

Outlook

LEAVING VIETNAM

By Don Roth

In a period of three days (April 23 to 25) I joined nine other overseas workers in evacuating more than 400 hospital, publishing house, and mission workers and their dependents from war-battered Saigon. There have been evacuations in other parts of the world, but none which airlifted the entire church leadership and a large group of employees within a 48-hour period.

The most dramatic event in which I have ever had a part began on Sunday, April 20, when I flew with Ralph Watts, Jr., president of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, from Singapore to Saigon to consult with national and overseas workers. Just the Friday evening before, the Division Committee had made the decision to send Doctors Stewart Shankel and William Taylor back to the United States, and phase out the hospital as soon as possible.



U.S. NAVY PHOTO

"Why did we have to leave home, Mommy?"

As the Vietnamese and overseas hospital workers were trying to decide when to close the hospital doors, Le Cong Giao, who was named mission president after the departure of Rankin Wentland, Jr., a few weeks earlier, said that if the

women and children of key leaders in the mission and hospital were out of the country, they could function much better.

At that point I volunteered to take the group out of the country to the

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deskside chats

“Even So...”



Just thirty-eight years ago, in July of 1937, we arrived in the Far East under assignment as teachers in Japan Missionary College. Memory still re-

records in sharp focus the new, exotic, sometimes frightening but always fascinating pictures of the Orient that were etched on our minds at bewildering speed. With it all came a profound sense of mission, a vision of immense task which was also opportunity, a sense of endless work and limited time—an exhilarating experience, the kind that stirs the heart.

Fully believing Jesus would come before we grew old, we were eager and happy to participate in giving the gospel to all the world. In the process we came to know and love the Asian peoples. Living with them here has been a joy, sharing heaven with them is our greatest hope.

Drama and excitement have filled these thirty-eight years. Three wars have left their marks of devastation and changed the political spectrum. Developing nations, demonstrating great vitality, have achieved new recognition. Rising standards of living have

brought ever-increasing demands for better housing, better education, better government. Today the Far East is a thriving, pulsating, massive segment of the world's population finding its proper place in the international picture.

The Church has shared in all this progress. When we first arrived, the entire membership in the Far Eastern Division was less than 26,000. Today six of our nine unions have more members than that, and the total for the Division has passed the 290,000 mark. Evidences of God's blessings are more than we can enumerate. Even brighter days are ahead.

In an exciting time like this, it is hard to think of leaving the Far East. However, a number of circumstances have combined to make us feel that we should. Mrs. Eldridge and I will complete our work for the Far Eastern Division at the time of the General Conference Session in Vienna, and we are planning to retire.

As we leave the Far East, our hearts are filled with the same enthusiasm, the same sense of mission, and an even greater feeling of urgency than when we first arrived. Our hope, much brighter than ever, is expressed in the words with which John closed his Revelation: “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

Cordially,

Paul H. Eldridge, President

COVER: By now the Vietnam evacuation story is more than two months old, but since it involved a large segment of the work and membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Far East, OUTLOOK chose to report one article to document this historical event. By the end of May all the hospital and mission refugees had been placed in the United States.

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Filipino Missionaries



Newlyweds Nancy and Eben Agguire, graduates of Mountain View College, are preparing for a mission appointment on Truk Island in the Guam-Micronesia Mission. Eben received a bachelor's degree in theology from MVC, and Nancy is a graduate nurse. The Agguires will be doing pioneer evangelistic work on Truk. Eben's college experience helped prepare him for this work as he was a student missionary at the Spaulding Mission in Dampaan, a village near Mountain View College. During his senior year he was a student pastor of three tribal churches, and helped establish two new churches.

"Refugees"

All overseas workers, regular and volunteer, left Saigon, South Vietnam, in recent weeks. Some have already transferred to other jobs, and some are still seeking placement. Following is a rundown on where the Vietnam workers are at the present time:

Rankin Wentland, Jr., president of the Vietnam Mission, is now a pastor in Portland, Oregon; Helton Fisher, teacher at the Vietnam training school, has transferred to Chiangmai Academy in Thailand as Bible teacher; Harvey Rudisaile, Saigon hospital administrator, has been called to be administrator of the three Adventist hospitals in Japan; Esther Oldham,

R.N., director of nursing service, is temporarily working in Bangkok, Thailand, but has been voted permanent return; Mary Waldron, R.N., director of the school of nursing, has returned to the United States, but hopes for another overseas post; Stewart Shankel, M.D., chief of staff, returned to Loma Linda, California; George Wiesseman, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, is transferring to the Bangkok Adventist Hospital; Bruce Branson, M.D., and James Simpson, M.D., both relief physicians, have returned to Loma Linda; E. H. Domke, maintenance engineer, has returned to Canada on permanent return, and is seeking placement; Terry Schmunk, D.D.S., transferred to the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital dental department; Lottie McHenry, volunteer teacher of the overseas elementary school, G. R. Ernst, assistant administrator of the hospital, and all other student missionaries and volunteer workers returned to their homes in the United States.

