of the North Sumatra Academy, "because they may become proud and feel more secure."

This statement was made after the villagers had seen angels ascending and descending over the administration building at North Sumatra Academy. One man had tried to kill P. Pakpahan, an academy teacher, because of a problem caused by squatters on the school property. Although he was wounded slightly, God protected Brother Pakpahan, and the school property was made secure.

North Sumatra Academy is the largest boarding academy in Indonesia, with about 400 students. On a beautiful tract of land, the school has a large farm employing about 50 young people who can thus earn a good share of their school expenses.

North Sumatra Academy has grown tremendously in the last few years, and now its facilities are far from adequate. The single bunk beds in the girls' dormitory must sleep four girls in a barracks-type situation. The boys' dormitory is so overcrowded that six boys live in each room. Almost every bed has two boys sleeping in it, and many others must sleep on the floor with a grass mat for mattress.

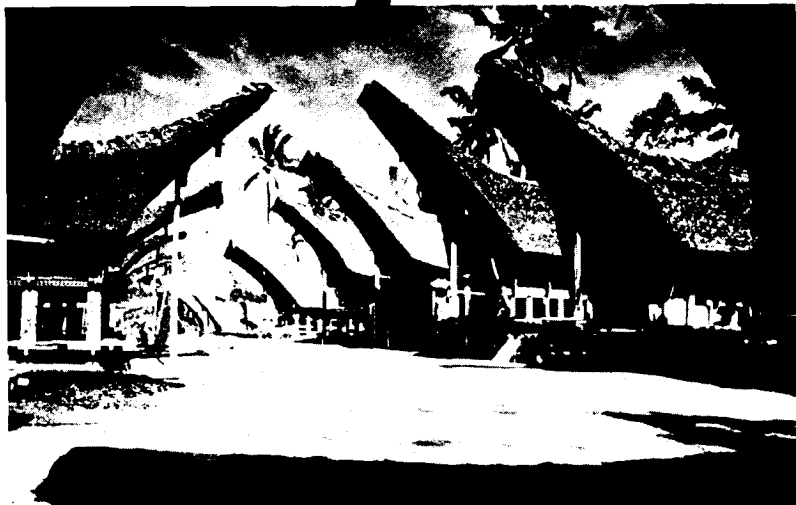
Presently the academy is attempting to expand its facilities. A new cafeteria is under construction. When completed, it will double for library and study hall—perhaps even for chapel. If the anticipated enrollment materializes, the present chapel in the boys' dormitory may have to be used for student housing. Other proposed buildings for this academy are a new girls' dormitory and an auditorium-library.—W. L. Wilcox.



The Ongko Asa jungle airstrip is the first one built for the Kalimantan Mission, but more are already under construction. Student missionaries from the Jakarta English language school helped build this airstrip during Christmas vacation, 1974. It is estimated that six million tribal people live in Kalimantan.

Gospel to Torajaland

By D. D. Dennis



A dramatic architectural roofline, resembling the prow of a ship, suggests that the Torajanes are descendants of a sea-faring people. In this typical village, lodgings are on the right, and granaries on the left.

Church members often feel that soul-winning activities, especially public evangelism, are only for those with unique talents and training or a particular call. In recent years I have witnessed heaven's blessings in the evangelistic efforts of many whose denominational labors are administrative, rather than pastoral. This has been true not only for departmental leaders, but also for those engaged in treasury work and institutional management. With the ever-apparent lack of field workers the evangelistic opportunities are legion for members not employed in full-time ministerial activities. There is a significant personal thrill and satisfaction in assisting the Holy Spirit in persuading men

and women to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. Personally, I have found inspiration in reaching out to remote areas, where gospel progress has been restricted, either by lack of financial resources or where pagan tradition is strong.

Invitation

This is why I eagerly accepted the invitation to lead out in a public evangelism crusade in Torajaland. Toraja is one of the most isolated areas of the Indonesian archipelago. At an elevation of 3,000 feet it is surrounded by high and jagged mountain peaks. Isolated from the sea, it lies in the heartland of Central Sulawesi—the orchid-shaped equatorial island. Shimmering rice terraces climb like stairs up the lush green slopes. Festive feasts, involving the

slaughter of many water buffalo and pigs, are a part of a strange religion the Torajanes have developed over many centuries.

