

## Not Time But a Task

BY F. A. MOTE, *President*

Already we have entered upon the sacred duties and responsibilities of the year 1955. The question comes to us, How much more time do we have left in which to labor for perishing souls?

Conditions throughout the Far Eastern Division tell us in clarion tones that the nations are in "dismay"; they are "bewildered," and men are "swooning with panic and foreboding," wondering what is to befall the universe. Truly, we should thank God for the many omens which we see all about us indicating that the work of God upon this earth will soon be finished.

Ever since the year 1887 when Abram La Rue began his self-sacrificing missionary endeavors in Hong Kong, and later in China, Japan, Borneo, Singapore and other places throughout the Orient, the work of spreading the gospel message has grown rapidly until today we have approximately 100,000 Sabbath-keepers within the confines of the Far Eastern Division, who are not alone preparing for a place in God's kingdom but who are also sharing their faith with others in order that we may have a multitude ready with us to enjoy the blessings of eternal life. Truly, God has blessed His workers and people all the years since the work was started in this section of His vineyard. As was so ably stated by Elder J. L. McElhany a few years ago, "The only thing that stands between us and the second coming of Christ is an unfinished task." Those of us who are attending this Division Council are charged with the responsibility of making plans for the speedy completion of the work.

We thank God for the faithful labors of all former officers and workers who served so loyally the cause of God, for His bountiful blessings and tender watch-care, for the privilege of continued service in this wonderful mission field, and for the well-trained experienced and consecrated staff of workers not only in the Division office but throughout each of the unions within the Division. We thank God for the loyal, spirit-filled leadership in our local missions, our institutions, departments, and in all of our

churches, Sabbath Schools and other organizations.

We wish to welcome the South China Island Union Mission into the Far Eastern Division, in harmony with an action of the General Conference Committee which provided for the South China Island Union Mission field to become a part of the Far Eastern Division territory for administrative purposes, the same to become effective on October 1, 1954. Surely the Lord will bless us as we join hands once again in a united effort to take the message of salvation to the more than 281,000,000 people who live within our Division field.

*Evangelism* is still the keynote for us in every line of endeavor. It is our supreme task. We thank God for the many baptisms during 1954, but surely we must expect even greater results this year.

As we face the future, let us think of problems which confront us as leaders. What is our task?

- (1) How shall we plan NOW to evangelize the millions within the Far Eastern Division?
- (2) How can we prepare the church for the unfinished task and for eternity?
- (3) What shall be the program of our departments, institutions, missions, churches and homes?
- (4) How shall we increase our financial income and plan for the wise expenditure of our funds?
- (5) What shall be done to prepare all classes of workers and lay members to enter into the program of quickly finishing the work of God?
- (6) How can we prepare our hearts and lives, as well as the hearts and lives of our brethren, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

These and others questions will undoubtedly come before the committees which shall lay plans for our work and the work of our people during 1955.

Let us remember that time is soon to be no more; eternity is about to be ushered in. Let us pray for wisdom that we may be able to provide wise and good plans for the entire church. "Let us go on unto perfection." Heb. 6:1. Let us also remember "it is far on in the night" and our greatest need is Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

## Secretary's Report

By C. P. SORENSEN

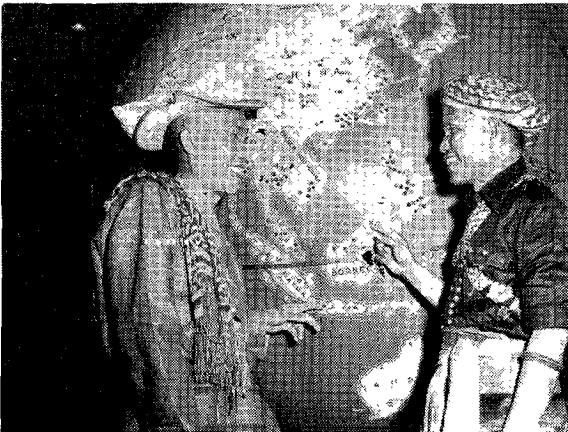
A brief backward glance at the progress of the work of God in the Far Eastern Division cannot but bring courage to the hearts of the workers and believers comprising the membership of this Division. We humbly give to God all the glory, for we are but weak instrumentalities in His hands.