Penang Adventist Hospital is celebrating 50 years of medical service to the community of Penang, Malaysia. To celebrate this occasion, a 245-page book has been prepared on the history of the institution. Printed in both English and Chinese, this anniversary book includes pictures of the early days when the hospital was getting started, former workers, building programs, etc. The hard-cover book also includes four-color plates, some congratulatory messages from business friends, and several sections of pictures of the various departments. Copies of this publication are available for US\$2.95 from the Penang Adventist Hospital, 465 Burmah Road, Penang, Malaysia.

Guam

Trans World Radio, the international Christian broadcasting organization, has received clearance from the Federal Communications Commission of the United States to establish AM and short wave religious broadcasting stations on Guam. The short wave coverage will be directed to China, Southeast Asia, Indonesia, and Eastern Russia. This clearance marks the first U.S. international short wave station approved in 10 years.

Africa

Drought, inflation, and rising oil prices have struck at the heart of church life in Africa, says Amon Mwakisunga, Africa secretary of the Lutheran World Federation. He sees churches facing a situation where government employees' salaries are being increased to keep pace with the cost of living, while they cannot afford to raise their own workers' salaries. The churches run the risk of workers being tempted to take secular jobs in order to earn more money.

Denmark

The Danish Film Institute has voted to authorize a US\$170,000 "production guarantee" to a company making a film on the life of Christ that will show Jesus in several nude and love-making scenes. The film, entitled "The Many Faces of Jesus," was the subject of worldwide protests last year when plans for the movie were announced. After the vote in favor of the guarantee, all five members of the Danish Film Institute board resigned—either in protest of the guarantee or because of political pressures.

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island of Guam. In a matter of hours I had rounded up 36 women and children, the dependents of "high risk" personnel connected with the Adventist church, and had them ready to leave. The next step was waiting to get onto a plane.

The staging area at the airport was jammed with people. For years it had been used as a recreation area—bowling alley, gymnasium, and swimming pool. All of the people leaving on the evacuation flights were gathered together with luggage and all the belongings they could carry. Some came with just the clothing on their backs. I herded my group into the bowling alley where we spent most of the night. I managed to get two hours of sleep with my head on my camera bag and my feet in a bowling ball gutter.

Special Day

April 24 was a very hot day in Saigon, but it was a very special one for the Vietnamese in my group, so they endured 10 hours of the hot sun while waiting for our flight to be called. Finally at 4:00 p.m. our flight was called. As soon as 180 people loaded onto the C141 cargo plane, the door slammed shut and we were on our way across the South China Sea heading for Guam.

It was indeed a "no frills" flight. On this particular plane there was a set of seats on each side of the aircraft for about 50 people. The rest were on the floor. The crew, of course, was down to a minimum so I found myself doing steward duty during the seven-hour flight. Fully 95 percent of the people aboard had never flown before, so I spent a good share of the time handing out air-motion-sickness bags.

Upon arriving in Guam, we found hundreds of military and civilian volunteers in a huge aircraft hangar. It took three hours to get processed through customs and immigration.

The adventure was not to end here. Ralph Watts, along with South-



Two relief doctors from Loma Linda University assisted in the evacuation, and then helped find all of the Adventist groups located around the island of Guam. Dr. Jim Simpson is on the left, with P. T. Thanh, former chaplain of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, and Dr. Bruce Branson.

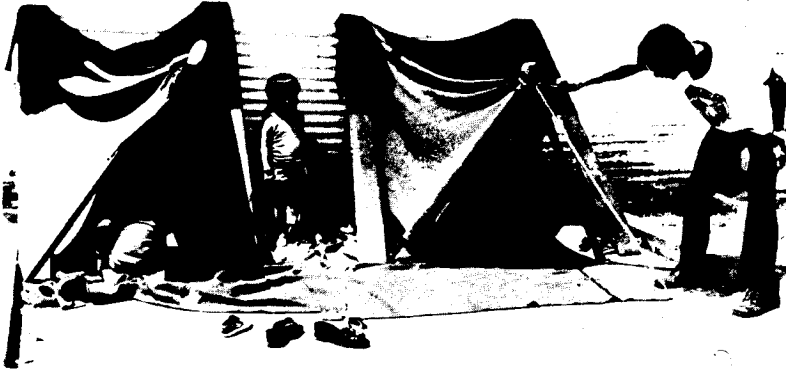


The bowling alley of "Pentagon East" became the waiting area for thousands of refugees leaving Saigon for a new life in a foreign land. Author Don Roth spent one night here sleeping with his head propped on his camera bag, and his feet in a bowling ball gutter.



