

The Indonesia Union Looks Forward

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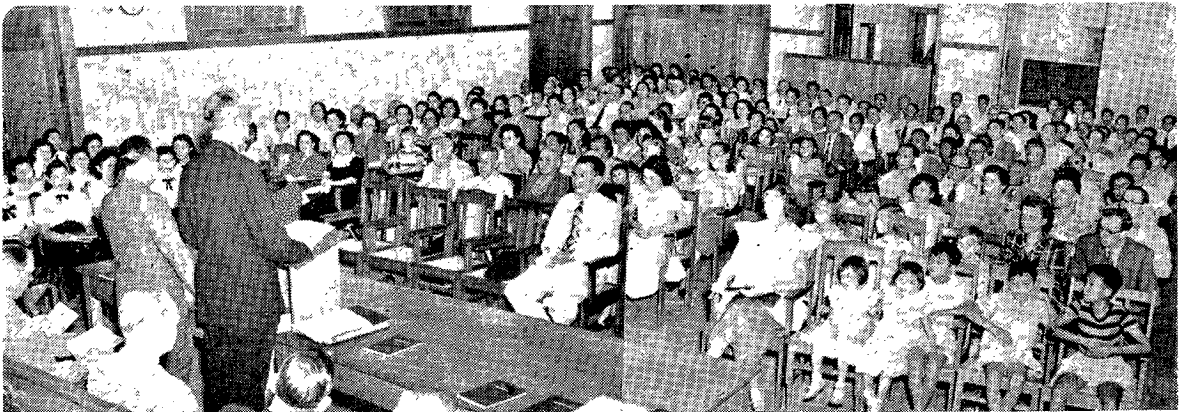
If there was one fact which stood out above all others during the recent Indonesia Union Mission session it was the earnestness and the desire of all of the delegates present to see the work of God go forward in this great field. The opening session was held on Thursday evening, January 15, 1953, at the Seventh-day Adventist church in Bandung. Delegates were in attendance from all of the missions except West New Guinea. In the opening remarks of the president, he mentioned our regrets in that E. H. Vijsma, president of the West New Guinea Mission, was unable to be present. It was an added inspiration to have with us some of the brethren from the General Conference and the Far Eastern Division. Those present for a part or all of the sessions were: R. A. Anderson, G. M. Mathews, D. A. McAdams, all from the General Conference; W. A. Nelson, president of the Canadian Union Conference; and V. T. Armstrong, W. O. Baldwin, C. P. Sorensen and B. M. Wickwire from the Far Eastern Division.

Many new and far-reaching decisions were made during this session. One of the important decisions

was the organizing of a new mission comprising Indonesian Borneo. Elam Hutapea, at present treasurer of the North Sumatra Training School, was appointed president of the Borneo Mission. The headquarters of the mission will be in the area of Bandjarmasin. We already have two workers located in Borneo, one at Bandjarmasin and the other at Balikpapan.

Another item which made this conference outstanding was the announcement that the Far Eastern Division had allotted to the Indonesia Union four new overseas budgets. These four budgets were allotted as follows: one for an additional doctor at the Bandung Mission Hospital and three for evangelists—one to be located in Java, one in the Celebes and the third in Sumatra.

There is constant need for better equipped workers and teachers in the field and in our schools. Study was given to this need and as a result it was recommended that two young men attend Philippine Union College during the year 1953-54. One of these young men has been connected with the North Sumatra Training School, namely, Silaen Tampobo-



President N. C. Wilson Giving the Opening Address at the Biennial Session Held in Bandung, Java. At His Left Stands Martin G. Laloan, the Interpreter

lon, and the other young man, H. Mangkei, has served as a teacher in the North Celebes Training School. Another man of wide experience in the work, A. P. Mamora, was chosen to attend Philippine Union College for one year. Brother Mamora was one of the earliest converts to the truth in Sumatra and he has been a faithful worker for many years.

One of the great needs of the Indonesian field is a publishing plant. Definite plans were laid to purchase land and to begin as soon as possible to build a publishing house. E. A. Pender who has been called to serve as the manager of this publishing house is now on his way to Indonesia from the States.

During the year 1953 several workers who have been in the field for a number of years are leaving on furlough. They are: A. M. Bartlett, L. W. Mauldin, H. D. Johnson, and P. Klop. Two of our overseas workers are now on furlough and will be returning during this year.

The item of baptisms for 1952 and baptismal goals for 1953 was discussed at length. It was noted that during 1952 there were 1,300 baptisms. In studying this matter of baptisms, a great deal of emphasis was placed on the matter of doubling our membership before the next General Conference session. A detailed exhibit of how many baptisms would be necessary to accomplish this goal was presented. Although a goal of 1,500 baptisms had been set for 1953, the delegates took immediate action to accept the goal as exhibited on the chart. This exhibit appears on another page of this OUTLOOK. If our membership is to be doubled before the last of 1953, we must work toward the figure 6,990 in baptisms.

In planning for the coordinated expansion of our work in Indonesia, the medical work was not forgotten. Dr. D. N. Holm presented his report showing great progress in the work of the hospital and the Kiaratjondong Clinic. The need for more consecrated nurses and workers was emphasized. It was pointed out that as nurses and other types of workers were trained, they could be sent out to various parts of Indonesia to conduct clinics. In order to carry forward such a training program it is necessary to have a hospital with about 100 beds. Definite plans were laid at this session to purchase a new site and to make plans to erect a new hospital. I. C. Schmidt, one of our veteran missionaries in Indonesia, is returning from the United States to carry on solicitation in behalf of the new hospital project. A second doctor, Dr. Jess Hohn, will be joining the hospital staff within the next several months.

Truly Indonesia is looking forward. The harvest is ripe but there are few laborers. But the arm of the Lord is not shortened. The workers, under the inspiring leadership of Pastor N. C. Wilson, and by the grace of God, are determined to make 1953 a banner year in souls brought to a knowledge of a risen and soon-coming Saviour.

A Message of Courage

By N. C. WILSON, *President,
Indonesia Union Mission*

As we briefly review the progress of the work in the Indonesia Union during the past two years we find abundant reason for deep gratitude to God. The protection and blessing of heaven have been with our workers in their service throughout the field.

Soul winning has been the objective of every activity and God has blessed with a goodly harvest. Every department and institution, every activity and program have had but one goal in view—the winning of men and women for Christ and the Advent family. Many hundreds of people have been baptized and united with the church of God since we met in union session two years ago. Many additional hundreds of people have heard God's call to join with the remnant church and these are now receiving instruction preparatory to church membership. The seeds of God's truth have been sown by day and by night, in season and out of season, by every means at our disposal and thousands of people today know of God's message and their hearts have been deeply stirred and inclined toward the Advent Truth.

We fervently pray for that glorious day to quickly come when Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 60:1-5) may be even more fully experienced in our field, but we are deeply thankful to God that at the present time we have so many evidences of heaven's abundant blessing. The Holy Spirit is at work in a remarkable manner on the hearts of people throughout Indonesia. There is a spirit of inquiry abroad in the land and God is using the humble efforts of His people to bring to the church "daily such as should be saved."

We should thank God that we have a message of certainty and assurance for the world at this critical hour. The great pillars of the Advent message are just as sure today as they ever were, because they are based upon the eternal Word of God. Just as confidently and courageously as Jesus faced the confused and troubled multitudes of His day can we face the perplexed and bewildered people of our day and with confidence declare to them: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

What a blessed fact it is that we need not fear regarding the adequacy of the message God has given us for the world. The message and the hour have met. May God help us to be the people enabled by His grace to proclaim the message of the hour to a struggling, confused world. We can turn to the prophecies of the Word, and in a much fuller and more complete sense than was possible 1900 years ago, declare to the world the words of our Lord: "This day is the scripture fulfilled in your ears." If Jesus had confidence to face the people of His day on the evidence and basis of fulfilled

Doubling the Membership in Four Years Indonesia Union Mission

	Membership Jan. 1, 1950	Membership Sept. 30, '52	Membership Goal Dec. 31, '53	Number Needed to Double Membership
Ambon Mission	347	353	694	341
East Java Mission	714	803	1,428	625
North Celebes Mission	4,550	5,399	9,100	3,701
North Sumatra Mission	1,850	2,411	3,700	1,289
South Celebes Mission	157	233	314	81
South Sumatra Mission	222	241	444	203
West Java	632	788	1,264	476
West New Guinea		90		
Dutch Churches	292	310	584	274

We have a message for the world today that is direct and arresting. The Advent message is complete and satisfying. What a privilege it is to be God's heralds of a message that is adequate for the needs of a war-torn and sin-burdened world. Issues of the greatest magnitude are at stake and we must not fail God in this crisis hour.

