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outlook

Mountain View: College with a Mission

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Dr. Aba treats a patient at Dampaan.



Now I have a better understanding of the meaning of civic action. The usual educational activities take place in the campus of Mountain View College in Central Bukidnon: classes, ROTC, cultural programs, study periods, chapel lectures, etc. Then there are the unusual things: students building furniture in a modern factory; other scholars cultivating rice in the large college rice project; college men driving tractors in the corn fields nearby; auto mechanic students busy overhauling a truck in the auto mechanics department; fifteen young men working with an engineer in the construction of a small hydroelectric plant to meet the growing power needs of this unusual campus; still others working in the poultry industry; secretarial students in the offices earning while

they learn; another crew transforming logs into lumber for the building needs of the surrounding communities. This is only part of the story. MVC is serious about work education. Students by the score gain practical work experience in the college cafeteria, laundry, college market, business office, food

factory, sugar mill, engineering department, and garden.

The campus is not the only beehive of activity. MVC is a school with a mission. Week by week it reaches out to over 100 barrios in a 75-kilometer radius from the college. A typical weekend finds over 200 students giving their time and talents to the nearby communities.

What do they do? Santo Domingo and Dao both have new barrio halls. Twelve additional barrios have received help with new churches last year. The barrio of Dampaan has its streets lined with decorative rattan fences built by students and villagers working together.

Scattered all through the Valencia Valley one can see little groups of children gathered around students from MVC. Using handmade audio-visual devices these students tell character-building stories to the boys and girls. As many as 3,000 children receive direction toward the ideals of hard work, honesty, love for country, purity, etc. in these story hours.

The most striking of the MVC civic action programs is their work



for the cultural minorities. I was familiar with needs of the Manobo tribe: education, medical help, literacy programs, economic programs, and character education. After a three-hour jeep ride Jun Mabras lead our small party on a two-hour hike through the jungle. Jun and his companion Rueben Agua were deeply involved in civic action. These college men were donating one year of their lives to help the people of the barrio of Dao.

It was a hard trip! Recent rains left a muddy path. With my feet sinking 8 to 12 inches into the mud, progress came with considerable effort. The twisting river had to be forded 16 times.

Then Dao. Excited children ran toward our group. Their teachers had returned! Friendly greetings were energetically exchanged. Jun and Reuben had won a place in the hearts of the Dao Manobos.

A lovely nipa two-room school held a prominent place in the village. The chalk board bore evidence of reading, writing, and arithmetic. One less village in the country without a school—all because of two student volunteers.

There was ample evidence of a new life in Dao. The little gardens close by the tiny nipa homes told of the green revolution. And the best kept garden was beside the teachers home. The MVC students were leading the way to a better life for these people.

Then I saw a beautiful thing. Under the shade of a banana grove a little group of people had gathered. In the center, the MVC dentist, Dr. Aba, and his assistant were pulling teeth. The long weeks of pain were about to end for that line of people. Dr. Aba, I learned, makes two or three trips every month into remote villages to give free treatment to needy persons. During the past four years he has served



Student missionary treats small child.

thousands of people.

A little to the east I could see the new barrio hall that Mabras and Agua had helped the villagers construct. It was full of people—all waiting to see that doctor who had hiked with us from the college. A couple of student nurses assisted the physician. The faces of the people bore the message of an anticipated hope. This was their day to get relief from headache, cough, worms, skin disease, bleeding and other discomforts. The two boxes of medicines that the MVC group had carried in were soon emptied.

As the doctor worked down the line of people, Mrs. Ellacer, the college nurse, demonstrated the proper technics for bathing a baby. As the little doll was tenderly washed by the experienced nurse, the Manobo mothers watched every step of the procedure. And I knew that the next time I would hike to Dao the babies would have much healthier skin.

In another part of the village square was a Mountain View College nurse giving inoculations.

"This is a civic action at its finest," I thought to myself. The two boys have helped to transform the village.

Now there is hope for a better future in Dao. This is true in eight other Manobo villages. Each of the

four little schools in Dao, Balaas, Santo Domingo, and Dampaan in turn is reaching out to assist its closest neighbors.

As we were about to leave, four little boys stepped to the front of the line of villagers. They sang in four part harmony! Gardening, elementary school, health, nutrition, sanitation, character education and a little culture too!