U.S. NAVY PHOTO

Tent City on the island of Guam accommodated more than 50,000 persons. The tents were equipped with military-style cots, and the refugees had to go to another tent for food. Those from the Adventist institutions in Saigon were housed here for nearly a week before going to Loma Linda.



Makeshift tents shield off the fierce heat of the Guam sun.

east Asia Treasurer Romie Gainer, and Royce Thompson, union hospital association administrator, were soon to come with an even larger group. Harvey Rudisaile, hospital administrator, Doctors Jeanne and George Wiesseman, Bruce Branson, and Jim Simpson were also coming with groups of hospital, publishing house, and mission workers and their dependents. Some 430 personnel were evacuated in two days' time.

By 4:00 a.m. Sabbath morning we had located all but two of our groups on Guam. After a few hours' sleep I went back to my group at Camp Asan and held a praise service with them. As Ly Ba Hoi, mission treasurer in exile, prayed there was not a dry eye in the group as he gave God the praise in allowing them to start "Operation New Life" in another country.

Relief Help

My part in the evacuation project was soon over. Calls were made for Clinton Shankel, Division lay activities director, to fly to Guam and help in processing the refugees.

Arrangements were made to take the group to Loma Linda University and from there find homes and jobs for them. Grady flew to California to direct this project. In the midst of finding new jobs and temporary homes for the Vietnamese, Grady also had to make arrangements for a wedding.

"As far as we know," stated Grady, "this was the first wedding of Vietnamese refugees on the U.S. mainland."

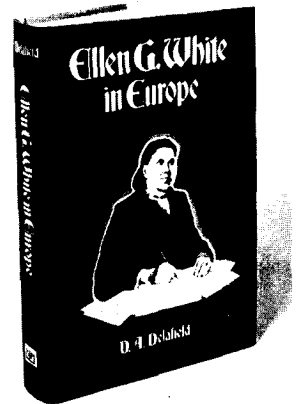
By the end of May the refugees were scattered across the United States, many of them working in Adventist hospitals and offices. These people have been through a tremendous experience. Their whole lives have been turned upside down and they need our prayers as they begin "Operation New Life" in America.



At Loma Linda University of California, a wedding was arranged for these two young people who had fled from South Vietnam. Residents of Loma Linda donated everything for the wedding from flowers to paper cups and punch to wedding cake. Four television stations covered the event. The groom is the son of the Vietnam Mission lay activities secretary, Pham Thien.

AU Offers New Health Major

Andrews University has begun a new bachelor of science degree in health. The degree is being sponsored by five departments, nursing, biology, physical education, chemistry, and education. Courses for the degree can be selected to meet pre-professional requirements for medicine, dentistry, and a masters degree in public health. The health major places a strong emphasis on both scientific health findings and the writings of Ellen White. For more information write to Alice Smith, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104, USA.



What could be more logical than this refreshing new book by D.A. Delafield, ELLEN G. WHITE IN EUROPE, be printed and published in Europe? Produced by the British Publishing House in full collusion with the Review and Herald and E.G. White Trusts, this book will be specially valued by the fact that it is the European edition—the one released at the General Conference Session in Vienna. Ellen White's unrealized hope was to bring out a book dealing with her two years' service in Europe (1885-1887). Now this volume opens a new window into her life and times. In vivid word pictures she is presented as traveller, preacher, and counsellor, bringing strength and enrichment to the early work of Adventists in Europe. Much of the source material is drawn directly from her personal diaries. The addition of maps and illustrations enhances this historic volume. You will want to add this book to your library.

FOR BETTER LIVING

Sunshine and Health

Throughout the ages man has recognized the health-promoting agency of sunshine. A century ago scientists discovered that sunlight has ultraviolet rays. These are known to have power to destroy germs. Researchers from the University of London studied the survival time of infectious bacteria in hospital rooms. They found that germs in the floor dust could survive six months or more in dark corners or under furniture. But dust in the same rooms on or near window sills, that is, in areas exposed to sunlight or even to daylight alone, never yielded live bacteria.

The sun's ultraviolet rays, reaching the skin directly or through reflection, convert a provitamin in the skin and superficial blood vessels to vitamin D, the "sunshine vitamin." This vitamin prevents rickets, and aids in the absorption of calcium and the healing of wounds and fractures. In moderation, sunshine is highly beneficial for most persons.

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

MOVING?