General Conference statistical reports reveal that in 1900—the halfway mark since 1844—we had a world membership of 75,767. Today we are approaching that figure in our field alone. We have 1,110 churches, and during the past year we had an average of one new church in our Division each Sabbath of the year.

When the figures are complete for 1954, we firmly believe that we shall have more than 8,000 baptisms, judging by incomplete and partial reports which indicate gains over the previous year. Since the close of World War II there have been 54,176 baptisms, as of September 30, 1954. We are confident that by the end of that year, when the final reports are in, that number will have increased to 56,000.

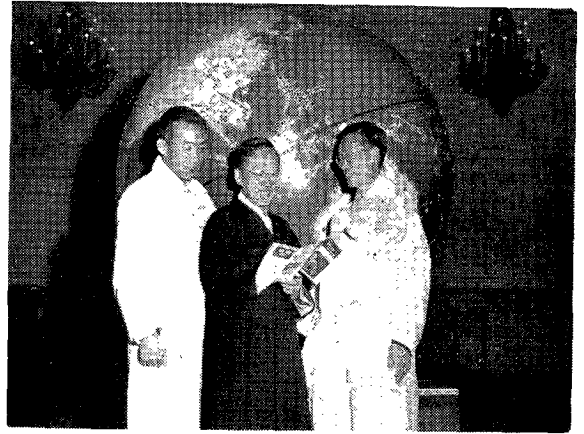
At the close of 1953 we had 2,272 evangelistic workers, of which number 234 were ordained ministers.

Fifty-four duly appointed delegates were in attendance at the General Conference Session in San Francisco last May and June. Of this number 17 were national delegates.



*Pastor A. Pasuhuk (Indonesia) and Pastor J. T. Pohan (Borneo) at General Conference Session.*

During the year 1954 the Far Eastern Division and the South China Island Union Mission were asked by the General Conference to join hands administratively and we welcome their representatives to this Division Council. Our aim and purpose are one—the finishing of the work of God in this part of His vineyard.



*Korean Representatives at General Conference Session.*

We had in the Far Eastern Division, at the close of 1954, 133 overseas missionary families and 30 single workers, which gives us a total missionary force of 296. This is nearly fifteen per cent of the total number of denominational missionaries to all the world. Calls for an additional 20 workers have been voted as of January 1, 1955, and these calls are now in the hands of the General Conference. More calls are in hand and will no doubt be voted at this meeting. At the close of the year only fifteen workers were on furlough.

We might briefly list here a few highlights of 1954 as relate to the expansion of our missions and institutions.

- a. Wing added to the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital.
- b. Construction of Midwifery Annex by the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.
- c. Construction of a small hospital in Pusan, Korea, known until now as a branch of the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital.
- d. Arrival of a doctor in Saigon, Viet-Nam, to open medical work.
- e. Moving of the Indonesia Union Seminary to a new location.
- f. Securing of ground for the North Sumatra Training School.
- g. Construction of the Indonesia Publishing House.
- h. Construction of the new hospital at Taipei, Taiwan.
- i. Building of a small hospital unit at Haad Yai, South Thailand.
- k. Construction during the year of the Miller Clinic in Cebu City, to be known in the future as the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital.
- l. An enlarged Division staff to take care of the ever-growing and expanding of the membership, organizations, institutions and interests of the Far Eastern Division.

## Treasurer's Report

By W. L. PASCOE

Since Pastor Mote and I arrived in the Far Eastern Division during the early part of October last year, we have had opportunity to visit each of the union missions within our territory, including the newly welcomed South China Island Union Mission. We have seen so much to encourage us as we have met with the workers and with our church groups from place to place. Certainly, the Lord is opening up the way before us in a large way, and almost everywhere we have been, the problems that have been brought to our attention have been those relating to a rapidly expanding program. Opportunities appear on every hand, and among groups that have resisted the teachings of Christ for many, many years. Surely, we must advance as God opens the way and provides the means for us to do so.