A woman dressed in the characteristic bright red highly decorated blouse and skirt stepped into the center of the group. A moment later she was joined by a handsomely dressed tribesman. After adjusting the tuning of her native bamboo instrument, the *saluroy*, while her companion did the same with his two-stringed guitar, the performance began. The two forms began to gracefully follow the rhythmic sound of music. The Manobo wrap-around skirt splashed its color as she moved from side to side of the little village square while the guitarist matched her every step. The high-pitched falsetto chant etched itself into my mind. The teachers were not here to change the rich culture of the Manobo people. They were only sharing their hearts, hands, and minds with these proud, wonderful, mountain people of Central Bukidnon.

Far East Forges Mission Frontiers



Has the day of frontier evangelism passed?

It's a logical question in this day of moon flights, mass communication, and multi-million-dollar housing projects, but the fact is that today is still the day for pioneer evangelism.

The advantage of the Twentieth Century make missions more viable than ever. Airplanes, for instance, make it possible to enter thousands of mission frontier areas. But the mere possession of an aircraft or even the ability to pilot one is no more efficient than a team of oxen and a covered wagon if there is no safe place to land the craft.

Not all unentered territories are accessible by airplane or even by boat, jeep, or motorcycle. To reach such people as the tree dwellers of the Central Celebes, East Indonesia, for instance, takes days of hiking and riding horseback.

Indeed, the day of frontier evangelism is still with us. That's why the Far Eastern Division has selected several pioneer ventures to receive the third quarter Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow.

The first project is new jungle airstrips. It's impossible for anyone living in a modern setting with access to today's means of transportation and communication to understand the impact made on an isolated jungle area when an airstrip is built and small planes from "another world" fly in. This is one of the most fascinating features of carrying the gospel to the frontiers of the Far East, and here's how it happens.

Someone from a primitive tribe probably visits an Adventist village, returns to his own community, and tells his friends and relatives what he saw. He reports that the people in the Adventist village worship the great God of creation, that they have a school for their children, and that a plane comes out of the sky with medicine for the sick.

"We want Adventists to come to our village too," the people agree.

They are told that the Adventist missionaries cannot come unless the villagers build an airstrip for the plane to land. So they set to work clearing the jungle, digging tree stumps, leveling the ground, and when it's completed, the pilot makes a surface journey for inspection. If the strip meets safety requirements, he lands, and usually within a few weeks a company of believers is established.

The second project to benefit from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering is tagged *new work*, which includes "planting" new churches— whether in the green jungles of Sarawak, the asphalt jungles of Singapore, or the brown hills of Korea— and opening work among primitive tribes in Indonesia and the Philippines.

"Church planting" is a part of the Far Eastern Division's present evangelistic thrust called TARGET 80, which calls for establishing more Adventist churches in the Orient. The philosophy behind this program is that more churches influenced more people, and more baptisms result.

In particular, two tribes in Indonesia and the Philippines will receive funds to help open new work, namely the tree dwellers of Central Celebes, and a Manobo tribe in the South Philippines. Work is also going to be re-established on the island of Lombok in East Java, Indonesia. Although the church had work there at one time, it died out and has been neglected for many years.

The third project to benefit from this quarter's overflow is a frontier in education, the relocation of East Visayan Academy in the Central Philippines. Built many years ago at the edge of town, this academy is now surrounded by an industrial area which makes the present location completely unsatisfactory. A major portion of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow this quarter will be

used to relocate the school on a suitable country site where it can fulfill its proper objectives. This, therefore, becomes another pioneer project, expanding the frontiers of education for a large constituency of Seventh-day Adventist youth in the second most heavily populated area of the Philippines.

An emergency situation at Mountain View College in the Philippines has also created an urgent need for overflow funds. A burgeoning enrollment has caused a serious housing problem. Bunk beds are stacked three high in every dormitory room, and the rooms that should house only four students have eight and nine packed into them. Two or three faculty homes are being utilized as extension dormitories for the girls, and boys who cannot fit into the boys' dorm are being housed in sheds, in one case a former chicken coop. The dormitory worship rooms are filled with bunk beds in barrack style. Between 300 and 400 students are inadequately housed at the present time.

Mountain View College is the most active soul-winning college in the Far East. In the past two years more than 2,000 people joined the Adventist church as a direct result of evangelistic meetings and Branch Sabbath Schools held by students and faculty. When the school was established there was only one church in the area, but today 93 churches are scattered throughout the villages around the school, and many of these are shepherded by MVC student pastors.