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General Conference Dedicates Building



Dedication of the 10-story office complex of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's world headquarters in Takoma Park, Maryland, marked the official opening of the North Building April 1, 1975. Located in Takoma Park on the northwest boundary of the District of Columbia, the North Building houses several departments, including one entire floor for Insurance Service. At the dedication ceremony, C. O. Franz, GC secretary, reviewed the denomination's history in Takoma Park, looking back to 1903, when the headquarters first moved to that area from Battle Creek, Michigan. R. H. Pierson, GC president, pictured above, read from Matthew 24:14 in his act of dedication, which he said declares the purpose of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

GC Sabbath School Disapproves Puppets

Puppetry as a means of teaching children religious topics has been disapproved by a study committee of the Sabbath School Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The use of puppets has recently become popular as a tool of education and entertainment for children, reports Howard F. Rampton, associate director of the department. They are used widely in television as well as in schools and Sunday schools.

"The hand- or string-manipulated figures of the entertainment world," says Rampton, "are highly amusing, but they do nothing to add dignity to

religious themes. Rather they insinuate a certain degree of mockery. They relegate that which is holy and sacred to the realm of myths, fairy tales, ghosts, and goblins."

The Adventist educational system has long frowned on fairy tales for children, preferring rather stories from real life. To fill the void the no-fairy-tales rule leaves, the church has produced scores of story books compiling character-building tales from actual happenings.

Rampton points out that "the Church of England placed a ban on puppets during the Reformation. A little later the Catholic Church at the Council of Trent took similar action."

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has appointed a committee to give further study to the use of puppetry as a religious teaching device.

American Ambassador Visits Headquarters



Ambassador Cronk

U.S. Ambassador to Singapore Edwin Cronk visited the Far Eastern Division headquarters on April 24. He also made a brief inspection of Far Eastern Academy and the Far Eastern Elementary School. Cronk addressed the 94 students of Far Eastern Academy during an assembly meeting, then proceeded to the elementary school where he was presented an American-style apple pie (probably made with Australian apples!) Escorted by Paul H. Eldridge, president of the Far Eastern Division, the ambassador then visited the headquarters office.

central philippines

Jucaban Holds Evangelistic Effort

The dilapidated church building at Goshen, Sipalay, presented a sad picture of the spiritual condition of its members. But this was before D. G. Jucaban, Negros Mission president, inspired them to participate in active evangelism.

Early this year, Pastor Jucaban opened meetings at the Goshen Better Living Center. Assisting him were Domingo Lamboso, district leader, Sergio Macquinto, a retired literature evangelist, and Yolanda Tumpag, Bible instructor.

As a result of this evangelism in Goshen, 22 souls were baptized. A new church building has replaced the former structure and symbolizes the revived faith and courage of the members.—*H. V. Gayares.*

VOP Leads Another To Remnant Church

Lina Colina, a young Catholic woman of the Central Philippines, was visiting her sister the day an Adventist ministerial intern introduced her to a Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence course. That was in 1973.

But by the time she had completed the course, the ministerial intern had gone to Philippine Union College for upgrading, and besides she wasn't really interested in any further study. However David Saguan, the ministerial intern, urged her to attend the Capitol Center Church in Cebu City,

just two miles from her home. Although she did not ever attend that church, she continued to review the Bible lessons.

Meanwhile, former Division Evangelist Bruce Johnston conducted a crusade in her hometown, Mandaua City, and after the effort a little church was established, and a chapel constructed.

It wasn't until the early part of this year that Mrs. Colina finally attended the Adventist chapel. She was troubled with an emptiness in her heart which she could not understand, but felt it was the Holy Spirit's leading. She decided to attend church the first Sabbath of 1975.

It happened that the speaker for the day was V. F. Bocala, Voice of Prophecy director for the Central Philippine Union Mission. In only a few weeks Mrs. Colina became another member of the Adventist church who had come in through the work of the Voice of Prophecy.—*Mrs. S. Obregon.*

east indonesia

Stewardship Revival Pushes Higher Giving

Church members of the Rerer church examined their pocketbooks during a recent stewardship revival and decided to multiply their offerings by as much as 1,000 percent.

Since the stewardship revival was conducted by E. Kamuh, East Indonesia Union stewardship director, and J. A. Satigi, stewardship director of the South Minahasa Mission, Sabbath school offerings increased by 265 percent, and church offerings

increased 1,000 percent in the Rerer church.

Church offerings increased from 3,000 to 30,000 rupiahs per week. Members of this church are now giving from four to 10 percent of their income above the 10 percent for tithe, and three percent for Sabbath school offerings.

The Rerer church is the pilot project of stewardship revival in the South Minahasa Mission, and similar programs are planned for other churches.—*Nathan Ruhupatty.*

Oldest Church Launches New Building Project

The oldest Seventh-day Adventist Church in East Indonesia celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 1971. Members of the Rathan church in South Minahasa were proud to belong to the oldest church in the union, but they were not proud of their old, run-down, semipermanent building, and thus decided to replace the original structure. The cornerstone for the new building was laid on December 25, 1972.