One of the most unusual sights in Toraja is the architecture employed in the construction of the traditional dwelling. The eaves of the roof curve upward, like the prow of a ship, and project dramatically beyond the ends of the house. Because it resembles an ark some anthropologists have felt the Torajanes are descendants of a sea-faring people. The carved wooden head of a carabao, or water buffalo, is attached to the house's ornate facade. Below the wooden head are affixed the horns of animals donated for the funeral feasts of family members and friends. Houses stand in a row with rice-storage granaries in another row some distance away. The homes are increased in number as the family grows.

Week of Prayer

In addition to a two-week series of public meetings held every night in the, as yet unfinished, little church in Rantepao, the provincial capital, I was asked to conduct a Week of Prayer at the Toraja Academy at Mebali, 24 miles away. The schedule was tight with two meetings a day, one at the academy and the other in Rantepao, especially with the inherent transportation problems. A rented motorbike provided a means of travel along the mountainous trails of Torajaland.

The humble little Toraja Academy, which opened in 1958, is beautifully situated on an area of 38 acres at an elevation of over 3,000 feet. Five faculty members bring Christian education to 85 students, who come from the pagan homes of Toraja. The buildings, faculty housing, desks, beds, and benches are all made of native bamboo. Student missionaries from colleges in North America, who were working in Indonesia, voluntarily came to the school in 1973 and



Torajanese bury their dead in cliff-side crypts such as this one. Mourners are seen gathered around the burial place. A funeral in Torajaland is a time for feasting.

assisted, with the help of donated funds, in the construction of the present permanent concrete administration building.

Two of the students gave their hearts to the Lord during the week of prayer and were baptized together with three others who made decisions in the evangelistic crusade. The baptism was conducted in the fast-flowing waters of the Sadang River near Rantepao. One of the students, a young man whose father is a leader in the strong local religion, faced being disinherited by his family. His faith is strong and with tears of joy in his eyes he told me he had "no choice but to follow Jesus."

The academy principal, F. E. Kairupan, assisted the local pastor, E.

Gara, in visitation and planning for the public meetings. The academy choir on several occasions provided special music for the meetings.

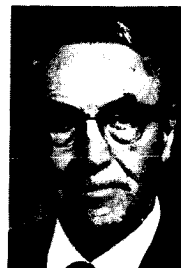
As the Far Eastern Division TARGET 80 program gains momentum it is thrilling to see efforts made to open new work by our workers and laymen in such remote areas. More than 80 individuals made decisions to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour during the meetings. With relatives and friends they continue attending the doctrinal Bible classes three times a week. It will require months for the pastor and the few church members, numbering only 20 prior to the beginning of the crusade, to give adequate follow-up to the new awakening in Toraja.

Adventist Work Closes In South Vietnam

The Saigon Adventist Hospital, Vietnam Adventist Publishing House, and Vietnam Mission office closed Thursday, April 24. More than 400 church leaders, workers, members, and other Vietnamese closely associated with the Adventist church evacuated to Guam. Plans are now under way to locate these refugees in the United States. Pictures and story next month by OUTLOOK editor, Don Roth.

Victor Armstrong 1886-1975

President of the Far Eastern Division for some 16 years, Victor T. Armstrong died on May 21 in Portland, Oregon, where he lived in a retirement home.



Armstrong came to the Far East in 1921 to serve as superintendent of the Japan Union Mission, a post he held until 1936 when he was named president of the Division. During the years of World War II, he worked in the Sabbath school department of the General Conference and in war service work until the Annual Council of 1944 when he was reassigned to the presidency of the Far Eastern Division. The Armstrongs went to Manila in 1945, remaining there until 1947 when they moved to Singapore. Armstrong served as Division president until 1954. Funeral services were held in Portland on May 23.

Andrew N. Nelson 1893-1975

The founder of two Seventh-day Adventist colleges in the Far East, and author of Japanese and Chinese dictionaries, Andrew N. Nelson died in Hong Kong on May 17. Nelson received a call to Japan in 1918, a move that initiated more than 40 years of service in Japan, the Philippines, and China. He established Japan Missionary College and Mountain View College. During his lifetime Nelson published three dictionaries: *The Modern Reader's Japanese-English Character Dictionary*, *Japanese-English Dictionary of Technical Terms*, and *The Japanese-English Supplementary Dictionary*. At the time of his death, he was working on *The Modern Reader's Chinese-English Character Dictionary*. Funeral services were held in Hong Kong on May 21.