Indeed, the day of frontier evangelism is not past. Reports continually come to the division headquarters of new towns, unentered villages, unexpected opportunities unconverted hearts— each a frontier for the gospel of Jesus.

japan

College News

Arakaki Moves

Dr. S. Arakaki, president of Saniku Gakuin College (Japan Missionary College), has been asked to lead in the expansion of the secondary education program of the church in Japan.

His immediate responsibility is the development of the new 500-student junior-senior high school Hiroshima campus. Arakaki states that his major goal for the new school is "to provide an individualized program which will allow each student to develop to the fullest of this potential, his God-given talents."

Replacing Dr. Arakaki as president of Saniku Gakuin College is Dr. Senzo Nagakubo, who has served as academic dean of the college for the past year. Nagakubo, a graduate of Saniku Gakuin, has also served as a teacher in the theology department for 13 years. Just prior to his responsibilities as academic dean, he took a leave of absence in which he completed his doctorate in Jewish history at Duke University.

Assisting Nagakubo in administration are M. Nishino as business manager; I. Ichimura and Dr. L. Hagele in academic affairs, and T. Kusayama as dean of students.

New English Course

Saniku Gakuin College has added a new course of study in its government recognized English department. The new curricula is a broad-based program in English and general studies leading to the Associate of Arts degree. It is designed to provide for a maximum transfer of government-recognized credit into the college's theology and education departments as well as to develop facility in English.

The new program will also allow students studying education under the affiliation between Tamagawa University and Saniku Gakuin to transfer 64 units to that institution rather than 24 units as was previously the case, according to Miss M. Hagiwara, chairman of the education department.

Science Man

Dr. K. Yamawaki, a graduate of Saniku Gakuin, has returned to lead in the development of the college science program. Yamawaki, who completed his Ph.D. in atomic and molecular physics at the University of Southern California, worked as a chief scientist for General Monitors, a California research laboratory, just prior to his return to Japan. He completed a B.S. in physics at the Science University of Tokyo (Rikka Daigaku) and served as radio engineer for the Voice of Prophecy in Japan for six and one half years before studying in America. — L. Hagele.

Enrollment Increases

Enrollment at the Japan school for the school year, which began in April, stands at 575, a 10 percent increase. The college has 160 students, the senior high school 257, and the junior high 158 students.

To meet the increased enrollment, it has been necessary to add several temporary classroom and dormitory buildings. In the near future (sometime in 1977) the new high school facilities near Hiroshima and the new college campus will alleviate this problem.

southeast asia

Kota Bahru Crusade Results in Baptisms



Jonathan Ng, left, of the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission is pictured with Tan Kee Seng, MV leader of the Kota Bahru church. A total of eight persons were baptized after a Better Living crusade.

At the end of a crusade in Kota Bahru, eight persons were baptized on April 17. The Better Living Crusade was conducted by Jonathan Ng, youth director of the West Malaysia-Singapore Mission.

Prior to the crusade, Pastor Ng visited a number of government secondary schools and presented lectures on the harmful effects of cigarette smoking. This helped to attract some of the students to the evangelistic meetings. Ng also gave a lecture on health education at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, which helped create a more favorable impression of the Adventist church in the community.

At the close of the crusade 20 persons came forward, indicating their desire to follow the Lord. All of these, plus 25 other young people, attended the first Bible camp of the mission. At this time many youth testified of their faith and told of persecutions they received at home and school since their baptism.

An MV Investiture service was held to close the camp, at which time Poh Sing Peng was invested as a Master Guide by union youth director Bernie Donato. The Kota Bahru church now has four Master Guides even though the Pathfinder club has been organized only one year.— *Liang Ah Onn.*

Union Evangelist Holds Singapore Meetings

Cline Johnson, who arrived in the Far East in January, held his first crusade in Singapore during the month of April. Formerly a missionary in South America, the new evangelist for Southeast Asia spoke to a full auditorium every night for more than three weeks, a record that had not been witnessed in Singapore in recent years.

A large majority of those attend-



C.B. Johnson, evangelist.

ing were non-Adventist Voice of Prophecy students, and sermons were simultaneously translated each evening into Mandarin, Malay, and Tamil.

Following a song service held by David Wong of the Southeast Asia Union College faculty, one of the doctors of Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital presented a health talk. Several musical groups from the Singapore-area churches participated in the meetings, and Charlotte Johnson, the evangelist's wife and a black-light artist, drew religious pictures several evenings.