The budget for this project consisted of faith and 10 rupiahs, and this is the way it worked. Each member of a family, from baby to grandfather and grandmother, gave 10 rupiahs every Sabbath for the new church. Some members also gave the proceeds from a rice field, or part of a coconut harvest. Much of the lumber was donated by members, and donations came from other parts of the country. In the spirit of sacrifice and cooperation, the building is about 70 percent completed. The church members continue to sacrifice and pray that their new church can soon be completed.—*Nathan Ruhupatty.*

Cornerstone Laid for New Papakelan Church



A government official lays the cornerstone of the new Papakelan church in the Tondano district of East Indonesia, thus marking the beginning of construction on a new church building. The cornerstone was placed on March 31, and the Adventists of Papakelan aim to celebrate a church dedication before the end of 1975. The new building is being erected for approximately US\$5,000.

Singing Group Expands Witness

Singing witness groups can do a lot more than perform concerts. That's what The Happiness Singers of North Minahasa have discovered.

Organized in 1974, The Happiness Singers presented a concert in Gedung Pertemuan Umum, Manado, and made enough money to conduct a youth evangelistic effort. All speakers for the effort were young men and women, and at the close of the meetings 22 persons were baptized into the Adventist church.

After the evangelistic crusade, The Happiness Singers launched into another area of witness. This time they raised money to help the Malalayang Leprosy Hospital and the Rapi Orphan House. Through concerts they raised 300,000 rupiahs (US\$730) for these two organizations.

japan

Japan College Marks Golden Anniversary

Saniku Gakuin College (Japan Missionary College) commemorated 50 years of educating men and women for the work of God in Japan during a weekend celebration at the campus May 2 to 5. This celebration was held at the time of the annual Founders' Day.

The educational program of the Seventh-day Adventist church started in Japan at the turn of the last century. According to the late Dr. Andrew N. Nelson, former president of the college, who attended the anniversary just a few days before his death in Hong Kong, the Japanese-English Bible School started in Tokyo by William C. Grainger in 1898 was actually much like the present English language schools operated by the church throughout the Far East. That first school had 80 students.

The educational program expanded until in 1926 land was purchased near Sodegaura (formerly Naraha), across the bay from Tokyo. On this rural site a school for boys was opened.

"We built the woodshop one day,"



Megumi Mizuno, sixth grade student at the Saniku Gakuin Elementary School, presents her award-winning essay on "My School." Three students representing the elementary, junior high, and senior high schools presented essays at the time of the anniversary celebration.

recalled Dr. Nelson, "and the next day it fell down!"

Soon a call was placed for a builder to direct the project, and many of the structures built by these early students are still in use today—50 years later.

Named Saniku Gakuin, which in Japanese emphasizes the three-fold spiritual, mental, and physical aspects of the educational program, the school continued to expand and grow with God's blessing.

Coeducational

It was necessary to close the school during World War II, but in 1947 students were once again admitted, and the girls' school, formerly located in Tokyo, was joined with the boys school at Sodegaura. Following God's blueprint, it has prospered, and currently the combined enrollment of the junior and senior high schools and the college is 550 students.

The theme of the anniversary was "Saniku Gakuin: The Past, Present, and Future." Dr. Nelson spoke of events in the early history of the school and recalled God's guidance as the three-fold educational program—The Naraha Plan—as he called it, was carried out. He recalled the growth of the health-food program from the small classroom in which it was started to the modern Saniku Foods serving Japan today. His Sabbath sermon given in Japanese was especially appreciated by the alumni of the school, who had participated with him in the building of the school.

Continuing the history of the past, Dr. T. Yamagata, former president of the college, recalled the growth of the school in the postwar years until the present.

In looking toward the future, Dr. Raymond Moore, college president from 1951 to 1956, reminded the college family that God will bless the educational program patterned after His design.



Six of the 11 presidents of Saniku Gakuin (Japan Missionary College) attended the school's golden anniversary May 2 to 5. Pictured left to right: S. Arakaki, current president; G. Hirokawa, 1973-74; H. Yamamoto, 1940-42; A. N. Nelson, 1926-35; R. S. Moore, 1951-56; and T. Yamagata, 1956-69. Dr. A. N. Nelson died in Hong Kong just 12 days after participating in the fiftieth anniversary of Japan Missionary College.

Monday, which was also a Japanese national holiday, was the highlight of the weekend. A service was held giving special honor and respect to past college presidents and former teachers who have given much of themselves to making the college a success.

Current President S. Arakaki presented plaques to five former presidents attending the anniversary. Also eight teachers with a total of 222 years of service to the college were honored. One of these, H. Yanami, has taught on the campus for 40 years, and continues on a part-time basis even though he retired last year. Another staff member, S. Seino has served the college in various capacities for the past 35 years. His Christian friendliness and genial smile are an inspiration to everyone as he continues his responsibilities as grounds supervisor.