The reports that will follow will give you the picture of God's blessings and leadings during the past two years. Your hearts will thrill and rejoice as the brethren recount the victories and triumphs of the cross. We have had our struggles and disappointments but we are not now thinking of such matters. God's blessings and gifts have been large and abundant and it is of these things we want to tell you.

This is a glorious and blessed hour for the work of God in our island field. Doors of opportunity stand wide open on every side. The calls are so many and urgent and the opportunities to do exploits for God are so many that we hardly know and fulfilling prophecy, how much more are we able to do so today.

how to proceed in arranging for our work. But we are assured that God's biddings are also His enablings, and so with humble assurance and with renewed consecration in our hearts we face the future. "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." Ps. 46:7.

Inspirational Facts and Figures

BY H. D. JOHNSON, *Secretary-Treasurer*

It is truly a privilege and a pleasure to be connected with the work of God at such a time as this. We are the witnesses of a great awakening and a great searching out after truth and security all over the world. We in Indonesia are especially conscious of this great awakening. Many Indonesians expressed their feelings to Pastor Detamore in these words: "We are hungry and thirsty." The people have long wandered in the spiritual waste places of the earth. Now with the rise of new political philosophies they search for an oasis of truth. God desires that the multitudes shall have the truth. The Lord has graciously chosen men and women of Indo-

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nesia to give the truth and to show forth the Spirit of God to those with whom they come in contact. Throughout the islands of this great field the pastors, Bible workers, teachers, colporteurs, medical workers, office workers, and laymen have busied themselves with this important task.

The results of the combined efforts of these individuals with the rich blessing and mighty work of the Holy Spirit have been truly amazing. The Lord is opening wide the doors of opportunity. We must not be satisfied with what we have done. Our past accomplishments must not form the measuring stick of possibilities of the future. We must press forward in faith, knowing that God has a thousand ways in which to carry on His work, even in the face of what may seem to us to be impossible obstacles.

Due to the fact that our biennial session is being held early this year, we have been unable to get all the reports from the field. However, in most cases we have sufficient information to give you an interesting picture of progress in certain phases of the work.

MEMBERSHIP

Perhaps you would like to have a few facts concerning our baptisms and membership growth during the past several years.

	<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Membership</u>
1949	1,078	8,764
1950	1,076	9,500
1951	1,089	9,875
1952	1,249	10,500

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

	<u>Total Tithe</u>	<u>Tithe per Member</u>
1948	Rp. 315,500.00	Rp. 38.71
1949	475,000.00	54.17
1950	571,000.00	67.26
1951	861,000.00	87.17
1952	1,043,000.00	99.03

We do not wish to close this report without first extending a word of appreciation to the General Conference and to the Far Eastern Division for their interest in our field. This has been manifested by increased specials and regular appropriations from year to year. In addition to the financial assistance, the staff members have given untiringly of their time and efforts in helping us carry forward the work in this widespread field.

We are confident that there are greater achievements just ahead for us. The Lord will give us the means to finish His work in these islands when we as individual workers are ready and able to use them to the best advantage. Our greatest need is not for money. Our greatest need is not for more buildings. Our greatest need is not mere material assets to be displayed on balance sheets. When Joseph was chosen to be Prime Minister of Egypt, and a leader of the people, the one qualification which superseded

all others was the fact that he was a man "in whom the Spirit of God is." This is our greatest need. Whether we be presidents, treasurers, ministers, teachers, colporteurs; whether we be leaders or followers; our greatest need is to be men in whom the Spirit of God is.

Appointments

The following appointments of officers for the various missions and institutions were made at the recent Indonesia Union biennial session:

Ambon Mission:

President and Secretary-Treasurer .. J. Wairata

North Celebes Mission:

President K. Mandias

Secretary-Treasurer A. T. Siong

South Celebes Mission:

President S. Rantung

Secretary-Treasurer Tan Swee Han

East Java Mission:

President A. Londa

Secretary-Treasurer M. Onsoe

West Java Mission:

President T. D. Manullang

Secretary-Treasurer Njoo Liang Seng

North Sumatra Mission:

President G. A. Haas

Secretary-Treasurer A. Waworoendeng

South Sumatra Mission:

President and

Secretary-Treasurer S. F. Sitompoel

Union Departmental Secretaries:

Educational Department L. W. Mauldin

Publishing Department E. A. Brodeur

Sabbath School and Home

Missionary Departments A. Pasuhuk

Missionary Volunteer and

Temperance Departments A. L. Lesiasel

Medical Department D. N. Holm, M.D.

Dutch Church Department P. Klop

Publicity Department D. Batoebara

Upon the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division, Damin Batoebara was appointed editor of the publishing house. M. E. Diredja, who has served more than 30 years as the editor, was called to be chaplain at the Bandung Mission Hospital and to carry on a strong evangelistic program in connection with the medical work in Bandung.

A. M. Bartlett, who has been president of the Indonesia Union Seminary for the last four years, accepted a call to do field evangelism upon his return to Indonesia from furlough. Bernhard Aaen was elected president of the Seminary as of the close of the present term of school.

—H. D. JOHNSON

Messages from Mission Presidents

East Java Mission—M. M. KAUNTUL, *President*

At the beginning of 1951 we had 773 members. By the help of God's blessing on our efforts, 243 souls were added by baptism, letters, and profession of faith. Transfers, apostasy and deaths during the two-year period amounted to 147 so that the net gain was only 96 souls and our membership at the end of December, 1952, was only 869.

Tithes received during the past two years amounted to Rp. 256,773.94, which is a gain of Rp. 114,640.47 over that received in 1949-50.

Early in 1951 we opened a church school with 70 pupils enrolled. This school is located at Semarang and 120 children are now enrolled and they are being taught by four teachers. The local authorities at Paree have requested that we open a church school in that place.

There are still several big towns in East Java where the third angel's message has not been preached. Bali and Lombok have sent us calls for workers. Two months ago we sent a colporteur to Bali and within two weeks' time this brother had sold 2,000.00 rupiah's worth of books. The public effort conducted by Pastors F. W. Detamore and R. M. Turner (three days at Semarang and 15 days in Surabaya) resulted in the baptism of 33 souls.

We need a worker who speaks the Chinese for in Surabaya we have four Chinese families attending our Sabbath school. We need an evangelist who will conduct efforts throughout the field. The harvest is ready to be garnered in. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send us workers.

North Sumatra Mission—G. A. HAAS, *President*

The work of the Lord is going forward in North Sumatra as it is in all parts of the world. We are deeply grateful to be able to report that during the past year it was possible to baptize 235 new believers. Our membership is now 2,431. We believe that we would have far greater results if we could have more properly trained workers in our field.

The Detamore-Turner effort in Medan encouraged all of us. At the end of the two weeks, 65 came forward expressing a desire to give their hearts to Christ, to receive further instruction, and to be baptized. Of this number, 20 have already been baptized and these have joined the Medan church.

The Lord is working for His people. This was demonstrated in a recent happening. We rented a hall in P. Siantar for a public meeting while Pastor Detamore was with us. We paid the rent well in advance and everything was ready. On the morning of the very day of the meeting, I received a letter from the chief officer of the area telling us that it would be impossible for us to have the hall that night for it was needed by the government. I sorrowfully told Pastor Detamore the sad news. After

thinking for a while, he said, "Let's see if we can't have an open-air meeting." Brother Sitompoe and I went at once to see the mayor of the city. He said, "Surely you may have an open-air meeting. We just allowed the Roman Catholics to have a meeting in the public park so you may have one also." It did not take long to make the arrangements. We did no advertising at all but we had a wonderful meeting. The crowd was twenty times as large as could have been seated in the hall. Pastor Detamore estimated that there were between 8,000 and 9,000 people present. That night more than 2,400 enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course. The next day some of the city officials sent in slips of paper and asked to be enrolled. They had not been able to secure blanks the night before.

The following night we had a similar experience in Balige. The meeting was conducted in the public market. Again we were almost crushed to death by the crowd. There must have been at least 4,000 people present. That night 1,800 enrolled in the Correspondence Course and the pastor has since sent in another 150 enrollments. During the less than three weeks that these meetings were conducted, 6,750 people enrolled for the Bible lessons. Is God working for us?