While it is true that we must move forward as God opens the way, we must be sure to follow the counsel that comes to us from the messenger of the Lord, and the General Conference, to avoid moving forward in a manner beyond the means and ability of our organization properly to support. Should we move too fast, there is grave danger of bringing difficulty and embarrassment to our own units of organization, and possibly to the denomination as a whole.

The operating statements of a very large proportion of the units of organization in our territory reveal an unsatisfactory state of affairs for the current period. Many are showing mounting losses, and in some cases nothing adequate has been done yet to alter the trend. This is something which should receive the urgent attention of responsible leadership. This is not the time to be incurring losses. This is the time to put our house in order and to keep it so, and establish reserves for the times of financial stress which are doubtless before us. Already indications are appearing in several areas that should cause us to act wisely and prudently and to avoid building up a structure of expenditure that cannot be soundly financed.

Some unions are finding it necessary because of mounting costs of operation and lack of increasing income to cover such costs, to make adjustments that we all feel reluctant to make. We regret this necessity but believe that the ultimate welfare of the work for which they are held responsible will be better served thus, than by following a course which would create a burden of indebtedness.

Very soon the Budget Committee will be studying the appropriations voted by the recent Autumn Council of the General Conference for the year 1955. Fortunately the Class 1-A Appropriations have not been reduced, except in the case of the South China Island Union Mission whose budget is set separately by the General Conference and where an adverse change in the fixed rate of exchange more than absorbs the slight increase in the U. S. dollar figure.

For the rest of the Far Eastern Division, the small increase voted is scarcely sufficient to cover additional financial obligations undertaken by this field at the time of the General Conference Session.

The appropriations for Voice of Prophecy and Radio Correspondence Schools, and for Church Extension have been maintained at the 1954 level. For this we are most grateful. The amount voted to the Far Eastern Division generally for special appropriations for 1955 was just one half of the amount for the previous year, although an additional special grant of \$15,000 was set up for the Mountain View College. The special appropriation provided for the South China Island Union Mission was a comparatively small sum, being but a slender fraction of the amount granted for 1954.

This smaller income available for the year 1955, comes at a time when we could well use many times the amount provided for the previous year, instead of less. However, we are most grateful for the blessing of the Lord and the help of the brethren in granting the sums which are assured to us.

This reduction in available income for the year 1955 should impress upon us the danger of counting upon, and actually spending in advance, as has been done in more than one of our unions during the year 1954, moneys anticipated to be received during the ensuing year. We earnestly ask that responsible leadership guard against being persuaded into following such a course in these days of uncertainty.

Our courage is high. Our trust is in the Lord. His work will triumph and soon His glory will shine to the ends of the earth. May God help each of us to be found faithful stewards in the measure of responsibility which He has entrusted to us.

### BALANCE SHEET

September 30, 1954

ASSETS:		
Total Current Assets	M\$1,196,834.78	
Total Fixed Assets	41,794.52	
		M\$1,238,629.30
LIABILITIES:		
Total Liabilities		209,631.31
NET WORTH:		
Regular Net Worth	197,658.30	
Reserve Funds	831,339.69	
		M\$1,028,997.99

### OPERATING STATEMENT

January 1 to September 30, 1954

Income	M\$117,888.90	
Expense	72,484.11	
		M\$45,404.79
Net Gain for the Period		M\$45,404.79

## Summaries of Union Missions' Progress

### Indonesia Union Mission

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

Indonesia, a newly independent nation of 80 million people, is in the forefront of world affairs. Pushed, urged, and persuaded this way and that by conflicting ideologies, this young nation is trying to find its difficult path through the jungle of world politics. God's work must be developed upon a broad base of consecrated and well-trained workers, and this must be accomplished quickly.