Essays

Following the presentation of awards, three students representing the elementary, junior high, and senior high schools read essays titled, "My School." Each stressed his gratitude for being able to attend a Christian school. Some, prior to attending Saniku Gakuin, had attended public schools where they had weekly problems with Sabbath classes. These students appreciate too the

opportunity to build friendships with Christian young people.

"The older alumni were very pleased at being invited to see the present developments of the campus," commented C. Ando, chairman of the English department.

In the midst of the reminiscing, one teacher expressed the thoughts of many present in this statement: "We can't even see tomorrow. During the next 50 years what will happen on this earth? I wish to celebrate God's Foundation Day in heaven." —L. C. Hagele.

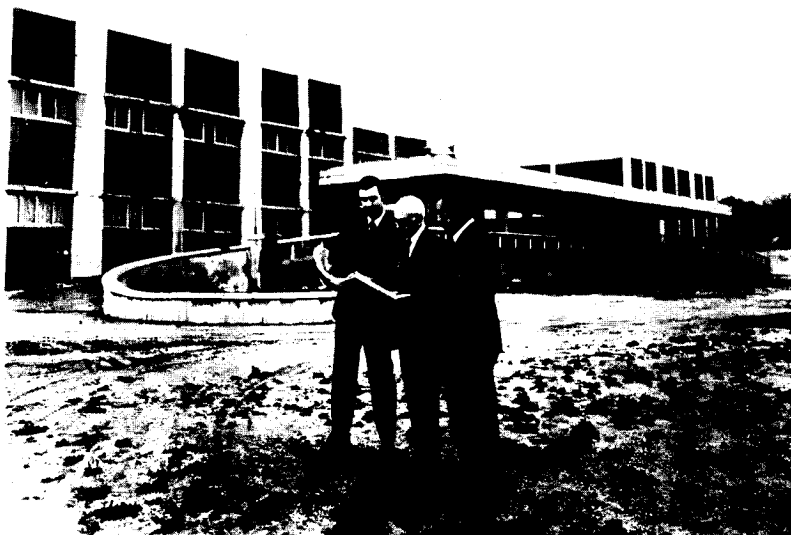
korea

New Seoul Hospital Building Moves Forward

A sizeable contract to complete the new Seoul Adventist Hospital building was signed on May 7 with a large Korean construction firm, and the sounds of construction are once again echoing throughout the four floors of this large unfinished building.

Construction of the new building began in 1968 using funds obtained from the sale of a large piece of hospital land, a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow, and donations from church members and workers. The exterior and interior walls were erected and some equipment purchased, but by 1971 funds were exhausted, plans to sell more land were tabled, other problems developed, and it became necessary to temporarily suspend construction.

As time passed, some operating funds accumulated, recent land sales added to the amount, and the hospital founder, George H. Rue, M.D., and others in the United States



With the shell of the new Seoul Adventist Hospital in the background, Cleo Johnson, business manager, George H. Rue, M.D., founder of the hospital, and Clarence K. W. Lee, M.D., medical director, study plans for the completion of the building. In accordance with the new construction contract, the hospital should be completed by the end of this year.



Hospital representatives discuss the new construction contract for the Seoul Adventist Hospital. Pictured left to right are Leland Mitchell, construction supervisor, Cleo Johnson, business manager, Clarence K. W. Lee, M.D., medical director, E. Y. Kim, union president, and an official from the construction firm.

collected about US\$70,000 from physicians and other friends interested in the Seoul hospital.

Leland Mitchell, formerly in Saigon, has transferred to Seoul where he is supervising the construction of the hospital. According to the contract, the hospital building is to be completed by December 31, 1975, if sufficient funds become available.

The Lord is abundantly blessing the hospital's continuing operation in the old buildings. A total of 84,998 outpatient visits were recorded in 1974 as compared with 73,974 during 1973, and 67,651 during 1972. House count averages between 80 and 90.

Trusting that God will continue to open the way to greater accomplishments, we look forward to completing the new Seoul Adventist Hospital.

Graduation Time

Thirty-four students graduated in Korean Union College's 34th commencement recently. The graduates were majors in theology, English, home economics, and agriculture. Half of these graduates are already employed in institutions of the Korean Union Mission. Thirty-four young men and women also graduated recently from the Seoul Adventist Hospital School of Nursing. In the past 24 years the hospital has graduated 538 nurses.—T. C. Kim.