We must send a worker to the island of Nias. On this island we have five churches and they have long waited for a worker. A part-time worker on that island died recently and the believers are calling for help. Some of our workers are already trying to shepherd as many as 15 churches. In our present financial condition we cannot answer one-tenth of the calls we have received for Bible workers, teachers and ministers. It is very difficult to say "no" all the time. May God help us to find ways of saying "yes."

We are grateful that we will be able to build a church in Siantar and perhaps enlarge the church at Medan. But this is only a beginning. Our school in Siantar has made wonderful progress but the needs are many. Pray for us that we may have wisdom to meet the needs of the hour.

Ambon Mission

—H. F. LALOAN, *President*

I wish to express my gratitude to the Lord for His leadership and help in enabling me to stand before this body of delegates to give a little report of the progress of the Lord's work in the South Moluccas during 1951-52. Probably all have heard about the civil war in Ambon, South Moluccas. The church buildings in Ambon were all destroyed except ours. We thank God for sparing it for our use.

By the blessing of God, we were able during the past two years to baptize 118 souls in our territory. The baptism goal for 1952 was 50 but 72 souls were

led to accept Jesus as their Saviour and were baptized. Almost half of the membership of this mission lives on the island of Saparua.

Only in places where we have churches and other meeting places do we have the freedom to conduct public efforts. In view of this fact, we have urged the small churches which meet in houses to build church buildings within the limits of their ability and the available material. Three church groups responded to this suggestion in 1952 and now rejoice in being able to worship in their own building, simple though it be. One of these churches was built on the island of Saparua and three months after the completion of the building a baptism was held and 18 souls were baptized. We appeal to the union for Rp. 11,000.00 to be used to help other congregations build churches. This amount will build 10 small buildings and help to provide benches for two churches which have already been erected.

Our colporteur work is limited to places which are considered safe and our stock of books is very inadequate. Nevertheless, we were able to double our goal in 1952. Our sales amounted to Rp. 48,000.00.

In 1952, nine young people from the Moluccas went to the North Celebes Training School at Kawangkoan and others are preparing to go in 1953.

I would like to bring to you the needs of the islands in the southernmost part of the Moluccas with their 151,000 inhabitants. There we have only 10 members. It is not easy to open up work in this field for conditions there are well known. There is not enough water nor food. Workers who go there will have to learn to eat the seeds of the breadfruit tree during the dry season. Starvation stalks the land during this time. Very often this place is visited by ships only once in three months. Nevertheless, we do feel that a worker should be sent there.

There is still trouble in various sections of our mission but our people are courageous as they face the future for they trust God to care for them.

South Celebes Mission—S. RANTUNG, *President*

Our field is a large field and it is divided by great seas which makes it difficult to travel. We have only one church building and that is located at Makassar. At four other places we have rented chapels. It is very unsafe to travel in these places due to the fighting constantly going on.

Let us turn our eyes to the South, to the island of Timor. This island is the most remote in our territory. It takes from five to seven days to make this trip by steamer. Last year I made one visit to Toradjaland and one visit to Timor. Three souls took their stand for the truth at Palopo and were later baptized. At Makale, the capital of Toradjaland, a newly organized church has 18 members—all natives. A worker, a native of Toradja, has been working in Rantepao for six months and as a result of his work 12 were baptized. Brother Mandolang is now at Palopo. Protestants and Catholics are working hard in this place but for financial reasons the Protestants are unable to keep up with the work. The people of Palopo are now requesting us to send them teachers and they have provided the buildings for the schools. In 1952, Toradjaland was quite isolated due to severe fighting. No civilian is now permitted to enter this land. Another difficulty is the antagonism against the Christians. This has caused much damage to our property and many people were tortured and killed. Nevertheless, the work is still progressing in Toradjaland. This is a promising land and will show good results in the near future.

A church has been raised up at Kupang, Timor Island, with 60 members. The Sabbath school has



*Our Church at
Kupang, Timor Island*

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an attendance of not less than 100. North of Kupang is another city called Soe and there we have seven members. They are calling for a worker. Another place of interest is Roti. The educated and high officials live on this island. These people are also urging us to send a worker. The Sunda Islands are waiting to be entered by the third angel's message. South Borneo is also under the supervision of the South Celebes Mission. We have just sent a worker there.

A church school has been organized in Makassar and 30 pupils are enrolled. The meetings held by the Detamore-Turner evangelistic team brought rich blessings to our field. Twenty-three souls were recently baptized as a result of these meetings.

We have a membership of 289 in this South Celebes field and during 1951 and 1952 there were 121 baptisms. The total tithe receipts amounted to Rp. 119,952.02, and Rp. 52,210.55 were gathered in for missions through the Ingathering. Pray for the work in the South Celebes Mission.

North Celebes Mission—K. MANDIAS, *President*

I wish to express my gratitude and thanksgiving to the Lord for the progress of the third angel's message in the North Celebes Mission during the past two years. During this biennial period 222 more souls were baptized and brought into the church than during the preceding biennial term. One thousand two hundred and twenty-six were baptized during 1951-1952.

Progress has also been made financially for the gain in tithes received over the past two years is Rp. 247,000.00 over that received in 1949-50, or a total tithe of 516,000.00 rupiahs. In the Ingathering for missions we had a gain of 25,000.00 rupiahs, having received during the years 1951 and 1952 a total of 54,000.00 in the Ingathering campaigns. The literature sales in 1951 amounted to Rp. 150,000.00 and during 1952 our sales amounted to Rp. 87,000.00. For the progress made we give thanks to our God for His help and blessing. We also wish to express thanks and gratitude to our fellow workers and loyal church members through whose efforts these results have been realized.

We held a campmeeting in the North Celebes from July 4-13, 1952. The meeting was held on the grounds of the North Celebes Training School at Kawangkoan. Thousands of guests came from the North Celebes, from the islands of Sangir in the North and Central Celebes, and from East Borneo. Workers were also present from the Division and the Union Mission. We built 24 sheds, size 5 x 25 meters. Every camper brought his own provisions for the ten-day meeting. For the meetings we built a large shed 60 x 24 meters.

Workers' meetings have been held and also institutes for church school teachers and Bible workers and preachers. The Detamore-Turner effort was held in Manado for two weeks, October 26 to November 7. Two meetings were held each night and

thousands were in attendance. Two hundred and ten persons surrendered their all to the Lord. On the 14th of December, 144 of these people were baptized. Six thousand persons enrolled for the Voice of Prophecy lessons. These are some of the results of the effort held by Brethren Detamore and Turner. In all of this let the Lord be praised.

Dutch Department—P. KLOP, *Secretary*

The past two years have been encouraging ones although we have lost a number of members. Forty-one returned to Holland and ten moved to West New Guinea. However, in spite of the large transfer of members we are happy to report an increase in membership for the two-year period. Twenty-three persons were baptized in 1951 and during the past year there have been 43 baptisms.

A little over a year ago a worker was added to the Dutch Department. However, one of our workers returned to Holland on furlough so our working force still remains only three.

The meetings conducted by Pastors Detamore and Turner revealed to us that there is a deep interest in the three angels' messages among the Dutch-speaking people of Indonesia. We must do all in our power to bring the truth to these people.

The tithe from the Dutch churches during the past two years amounted to Rp. 270,641.40 and our Sabbath school members gave to missions Rp. 13,488.28. Our members solicited Rp. 44,294.75 during the Ingathering campaign.

We have begun the erection of a church school building in Djakarta. This same building will be used for our Sabbath services, evangelism and other meetings. As we look back over the past two years, we can come to only one conclusion. The Lord has been very good to us. As we face this new year, our prayers are for His blessing on our efforts and we beseech Him to send His Holy Spirit to be with us. May God bless our plans to take the truth to all the Dutch-speaking people of Indonesia.

West Java Mission—T. D. MANULLANG, *President*

We thank God for all His blessings upon the work and the people of this mission. In behalf of our workers, and all of our church members, we wish to express our gratitude, render our praise, and renew our devotion to our heavenly Father. Also we wish to thank our Union and Division leaders for the help they have given us morally and financially during the past years.

There is a gain in colporteur sales in 1952 over that of 1951 amounting to 4,468.05 rupiahs. The sales would have been larger but due to the lack of books we have lost some of our best colporteurs.