The song services were exhilarating, the health talks enlightening, the special music was inspirational, and the black-light drawings were exciting, but as one person said, "the people really came to hear what Mr. Johnson had to say."

VOP Seeks Students from Middle Class

In an effort to reach the affluent population of Southeast Asia, the Voice of Prophecy has produced a new health course, announces Eileen Lantry, assistant VOP director.

"So few of these people are interested in religion," she explains, "but they are very interested in health."

Mrs. Lantry worked with Dr. Roger Heald of Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital in writing a 12-lesson health course. The manuscript is finished and artists have begun illustrations. The first printing will be 20,000 sets of lessons in English.

"We are going forward in faith preparing a three-color booklet that will attract those who have an interest in diet, coping with stress, having happier homes and healthier children, yet who find that their way of life is not giving them good health," explains Mrs. Lantry. "The last lesson in the series asks why God permits pain and suffering, and leads the student to feel a need for God."

Continuing, Mrs. Lantry says, "There is another class of people that we are not reaching. These are the prosperous Indian merchants in the cities of Southeast Asia, many of whom read Tamil."

With this challenge confronting them, the VOP is producing the health lessons in Tamil as well as English, although as Mrs. Lantry admits, there are presently no funds available for this project.

"We are just going ahead in faith," she repeats confidently, as if to say that's the byword of the VOP.

south philippines

Williams Bids Farewell After 23 Years in FED

Royce C. Williams, division Ministerial Association secretary, conducted a 17-night evangelistic crusade in Cagayan de Oro City from March 4 to April 3, and saw 28 persons baptized in the first baptism

following the meetings.

This was his last evangelistic crusade in the Far East after 23 years of service as he is returning to his homeland this month. Williams served in the Philippines from 1953 to 1966, and in the division office for the last 10 years.

The South Philippine Union staff bade him farewell at a party held in his honor in April. At that time he stated that "the best years of my stay here in the Far Eastern Division were spent in the Philippines."

east indonesia

Lay Activities Highlight Congress

Speaking to the congregation at the third East Indonesian lay activities congress, R.W. Bates of the General Conference lay activities department encouraged church members to witness for Christ in this generation.

Bates, GC associate lay activities director, promoted lay activities during the congress. Bates dealt with evangelism, witnessing, and putting Christ in the center of all activities, while Bascom put emphasis on true conversion and a strong faith in the Lord.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 attended the congress April 28 to May 1 on the campus of North Celebes Academy. On the opening night delegates marched into the meeting area to the sound of trumpets, and to add to the occasion, the Happi-



Tusi, a tree-dweller from the Central Celebes, was one of the delegates at the recent lay activities congress in East Indonesia. He was the first baptized Adventist from the tree-dweller people.

ness Singers of Manado, and the Good News Singers of Mt. Klabat College also presented special musical numbers.

On the second day of the congress visitation teams were organized and the delegates and church members visited a nearby village to demonstrate the visitation program of witnessing. Villagers were invited to attend the evening meeting and hundreds responded.

The highlight of reports from the missions came from the Central Celebes, where Adventists have recently begun work among the *tree dwellers*. Brother Tusi, first tree dweller to join the Seventh-day Adventist church gave a report in person. He told of the challenge of spreading God's word in that part of Indonesia. To date approximately 200 tree dwellers have been baptized.

Following the Sabbath sermon by

Pastor Bates, a baptismal service was held for 39 individuals who have decided to follow Jesus.

And the highlight of the Sabbath afternoon program was a candle-lighting activity. Two elderly women, among the first baptized in Minahasa, lit two candles. Then they lit the candles of the church leaders, who in turn lit candles held by those workers in attendance. Finally the workers lit the candles of the whole congregation, thus demonstrating the spread of the gospel.

J.S. Maramis, union president, expressed his desire that the fourth lay activities congress for East Indonesia would not be completed on this earth, but that it might be in the earth made new. — *Nathan Ruhupatty.*

Stewardship Review



With A.R. Rajagukauk as translator, Division Stewardship Director D.M. Barnett reviews the principles of stewardship with members of the Jalan Ratna church in Palembang, Sumatra. Barnett, accompanied by C.G. Oliver, union treasurer, held the "Stewardship Review" April 14 and 15. Following the sessions one devout church member stated that he had obtained even more knowledge of the Truth than during his 30 years as a Christian. Similar meetings were held in Kalimantan, East Java and East Indonesia. — Lee Chian Liem.

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