Hymnal and Quarterly Printed for Blind



The Voice of Prophecy in Korea believes the blind should have hymnals and Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies to enrich their study and worship. Last year the Korean Voice of Prophecy inaugurated a braille Bible course, and its most recent projects have been braille Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies and Church Hymnals. The blind Sabbath school members keep one copy of the hymnal and Lesson Quarterly at home and one copy of each at church since the braille books are too large for them to carry back and forth easily. Currently 10 to 12 blind persons attend the Seoul Central Church.—T. C. Kim.

south china

First Baptisms Held Physical Therapy Tank

Stanley Ferguson, an Adventist Volunteer Service Corps worker, has been giving Bible studies to a Filipino couple living in Tsuen Wan, near the Hongkong Adventist Hospital. This couple, Mr. and Mrs. Santor, showed deep interest in the Adventist message and expressed their desire to be baptized.

However, they had just received a cable from the Philippines urging them to return immediately. Church members in Hong Kong gave them the addresses of Adventist churches in Manila and urged them to contact one of the pastors immediately upon their arrival. However, they wanted to be baptized before leaving Hong Kong.

Some of the hospital church leaders discussed the matter, evaluated the Santors' interest, and decided to go ahead with the baptism in a physical therapy tank. These were the

first two baptisms that actually took place within the hospital. Now Brother Ferguson has made plans to build a regular baptismal tank on the hospital roof.—D.M. Barnett.

Shirt Man Donates Van to Hospital

Smoking Sam has gone on wheels in Hong Kong. With the donation of a Toyota van by Dr. Chan Shun, owner of Crocodile Garments, the hospital's health education program can now cover more territory in less time.

David Weigley, literature evangelist in Hong Kong, has put together a full temperance program utilizing Smoking Sam, the cigarette-puffing mannikin, slides and films showing the effects of smoking on the body, and music which sings the dirge of drug abuse.

Weigley takes this program to the schools of Hong Kong, and has found the Chinese youth very receptive to his message. Each student receives two free magazines supplied by service clubs of the colony and the government anti-cancer society.

South Philippines

A Children's Story

Safe From Harm and Danger

By H. R. Zamora

Rochel sat alone eating a bowl of snowy white rice while his younger brother played in the corner of their little house in the South Philippines. Suddenly a band of armed men and one well-dressed woman appeared at the doorway and barged into the house, frightening both young boys.

"Where is your father's room?" they asked loudly. "Show us to it?"

Rochel's heart beat rapidly as these rude noisy people shouted and stomped around the house, and his little brother stood trembling as he watched the intruders.

"Show us your father's room!" they demanded.

Rochel quietly led the bandits to his parents' room. One of the men spotted a closet, rushed to it, and pulled at the handles, but it was locked shut. He assumed, of course, that there was money or other valuables in the closet.

"Where's the key?" shouted the angry man.

Silent

Rochel would not answer. He stood firmly and would not move.

"The key! The key! Give us the key!" they demanded impatiently.

Rochel ignored their orders.

This enraged the bandits so they went in search of the key themselves. They looked under the table, under the beds, and in the corners of the house, but they couldn't find the key to the closet.

Grumbling as he went pell-mell through the house, one of the men

suddenly turned his attention to Rochel's little brother, who stood silent, watching the confusion. Quickly the man flashed a sharp knife from his pocket and pointed it at the young boy.

Horror

"Oh, no! Not my brother!" Rochel was horrified at the thought of the bandit harming his little brother. Without hesitating, he dropped to his knees and started praying. He prayed loudly.

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

Rochel squeezed his eyes shut as he recalled all the words of the Lord's Prayer, which he had learned in school. As he prayed, he heard footsteps near the corner where his brother was standing, and he kept praying.

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever."

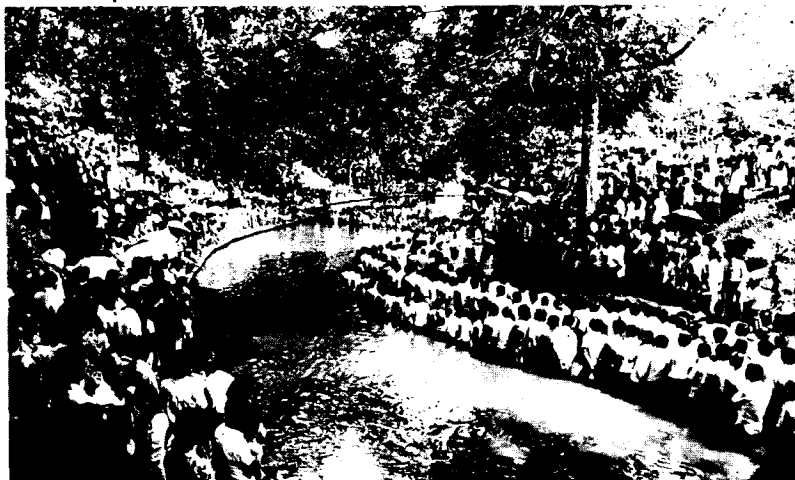
Rochel spoke so loudly his voice could be heard outside the house. When he finished, he opened his eyes just in time to see the bandit slip his knife back into his pocket and follow his friends out the door. Rochel leaped from his knees, ran to his brother, and gave him a big hug. God heard Rochel's earnest prayer, and kept him and his brother safe.