The Detamore-Turner institutes and public efforts have given our workers a clearer vision of greater evangelism. This vision has been contagious among our workers and members and we hope to see better and bigger results during this new year. Among the

newly baptized souls a number were the direct results of the meetings conducted by Brethren Detamore and Turner. Brother Tan Peng Hong of Bandung and Pastor R. P. Gultom of Djakarta and their active helpers rejoiced with their church members in welcoming 70 souls among them—22 in Bandung and 48 in Djakarta. Hundreds were also enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School.

We have two church schools, one in Bandung and the other in Djakarta. Two teachers are employed in the Bandung school and 34 boys and girls are enrolled. In the school in Djakarta 64 children are enrolled under the instruction of three teachers. Former students in these church schools are now enrolled in the Indonesia Union Seminary.

We are much encouraged when we see the faithfulness, cooperation and the activities of our beloved church members. During 1952 we had an increase of 41,696.03 rupiahs in tithe received.

After deducting deaths and transfers and adding the 120 souls baptized in 1952, our membership is about the same as last year—a little more than 860 souls.

In this partial report we greatly regret that we show a deficit in our Ingathering results. Ingathering figures in 1952 were 22,669.55 rupiahs less than in 1951. This deficit is not due to inactivity of our members but to strict requirements and restrictions of the local governments.

Our three outstanding needs are: church buildings for our church groups; living quarters for our workers; and additional workers to staff our greatly depleted personnel.

Facing the different kinds of situations as well as the great challenge before us, we as workers in this large and wide field with 20,000,000 inhabitants need your prayers and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We need a clearer vision of Christ crucified, risen, and coming again in glory.

South Sumatra Mission

—MAMPE SIREGAR, *President*

God has richly blessed the work in this field. For the first time since the war we have been able to conduct evangelistic meetings. We have conducted three such efforts and the meetings have been well attended by thousands of people of all races and classes. Many high-class people have received studies as a result of these efforts. Through the generosity of a Chinese gentleman we were able to conduct the meeting in Muntok. This gentleman gave us the use of his big mansion free of charge. The government electric department did all the necessary wiring free of charge, and a Chinese association gave us all the chairs we needed, also without cost to us. This was the first time the city of Muntok had seen a Christian missionary preaching the gospel in a public way. Palembang, the capital, had the privilege of hearing Pastors Detamore and Turner in the town hall. It should be added that we are

the first Christian denomination to conduct public efforts in South Sumatra.

In Padang, the stronghold of Mohammedanism, the Mohammedan military permitted us to rent their club hall for the Detamore-Turner meetings. One officer remarked, "We allow you to use the hall because you are preaching religion." God moved upon the hearts of the rich, the military, and the government officials to help us launch these meetings. To Him be the glory.

After the meetings in Muntok, a government official invited me to go to Tjurup and Bengkulu to conduct public efforts. He assured me that he would be able to secure the cinema and town hall for the meetings at nominal rent. But we had no one to send. In 1946 the Baturadja people called for us. But we had no worker. Then these people called for the Roman Catholics. Now hundreds of natives are becoming Roman Catholics.

A few hours by steamer from Padang lies the island of Mentawai. German Protestant missionaries made thousands of converts on that island before the war. At the present time there is no pastor on the island. We have been in Padang for 52 years but we have not yet entered Mentawai. The Mohammedans are now sending plenty of clothing to the natives with obvious aim.

Very recently reports have come to my office about a tribe of 4,000 people who have embraced the religion of Jesus. These people do not eat pork and they are not Mohammedans, either. Sunset time on Friday is a time of great rejoicing for them. Please give us the worker to bring the gospel to these people.

South Sumatra has jungles of rubber trees, oil palms, pepper, etc. There are hundreds of miles of oil pipes and many tin mines. Some of this wealth could be converted into books and magazines if we had the bookmen. We have not had a regular colporteur since Pastor Munson landed in Padang in 1900. Last year we sold only Rp.75,000 worth of books and magazines.

During the past biennial period, 47 souls have been baptized and added to the church. Our membership now is 222 and we have a Sabbath school membership of 309. Our tithe for the years 1951 and 1952 amounted to Rp.102,593.00 and Rp.13,958.00 were received in Sabbath school offerings.

Ordination Service

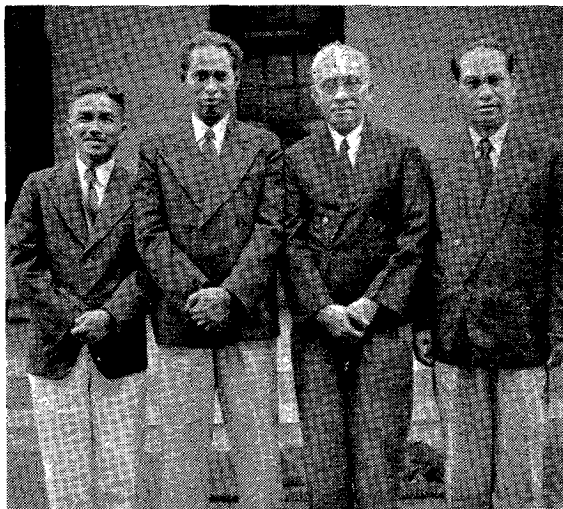
BY N. C. WILSON

An ordination service took place in Bandung, Sabbath afternoon, January 17. This was held at the time of the Indonesia Union biennial session and delegates were present from all the fields except West New Guinea. Four of our tried and faithful brethren were ordained at that time, namely, S. F. Sitompoel, A. L. Lesiasel, D. Batoebara, and D. Pattikawa. Brother Sitompoel has served in various capacities in the field and has for some time been

the director of the Voice of Prophecy. At our present union session he was elected president of the South Sumatra Mission. Brother Lesiasel is the leader of our young people's work in the Indonesia Union. Brother Batoebara has been serving as translator in the Indonesia Publishing House. He has now been elected to serve as editor of our several papers. Brother Pattikawa has long served as evangelist in various parts of Indonesia and is now located in Djokjakarta.

We were fortunate in having leaders from outside the Union present with us for this important ordination service. Pastor V. T. Armstrong, Division president, preached the sermon; Pastor W. A. Nelson, president of the Canadian Union Conference, gave the charge; Pastor Mandias, president of the North Celebes Mission, offered the prayer; and Pastor Manullang, president of the West Java Mission, extended the welcome.

May God bless these four brethren as they join the world brotherhood of the Advent ministry and may they be greatly blessed of God in their service for Him.



*The Four Men Ordained to the Gospel Ministry.
Left to right: D. Batoebara, A. L. Lesiasel, D.
Pattikawa, and S. F. Sitompoe*

Publishing and Scattering the Printed Page

Indonesia Publishing House

—H. D. JOHNSON, *Acting Manager*

It is a real pleasure to present to you this morning a report of the work done at the Indonesia Publishing House. You will be interested to know that, in spite of the fact that the Indonesia Publishing House has no publishing facilities, it is second only to the Philippine Publishing House in the sale of literature throughout the Far Eastern Division. The demand for literature throughout the Indonesian field has been far greater than we have been able to supply. We have been made sad when we have been told of colporteurs who have been forced to give up the literature ministry because of our inability to place in their hands the books and magazines they have needed. Why must it be so? Simply because without the proper facilities we are unable to make our own printing schedules and thus we have been unable to have a constant stream of literature flowing from the presses. We must wait in line for others when we have our printing done in non-Adventist publishing houses.

In spite of all our difficulties, the Publishing House has made wonderful records and impressive gains during the past four years. The careful planning and administering of the work under the able guidance of H. E. R. Schell has brought the Publishing House substantial financial gains each year. The Book and Periodical Agencies in the various parts of the field have been able to increase their working capitals through their profits to the point where most of them have found it possible to pay their accounts in full. This in turn has

given the Publishing House more funds with which to carry on the necessary work.

Probably our greatest need in the publishing work is a printing plant of our own where we can exercise a greater degree of control over production and thus make sure that our colporteurs need never stop their work for lack of literature to sell. We are happy to report that the Union Committee is making definite plans to establish such a printing plant, the General Conference having given their assent to this and having already allotted certain funds for the purchase of equipment.

You will be happy to learn that E. A. Pender, a man with many years of experience in printing, has been called to serve as manager of the Indonesia Publishing House. He is now en route to Indonesia from the United States.