New Course Includes Community Health

Mountain View College has integrated health into its theology program, reports J.H. Zachary, chairman of the theology department. The program includes training in conducting Five Day Plans, preventive medicine, home treatments, cooking and nutrition, and community hygiene. MVC is the first school south of Luzon to offer courses in this area.

Just the beginning

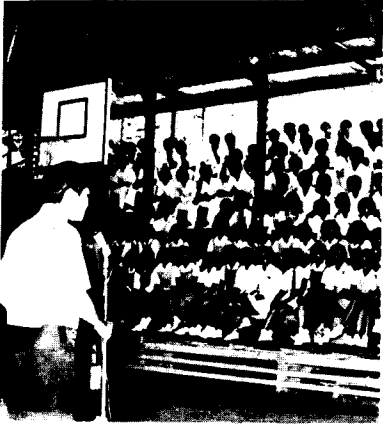
393 Baptized in Bukidnon



With some 393 persons baptized on May 17, the Mountain View College field schools of evangelism were well on the way of surpassing the 500 goal. Scores of jeeps, buses, and trucks transported almost 5,000 church members to witness the mass baptism at the Matin-ao Spring in Bukidnon, South Philippines. This was the first baptism of the joint field schools of evangelism held in Malaybalay and Valencia. Most of the baptismal candidates were prepared for church membership by MVC ministerial students and laymen who conducted 20 evangelistic campaigns just before the two major efforts in Malaybalay and Valencia. Several people have been baptized since May 17, and another mass baptism is scheduled on July 26.—J. H. Zachary.

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Ng Pans Drugs in Malaysia Schools



Jonathan Ng recently warned students of Kota Bahru against the dangers of drug abuse. His campaign has been well accepted by the department of education of Kelantan for it complements the government's physical fitness program.

Following a successful anti-drug abuse campaign in Kuala Lumpur last year, Jonathan Ng, temperance secretary, West Malaysia-Singapore Mission, gained permission to conduct a similar program in Kota Bahru.

Ng recently spoke to some 4,000 students and teachers in selected government secondary schools in Kota Bahru, Kelantan, about 500 kilometers from the mission office in Kuala Lumpur.

"The impact of this campaign helped create a good public image of our newly organized church in Kota Bahru," reports Ng. "Our young people who are attending these public schools were greatly encouraged to see their church doing something like this for the community."

Under a new national physical fitness program, the Malaysian government is taking definite measures in combating drug abuse in that country, and Pastor Ng's anti-drug abuse

campaign has been well received by the department of education in the state of Kelantan.

To widen the campaign against drug abuse in Malaysia, Pastor Ng hopes to present his program to the business sector of Kuala Lumpur through the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Kulim Youth Baptized After Bible Studies

A drive past rice fields and rubber estates brings the traveler to Kulim, a little town in West Malaysia with only scant notice on a map. It is here, however, that the Lord has many honest hearts searching for His kingdom.

During the years, many Voice of Prophecy students have studied the Bible in this area. In fact, on several occasions C. H. Damron of the Southeast Asia Union has conducted rallies in Kulim. Then about a year ago, two young men from the town traveled north to Georgetown on Penang Island to ask someone to come and study further with them.

Dayton Chong and E. J. Heisler started weekly meetings in Kulim in April last year, and with very few exceptions these meetings have con-

tinued every Thursday night. The leader of the group was Michael Ooi, who worked in the laboratory of St. Patrick's School in Kulim.

During the week, he would gather a group of boys to study various Bible subjects. After Chong and Heisler began to visit Kulim, they undertook the set of Bible studies called, "The Bible Says." After finishing these lessons, Michael asked for baptism and was baptized in the Penang church last December. Now he is at Southeast Asia Union College in Singapore taking the ministerial course. At least a dozen more of these young men have indicated their desire for baptism, but are presently continuing Bible studies.

In January, Samuel Money came to Penang and has taken a great interest in the young people of Kulim. He has been meeting with the group in a small room above an office on the main street which was made available through a relative of one of the boys. However, this room is now going to be occupied otherwise, and another place is needed for the meetings. It may be that a suitable plot of ground will be found to erect a simple chapel.

Ekamai Conducts Character-building School



At the close of a 10-day character-building school, 64 boys and girls in Ekamai, Thailand, received certificates. Reportedly 27 of these are now attending Sabbath school regularly. To meet the needs of the children, two schools were conducted at the same time—one in the Thai language led by Sriraj Sorajakul, and the other in English led by Peggy Chow. Mrs. A. V. Pangan coordinated both schools. The children pictured above are participating in the closing program.