We trust that during the coming year great strides forward may be made in our publishing work and that the Indonesia Publishing House may do its part in spreading the gospel throughout Indonesia to the millions who look for the truth and a better way of life.

Publishing Department

—E. A. BRODEUR, *Secretary*

Under the blessing of God, combined with the willingness of God-fearing colporteurs to serve, there has been progress in the literature ministry in the Indonesia Union Mission. Literature evangelism today has its place in the forefront of the Advent Movement. This is indeed true in Indonesia.

My report will reveal that there have been losses in sales in many of the missions yet in spite of this we can report an over-all gain of better than half a million rupiahs this past biennial period over that of 1949-1950. Our colporteurs have been faithful to their task in the face of many difficulties—the greatest of which has been our inability to supply them with the needed literature. Hardly a week passes by but that there are requests for types of literature which we are unable to supply.

North Sumatra: The total sales of the North Sumatra Mission show a slight loss in 1952 over 1951. This small loss could be erased in a month's time with an unlimited supply of literature. The students of the North Sumatra Training School are contributing much to the literature program of both of the Sumatra Missions. The regular colporteurs of the North Sumatra Mission are real soul winners. Two colporteurs have brought 67 people to Christ in the past two years. Fifty-one of these are now baptized members of the church.

South Sumatra: In South Sumatra there is an excellent gain in sales. In fact there is almost a 500 percent gain. This is largely due to a successful student program. Students from the North Sumatra Training School made a real contribution to the colporteur sales in the South Sumatra Mission.

West Java: There has been a heavy loss in sales in this Mission. Contributing factors are: lack of literature, loss of a number of top colporteurs due to this lack, and a greatly reduced student program due to the equal distribution of students around the Indonesia Union field in 1952.

East Java: This mission, too, shows a slight loss for the year which again can be charged to the lack of literature. A very successful student program was conducted in East Java this past year.

South Celebes: The loss in sales in the South Celebes Mission is due to the fact that the major portion of the territory of this field is now cut off by guerilla warfare. Student colporteurs were

forced to leave the interior and to return to Makassar after only three weeks of canvassing. However, many souls are being won to the truth in this field. One colporteur has raised up a church in Toradja-land. On the island of Timor we have seen the first fruits of our colporteur work which began there nineteen years ago. Less than two years ago, a full-time colporteur went to the island of Timor. Colporteur Legoh started a Sabbath school. He sold large quantities of literature. People everywhere began to ask for Bible studies. Brother Legoh could not answer all of these requests and continue his self-supporting colporteur work. A full-time worker was sent to follow up and sponsor the growing work on Timor. Today there are 60 baptized members and a well-organized church under the able direction of J. K. Senduk and his faithful wife.

North Celebes: The colporteurs of this mission have used all available literature but they have been unable to hold to the 1951 sales mark. The North Celebes Training School has grown tremendously in the last two years and 1953 should be a good year for sales literature in this mission.

Ambon: There has been a tremendous gain in sales in this Mission. This is the result of the settlement of the guerilla activities in Ambon. During 1951 the colporteurs in Ambon were only able to work during the months of August, November and December. This past year they have been able to work every month. We thank God for the opening up of the Ambon Mission territory.

During the first eleven months of 1952, the 1,026 colporteurs in the Indonesia Union Mission worked 84,703 hours and delivered nearly a million rupiahs worth of literature. God has richly blessed the literature work in our union the past two years. Our hearts are very humble as we contemplate the task before us, that of reaching the millions of Indonesia with our message. We face 1953 with the determination to exhaust every possible resource in order to supply our faithful men and women with the necessary literature.

Progress in Christian Education

Educational Department

—L. W. MAULDIN *Secretary*

"Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse and manifest a deep interest in this work. . . . *Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, p. 165. This counsel has been followed by many of the churches. The Union has given support and encouragement by inviting Miss Ethel Young to Indonesia for several months. Undoubtedly the preparation of a course of study for our elementary schools has been the greatest step yet toward the advancement of the church school program in Indo-

nesia. This course of study was made possible through the work of Miss Young and her co-workers. Dr. Haskins of the Department of Education for the E. C. A. exclaimed after examining the book: "This is the greatest step in proper education that I have yet seen in Indonesia." Dr. Baher Djahan, Minister of Education for Indonesia, examined the course of study also and remarked: "Why, this is wonderful. We have nothing to equal it for our government schools." The teachers in the field are finding the course of study to be an invaluable guide in their teaching. It has definitely unified the instruction and elevated the standards of teaching in all of our schools.

At the present time, we have only 10 church schools among the 250 churches and in these 10 schools 530 children are enrolled. This means that not even one out of ten of our children is in a Christian school. I am told that the Sabbath school reports for the children's divisions are low because many of them go to school on the Sabbath. There is, however, an increased interest in church schools throughout the entire field. Last year a new school was started in Makassar. The North Celebes Training School has added a church school which is taught by the students in training. The churches which are operating schools have attempted to make theirs true church schools, following the principles laid down by the Spirit of prophecy.

Our middle schools have showed marked progress this past year. It is most encouraging to have the 80 students of the North Sumatra Training School in school dormitories rather than boarding wherever they could in the city. The school board hopes to obtain land outside the city of Siantar on an abandoned tea estate in order that the school can expand to meet the needs of the field and also be able to provide a student work program.

Indonesia Union Seminary has attracted a greater number of students from the island of Java than ever before. The newly added nurses' course in conjunction with the hospital in Bandung, plus more classes in secretarial training and science, have done much to raise the standard of the school.

The North Celebes Training School is progressing in a strong way. They have a beautiful and large campus and this is kept clean and neat by means of a student and teacher work-program. To the 300 students in that school no disadvantages or hardships are comparable to the precious education which they are able to receive there.

Our needs are many. More consecrated teachers, better locations for our training schools, more campaigns to awaken the church members to their duty to their children, and more funds for the erection, completion and equipping of our training schools.

In 1952 we had 10 church schools with an enrollment of 530 and three middle schools with 502 young people enrolled. Our goal is: Every Adventist child in an Adventist school; every Adventist child in the school of heaven.

Indonesia Union Seminary

—A. M. BARTLETT, *Principal*

Enrollment, 191. School filled to capacity. No more beds. No more seats in the chapel. A bamboo camp provides space for 60 boys. Water supply sufficient due to getting water directly from artesian well.

New course of study added this past year in cooperation with the Bandung Mission Hospital. Six students enrolled in nurses' course.

Library has been reorganized; sidewalks have been built; new blackboards installed—all of which are real improvements.

Tuition per year per student is Rp.1,500. Stu-

dents not able to pay. Space for agriculture and industries is needed so that students can earn a part of their way.

Thirty-four of the 191 students enrolled last year were not baptized members. Thirty-three are in baptismal classes. Student prayer bands every Wednesday morning—100 percent attendance; Spirit of the Lord there to bless.

North Sumatra Training School

—A. P. MAMORA, *Acting Principal*

Progress which has been made is due to the wise planning of R. A. Figuhr, principal, before he left on furlough. Writer has been connected with the school for only one semester.

In 1951 the school building had a thatch roof, dirt floor, wooden benches sticking from the ground, and many discouraging conditions. Students gradually left. Only 49 left of the 100 who had enrolled.

In 1952, because of financial aid received from the mission, we now have a wooden floor, a piano, a new organ, new blackboards, and chairs have been purchased or made. A dormitory large enough to accommodate 72 students has been built. Most of the students live in the dormitory.

During the operation of the school 35 students have been baptized. Of the 90 students enrolled this year, 44 are baptized members and 36 are from non-Adventist homes. Forty students are members of the baptismal class.

Our greatest need is for a new location in the country where students can be given work so as to help pay their way. A school in the country would lift the physical, mental, and spiritual standards higher. More teachers, better equipment, and a larger library are also greatly needed.

North Celebes Training School

—MARTIN LALOAN, *Principal*

The North Celebes Training School was established four years ago. There is at present an enrollment of 320; 260 middle school students and 60 church school pupils.

Students come from North and South Celebes, Ambon, Sangi Islands, and Toradjaland. Fifteen of the students are from non-Adventist homes. Among these are Mohammedans, Catholics, and Protestants. The school is favorably known throughout North Celebes.

One hundred more students want to enroll next year. Our school will not be able to accept more than 10 of these unless facilities are expanded and improved.

Although all of the buildings are in use, none of them are completely finished. All need plastering.

Our crying needs are: a chapel, three additional classrooms, more beds, tables, chairs, etc. We also need pianos, typewriters, and sewing machines.

Our courage is good. We believe the Lord will provide our needs.

The Medical Ministry

Nurses' Capping Service, Bandung Mission Hospital

The evening of January 14, 1953, marked another high day in the history of our medical work in Indonesia when the Bandung Mission Hospital (Runah Sakit Advent) in conjunction with the Indonesia Union Seminary celebrated the cap-pinning service for its first class of preliminary nursing students.

The Seminary chapel was filled to overflowing as relatives and friends gathered to observe the impressive ceremony and to extend good wishes to these seven fine young people who have elected to pursue the course in nursing and thus train themselves to fill a place in the Lord's work. Martin Mandias at the piano played Mendelssohn's "War March of the Priests," as speakers, nursing faculty, and students marched to their respective places. Prayer was offered by Principal A. M. Bartlett. Pastor H. D. Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Indonesia Union Mission, sang *I Come to Thee*, accompanied by Pastor L. Hogendorp on the violin and Mrs. L. Hogendorp at the piano.

Pastor N. C. Wilson, our union mission president, appropriately introduced the speaker of the evening, Doctor R. F. Waddell, medical secretary of the Far Eastern Division and medical director of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. Dr. Waddell directed his remarks to the text, "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." He pointed out that the student nurses participating in this special service had chosen to dedicate their lives to helping mankind.

Miss Thalma Manullang, assistant director of nurses, called the class roll and presented the class to Mrs. Lois Puels-Holm, acting director of nurses. Following the pinning of the caps, Mrs. S. Wortman, portraying the part of Florence Nightingale, assisted in the simple but effective candle-lighting ceremony and Doctor Donald N. Holm, medical director, presented the charge. The student group united in repeating the Nightingale Pledge and in singing the hymn, *I Would Be True*. While singing, the students marched slowly from the chapel still carrying their lighted candles. Professor Bernhard Aaen pronounced the benediction.

This first class of students of nursing consists of five young women: Hedy Kok, Lientje Mamora, Todor Naingolan, Elsie Pangkey, and Mary Sitompul; and two young men, namely Benjamin Koapaha and Jootje Wuysong. Instruction in scientific and nursing subjects is given by members of the hospital staff while the Bible and advanced English classes are taught by members of the teaching staff at the Indonesia Union Seminary.

Since the capping exercises were held just prior to the opening of the union biennial session, we were happy to have several guests from the Division and many from the union present for the occasion. All were united in congratulating these young people upon successfully passing their first milestone in nursing career and in wishing them heaven's blessing upon their future efforts. We are certain that this service made a lasting impression upon both students and friends in regard to the dignity and high calling of the nursing profession.



*Doctor R. F. Waddell
Giving the Address at
the Nurses' Cap-Pinning
Service*

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*The Seven Students
of Nursing with
Mrs. Wortman (center)
and Doctor D. N. Holm
(extreme right)*

INDONESIA UNION
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The Church Studies, Trains, Promotes and Witnesses

Voice of Prophecy

—S. F. SITOMPOEL, *Secretary*

"Forward in Faith" is the motto of the Voice of Prophecy (VOP). By the help of the Lord, this motto is truly being fulfilled in the work of the VOP in the Indonesia Union Mission. Lessons have been prepared and are being circulated in the Indonesian, Dutch, English, and Chinese languages. These silent gospel messengers have penetrated into thousands of homes and we have thousands of students scattered about on all the islands—large and small—in the Indonesia field.

With the coming of Pastors F. W. Detamore and R. M. Turner, a new day dawned in our work in general but in particular in the work of the Voice of Prophecy. We cannot convey to you the interest manifested by non-Adventists, as well as by our own members. We shall have to increase our staff and our speed in the routine work in order to be able to minister to the needs and to expedite the work in the office. We have more requests than we can handle. Thousands of applications have poured into our office since the Detamore-Turner spearhead efforts.

A few figures will help to convey to you the leadership of the Lord in this branch of His work during the past two years. During 1951 and 1952 20,500 applications were received. Of this number, 8,652 enrolled and 1,176 have graduated. Sixty-nine baptisms have been reported. We received from the Far Eastern Division 22,222.37 Rps. for the promotion of this work. Our churches throughout the union contributed in offerings 6,667.67 Rps. and we have received from our stu-

dents 15,573.40 Rps. One student gave a contribution of one thousand rupiahs for the VOP work.

In Indonesia we cannot purchase radio time. However, in a few cities of Indonesia the gospel message in word and song is on the air once a month. We have received many letters of appreciation for these broadcasts and students have enrolled in the VOP as a result of the same.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people . . . from the islands of the sea." Isaiah 11:11. God has wrought mightily to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah. The inhabitants of the islands of Indonesia wait for the Lord. They are waiting to be ushered into the kingdom of God. Men believing in no religion, as well as those who have religious prejudices, through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit enjoy the studies prepared by the VOP. Especially is this interest markedly manifest among the Mohammedans.

During the year 1953 an accurate record will be kept of the students enrolled in the VOP by the colporteurs. We are confident that as a result of this effort thousands will be enrolled every month. The strong hand of God leads in this movement and His great power will work mightily in and with us. May we move as one man, heart and hand in accord, to help finish the work of the Lord.

Sabbath School Department

—A. PASUHUK, *Secretary*

We certainly thank God for the Sabbath School Department. The Sabbath school is the best means for the establishing of our people in the faith. It

is also one of the most productive departments in soul winning. Before a church is established, a Sabbath school has most often first been organized. Through the Sabbath school lessons, prepared by the General Conference, our members become fully instructed in all the tenets of our faith and they are thus strengthened and encouraged to give the gospel to others. Through the weekly offering envelope they contribute their money for the maintenance of the work already established and also in that way make possible the opening of work in new places.

There are in the Indonesia Union 257 organized Sabbath schools and 63 branch Sabbath schools. Our Sabbath schools have a membership of 13,605. When I visited the island of Samosir early in 1952, I learned that several churches on that island have been organized as a result of the work of branch Sabbath schools. I had the privilege of speaking to some of these members and so got this information first hand.

Brother Wauran of the East Java Mission told of a newly organized church in Sukeredjo, this, too, as the result of a branch Sabbath school. The Sabbath schools of Indonesia are demonstrating the real objectives of the department. Pray for the Sabbath schools in Indonesia.

Missionary Volunteer Department

—A. L. LESIASEL, *Secretary*

As I go about from place to place to "gather in" the children and the youth, men and women, it becomes clear to me that the MV work is work of the greatest importance. On page 207 of *Gospel Workers*, we find this question asked: "Why should not labor for the youth in our borders be regarded as missionary work of the highest kind?" And again this statement, "It requires the most delicate tact, the most watchful consideration, the most earnest prayer for heavenly wisdom."

During the past two years much has been done to encourage our youth to follow the Master. Urged onward by their motto, "Share Your Faith," many Volunteers have truly shared their faith. During the past two years, 296 young people have been baptized. Seventy persons have been won to the truth by our own young people. Much more of this type of work might be done if we had the materials to work with.

We have 4,369 Missionary Volunteers in the Indonesia Union and these are members of 130 societies. These youthful workers report that they have given 31,781 Bible readings and they have had 32,907 missinoyary contacts. Although we are handicapped in not having enough literature, they have given out 7,609 truth-filled books, papers and tracts.

A marked advancement has been made in the Missionary Volunteer class work. During 1952 the following pins were given out: 264 Friend, 44 Companion, 16 Guide, and 7 Master Guide.

The readings for the 1952 MV Week of Prayer were translated into Bahasa Indonesia and printed

as a special issue of the *Warta Geredja*. From reports we have received, indications are that the Week of Prayer proved to be a great blessing to many young people.

I want to thank all of the MV secretaries and local MV leaders for their untiring efforts in making the MV work a success. May God bless us in 1953 as we endeavor to do even a greater work for the youth of Indonesia.

Home Missionary Department

—A. PASUHUK, *Secretary*

"The most solemn truths intrusted to mortals have been given to us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them." *Test.* Vol. 9, p. 19.

Inspired by the above statement, our laymen everywhere in Indonesia are taking an active part in proclaiming the three angels' messages. At the present time many churches are holding laymen's training institutes. On December 28, 1952, it was my privilege to be present at the graduation of nine members who had finished their training in Djakarta under the leadership of Pastor P. R. Gultom. This group while in training had won four souls who had been baptized before the class received its training certificates.

At the present time we have only six kinds of tracts for which the churches have to pay seven and one-half cents a copy. Small churches do not have the necessary funds.

The brethren in one of the churches in the North Celebes built a shed for the pastor in which to hold a series of meetings. For some reason the pastor failed to arrive at the appointed time. The brethren were very embarrassed but not discouraged. They selected two or three of their best speakers and conducted meetings night after night. These meetings continued for three months and as a result 30 souls have been baptized.

While itinerating in North Sumatra early in 1952, a brother related his wonderful experience to me. A tract about the Sabbath truth was given to him by a friend. After reading it, he was convinced that the Sabbath was the day that the Lord wanted His people to observe as the holy day. Fearing to arouse excitement among his family and friends, he kept the truth to himself. But as with Jeremiah of old, "... His word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones. . . " and he finally told his wife that he had found the truth. She accepted the same without much argument. This encouraged him to tell his parents and they, too, gladly accepted. He then told his nephew and soon he, his wife and daughter also believed and accepted the truth with joy. These seven souls were buried in the watery grave by Pastor U. H. Manullang at the time of our visit. The results of only one tract!

The Ingathering work has been going well in past years until 1952. In some places no permit was given except with the understanding that the money gathered was to be used locally. In places where permits were granted, more money than usual was gathered in. Our churches are organizing Dorcas Societies. Active hands are making new clothes or mending old ones and these are distributed to the poor.

During the past year our 10,514 church members have given out 201,993 pieces of missionary literature, and 8,811 articles of clothing have been given away. They also report 92,699 Bible readings given or gospel meetings held. Let us train and pray for the laymen in Indonesia so that the Lord's work in this part of the world may soon be finished.

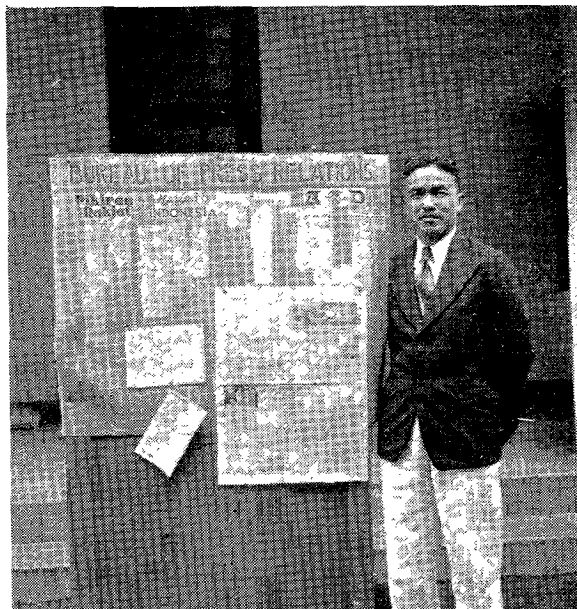
Bureau of Press Relations

—D. BATOEBARA, *Secretary*

The work of the Bureau of Press Relations speaks for itself. It has been a pleasure to be of service in this capacity in spite of the fact that most of the work is done outside of office hours. The feature of this work that makes it so interesting is the fact that the results of one's efforts are seen almost immediately in the newspapers. However, the final results will be known only in the kingdom to come.

Newspaper editors are a very pleasant people to deal with and they are willing to publish any good, unbiased, and useful news and articles that they feel will be of value to the public and society in general. During these past two years we have been very fortunate in being able to bring our work to the attention of the public through the newspapers. The workers in the different fields who read the newspapers have probably read the articles we have issued from headquarters and which have been printed in the local papers. North and South Sumatra workers have been very kind to send newspaper clippings of articles published in their local papers.

In this connection I would like to mention another point which is of great value to the press relations work. The important news in the newspapers of Indonesia is picked up by Radio Indonesia in their



D. Batoebara Standing by the Display of Publicity Given the Indonesia Union Biennial Session in the Public Press

news broadcasts, and S. D. A. news has always been rated as important news. In this way, those who do not read the papers still hear of our work over the radio.

In addition to news, we have also sent articles to the press which tell of the activities of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. One newspaper editor stated that this had made the public "Adventist minded."

A more intensive work could and should be done. Every worker should get acquainted with the newspaper editors in his fields. Articles on our work should be written and sent to these men. Instructions on how to do this work have been sent to all of our workers. One can derive a great deal of pleasure from this type of work. May God bless the press relations work.

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School Year Launched with Prayer Week

By R. A. WOLCOT, *Bible Instructor,*
Malayan Union Seminary

Indicative of the rising spiritual interest at the Malayan Union Seminary, and pointing the way to a school year to be filled with many blessings, was

the Week of Prayer held from January 9 to 17—just one week after the students enrolled in their first classes of the year. Fortunate indeed were we to have the ministration of Pastor G. M. Mathews of the General Conference Department of Education, and doubly fortunate in having the ministration of the Holy Spirit which in power attended his work.

With keen understanding and an insight born of a close walk with God and many years of experience in working with young people, Pastor Mathew's messages touched on the vital topics of practical Christian living in such a simple and direct manner that the hearts of all were stirred. Typical of the appreciation for the clear simplicity of the message he gave was the remark, "Pastor Mathews did not use one word during the whole week which I could not

understand!" The well-attended prayer bands, the intense earnestness and many prayers of the teachers, the large response to the call to yield the heart to God for the first time—all gave evidence of the fact that God had been waiting to pour out His Spirit in abundant measure from an ever-flowing fountain. We believe that God will have His way at the Malayan Union Seminary during the school year which has just begun.

The true value of such a week as this is impossible to measure this side of the eternal world. Immediate results that are seen may serve to give some indication of the extent of its worth. At the close of the week a baptismal class was organized. The requests to take studies leading to baptism were so numerous that it was necessary to arrange for three baptismal classes. Between forty and fifty of the students not yet baptized enrolled in these classes. A goodly number of these come from non-Adventist and from heathen homes. The group ranges in ages from ten years to twenty-one; and grades six to eleven are represented. These classes are held at various times during the week as is convenient for the students. S. F. Chu, Daniel Tan and R. A. Wolcott are the instructors. S. N. Siregar will also be working with another special group.

It is from occasions such as this that we gather inspiration and courage to press the work forward until the youth of Malaya shall become a mighty army to share in the final work that will emblazon the world in the glorious climax of the gospel.

The students and teachers of the Malayan Union Seminary have sincerely appreciated the warmth of Pastor Mathew's sympathetic and understanding kindness. They bid him God-speed as he goes on his way to bring his messages of inspiration to the youth of other fields.

Escape from Bondage

By ELDEN B. SMITH, *Evangelist*

For some years before Adventist workers came to Cheingmai, Miss Soonee wished for a peace of mind that she did not know where to find. Since her mother has passed away it seemed that no one really loved her. On one occasion she became very ill. Her father reasoned that if she were to die it would cost him quite a bit to bury her. So he took Soonee and left her by a nearby temple. An aunt of hers thought enough of her to take her some food each day until at last she got well. After this it seemed that it took almost no provocation to invite a beating from her father. There were many times when it seemed that life was hardly worth while. But our Father in heaven had a higher purpose in life for this young girl.

About six months ago, our worker in Cheingmai, Brother Prayoon, felt that he should find a house for a more reasonable rent. The way opened up for him to rent the small house next to Soonee's house and this house was also owned by her father. Brother Prayoon had barely moved his things into

the house, when he invited Miss Soonee and her sister over to study the Bible. He found them eager students. At first the father felt that it might be well for the girls to obtain a broader knowledge of world religions. But when, after only six or seven days, the girls said that they no longer wanted to eat pork or lard, he decided that their investigations had gone far enough. He endeavored to dissuade the girls from having further studies but they had already tasted the truth and wanted more. After supper they would hurry over to continue their study.

As the father's threats intensified, Brother Prayoon hastened to present our entire message as quickly as possible. The girls were already attending the prayer meetings. Soonee's strong desire to walk in the way of truth angered him greatly. Finally he made things so unpleasant for all that Brother Prayoon had to move his family away from there.

The following Friday evening the father ordered Soonee to work the next day. She felt that she must not work on God's Sabbath. Early on Sabbath morning she came to our home where we hold our services. By leaving so early the father did not suspect where she was going. When she did not return the hired men were sent to search for her. During the Sabbath school we noticed them passing back and forth in front of our house and some of them even climbed the water tower next door in order to peer in.

After the meeting Miss Soonee said that she did not dread the beating she would receive upon returning home, but that she was troubled because she had not yet gotten the victory over the tobacco habit which she had had for many years. We had special prayer for her and invited her to stay for dinner. Even after dinner we hated to have her return home. She said, "Never mind, I'd rather go home and get the beating over with." The father wanted help to beat her so he had sent for an older brother who was a policeman. At noon they were all ready and waiting for her. When she did not return the brother began to drink and by the time she reached home he was incapacitated because of the much liquor he had imbibed. Mrs. Smith continued to worry about Soonee and so she went over to see her. The father had gone out and Soonee showed Mrs. Smith her back and arms all swollen and raw from beating.

The Lord gave Soonee the victory over tobacco but the father continued to mistreat her so that she could not carry on her work. We wrote to Bangkok and the hospital staff kindly offered to give her work down there.

Recently I was in Bangkok and as I came to the to the hospital compound Miss Soonee hurried to meet me. Her face wreathed in smiles, she told me she had been baptized. She also told me how much she enjoys her work at the Sanitarium as a nurse's aide. When you visit Bangkok, you, too, will want to meet the girl from Cheingmai, Thailand, who was rescued from bondage. Let us remember to pray for the younger sister.

Workers' Council in Bangkok

BY ELDEN B. SMITH

January 14 to 29, 1953, will long be remembered by the workers of the Thailand Mission as the time of the inspiring evangelistic council conducted by W. J. Hackett. His enthusiastic style together with his broad experience greatly enriched the instruction given. The object of this meeting was twofold. The message was presented for the benefit of the workers and students of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital who are not yet members of our faith. We are happy to report that ten or twelve made known their decision to study further in preparation for baptism.

The second objective of this council was to give a condensed training course in principles and methods of evangelism for mission and medical personnel. Workers were present from Chiangmai, Bhuket, Ubol and Bangkok.

Devotional talks were given each morning by Brother Hackett and the hours from 9 to 12 were given over to class instruction. During the afternoon, opportunity was given for field work—visiting hospital patients and Voice of Prophecy students who were also invited to the evening meetings.

A much appreciated feature was the evangelistic series conducted by our national workers under the direction of Brother Hackett. It was a busy but profitable program. We look forward to more training courses in the future.

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Progress of the Work at Zambales

BY E. T. TANGUNAN

An effort was held in Santa Fe, San Marcelino, Zambales, beginning last November 11 and closing on January 2, 1953. Satan always activates his agents whenever God's message is presented to the people. In the entire North Philippine Union Mission, Satan has been using the Manalista cult as his most efficient trouble makers. Their speciality is to challenge the Adventists to a debate. This they also did in Santa Fe.

Prior to our public effort, the Manalistas had been baptizing converts every week in this particular community. Since our arrival they have not baptized a single convert. The people formerly interested in said cult have stopped attending their meetings. If they do attend it is only to cavil or make light of what the minister is saying. The Manalistas realized that something would have to be done about this. In the midst of our fifty-one-



Baptismal Service Held at Santa Fe, San Marcelino, Zambales

nights' effort, they had a big rally for two consecutive nights and seven of their ministers vigorously attacked the Adventists—especially the Sabbath and the food questions. They preached from 6 p.m. till 12 midnight each night, using a public address system. Each of the ministers, especially the division leader and his assistant, challenged the S. D. A. ministers to a debate. They even asked the writer of this article to come to their platform to debate with them. I did not pay attention to their challenge. The next night of their rally, I explained to our audience that we were endeavoring to follow the example of Jesus and work as He did when He was preaching on this earth. I contrasted His manner of working with that of His enemies who followed Him wherever He went. I explained that endeavoring to be true preachers, we were just following the steps of the Lord and they (those attacking us at the rally) were following the steps of the enemies of Jesus. The enemy was thwarted in his purpose. The people instead of being driven away from us were drawn even closer. We thank God for this.

The Manalistas were enraged. The assistant division leader came to my tent one night in order to sow doubts and unbelief. He tried to entangle me with catchy questions. I want to thank God for guiding me in the asking of just two questions which he could not answer. This inability of his in not being able to answer my questions led the people to sneer at him. They finally demanded that I cease from talking with such a person whose intention, clearly manifested, was just to cause trouble and not in any way to seek for vindication of the truth.

When Satan's efforts in using the Manalistas to hinder the people in accepting the truth failed, he aroused the indignation of those who did not want to accept the message. Persecutions followed. Parents threatened their children with harm and forfeiture of their share of the inheritance if they accepted this new doctrine. But in spite of all of these efforts on the part of Satan, we cannot but praise God for on January 2, 1953, twenty-four souls were baptized. Eight more persons are preparing for baptism and many others are seriously studying the message. At the same time they are carefully observing the lives of those who accepted the truth.



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FIRST FRUITS IN 1953

The Singapore Malay church is steadily growing in membership. The Lord has richly blessed its soul-winning efforts. Pastor R. A. Pohan recently baptized four candidates, the first fruits in 1953. The soul-winning prospects of the church are very bright for this year. We are hoping to witness another baptism soon. The Sabbath School, the Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer, and the Dorcas departments are fully united in their efforts to make this

year a successful year in leading others to the Prince of life.

—DJAMAAN SOELAIMAN

FROM HERE AND THERE

● An interesting letter has been received from Pastor and Mrs. Robert Youngberg. They are now employed by the South Dakota Conference and they are working for the Indians in the western part of that state. Brother Youngberg writes that it is a bit hard to get used to the wide, open spaces after living for so long a time in the jungles of Borneo. The family is well and they are enjoying their work with and for the Indians of that area. Their address is: P. O. Box 86, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

● Pastor F. J. Dittmar, formerly a worker in the Indonesia Union Mission, is now located in Jamestown, North Dakota, being in the employ of the North Dakota Conference. Brother Dittmar recently wrote the Division office and requested that the Far Eastern Division OUTLOOK be sent to him. The Division is happy to send this monthly paper to all who have been missionaries in this field. Just keep us informed as to any changes of address there may be.

● Pastor and Mrs. L. C. Wilcox left Singapore on the night of March 30, 1953, bound for the homeland where they will enjoy a well-deserved furlough. They will spend some time in the Holy Land and in some of the countries of Europe before going on to the States. Their many friends wish them happy landing and a good furlough.

● Dr. A. W. Johnson, secretary of the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference, arrived in Singapore on the 5th of March. He was the guest of the H. W. Peterson family on the Malayan Union compound until the morning of March 11 when he left for Manila. He will also visit our headquarters in Japan and Korea before returning to the States.

● Pastor and Mrs. I. C. Schmidt returned to the Indonesia Union Mission on March 12. They will be located at the headquarters in Bandung, Java. Brother Schmidt

will solicit funds for the new hospital and other projects in the Indonesia Union Mission. We welcome the Schmidts back to their field of labor for so many years.

● Pastor A. E. Gibb and family have returned to Manila after spending several months in the States. Brother Gibb serves as pastor and evangelist in the North Philippine Union Mission and for the time being he will connect up with the Detamore-Turner campaign now in progress in Manila.

VITAL STATISTICS

We fear that we have been a bit remiss in keeping our readers informed as to all of the new arrivals in our field. We wish to report accurately on this and so at times we have to wait for the necessary information. This month we wish to introduce to you the following new recruits:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coleman proudly informed their friends that beginning on December 13, 1952, they "were making changes" at their home. Donald Lee and Donald Ray arrived at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital on that day. Weight: five pounds and 7 ounces and 4 pounds 11 ounces, respectively. Congratulations, Annie and Paul!

Brant Lewis Bartlett was born at 8:45 p.m., January 9, 1953, at the Bandung Mission Hospital. Weight: eight pounds and nine ounces. The proud parents are Professor and Mrs. A. M. Bartlett. Greetings to Master Bartlett!

The treasury department of the Indonesia Union Mission has increased its staff by one. The secretary-treasurer, H. D. Johnson, now proudly introduces his new assistant in the person of Delbert Johnson who arrived at the Bandung Mission Hospital on March 2, 1953. Weight: eight and one-fourth pounds. We salute you, Harry and Merle!

Word has been received to the effect that a baby has come to gladden the home of Doctor and Mrs. Neal Woods of the Tokyo Sanatorium and Hospital. We have no particulars but we wish to extend congratulations to the parents and all good wishes to the new arrival.