A great deal of the credit for the recent progress of the work in Indonesia is due to the vigorous leadership and the gentle guiding hand of Elder N. C. Wilson. During the three years he spent there, national and overseas workers alike learned to love and respect him as a Christian brother and to follow confidently as a leader.

Brother E. A. Pender, publishing secretary, and his corps of local field leaders and battalions of colporteurs, have carried the goal banner over the top and have established new records for our union. Brother Pender kept books flowing to our colporteurs with one hand while he planned and supervised the building of a new publishing house with the other.

The moving of Indonesia Union Seminary to its new, beautiful, spacious location has been an almost superhuman task. The North Sumatra Training School will soon move out to their new location of 25 hectares of former tea estate land. The North Celebes Training School, hopelessly overcrowded even before completion, is operating strongly.

Brother Mauldin, our educational secretary, is giving strong emphasis to the church school program; and as teachers become available they are going out into the churches where the demand for schools and teachers is far beyond our ability to supply.

The Bandung Mission Hospital is making real strides forward. Additions to the buildings originally purchased will soon be open for use, enlarging the bed capacity from 30 to 70. Due to the evangelistic work of the doctors and the full-time chaplain, 29 souls have been added this year to the church through baptism.

Two of our overseas brethren, Brother Bartlett and Brother Wilcox, are now beginning to do actual evangelistic work. Coupled with their efforts, will be a training program for young ministers coming from our schools and for others who show promise of becoming able evangelists.

We must not forget that our primary purpose is to warn the world of the impending return of Jesus. This is the target for today in Indonesia, the focal point upon which converge all our efforts. The clacking voices of the linotypes spell out the message.



*Clyde C. Cleveland  
newly-elected president,  
Indonesia Union Mission.*

little red check-marks and a handwritten "Lesson well done!"

There are many evidences that the Lord is arising to finish the work in Indonesia and to cut it short in righteousness. Please pray that those of us who labor there will find the strength, the ability and the means to take advantage of the openings that are ours today!

### Japan Union Mission

BY F. R. MILLARD, *President*

Abram La Rue, the first witness for the Third Angel's Message in the Far East, was also instrumental in opening the work in Japan, for he brought the light of truth to Professor Grainger, our first missionary to Japan. Each of these pioneers left the memorial of his own grave to mark the opening of our work in the Orient.

The recent world war struck a severe blow to the church in Japan, and when we began again in 1946 there were fewer than five hundred believers listed on the newly-prepared church books. Today, we are glad that the figure is nearly 3,000, with an additional 2,000 in the Sabbath schools.

Japan Missionary College, with a present enrollment of 253, will be able to accept 350 students this coming year, thanks to a fine new dormitory for men. This school has pushed a vigorous evangelistic campaign, and reports 27 branch Sabbath schools, nine Bible study groups, and other activities. The students themselves have financed this work by selling literature totalling 472,000 yen during the year.

A few years ago, under the leadership of Miss Ethel Young, a very comprehensive Teachers' Guide was prepared for our elementary schools. This was published by our press, and copies were given to all Prefectural Educational Departments. Largely as a

result of this careful presentation of our principles and methods, the dean of our college and the teacher from the elementary school at the college, were invited to an educational council in the Ministry of Education. Mrs. Funada, the church school teacher, was asked as a result of this meeting to explain our plan of operation at a big convention in central Japan. Now the Ministry of Education has asked our permission to designate our school as a model for small schools.

A new wing was added to the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital, providing a modern, well-equipped surgical and obstetrical suite, as well as a new kitchen, dining room, laundry, boiler plant and 24 additional hospital beds. A class of eleven completed the nurses' course in 1954. Of 247 who sat for the national examination, these eleven were among the 94 who passed. In fact, our students took first and second place among the honor students.

Due to budget limitations, our Voice of Prophecy broadcasts were dropped from eight to five stations at the beginning of 1954. This has been a great disappointment to our people in Japan, for large areas are now without coverage. The Bible Correspondence Course has continued to grow, and reports over 17,000 new enrollments for the year. Our Voice of Prophecy radio program is now broadcast weekly in Okinawa free of charge.

Late in 1954 the book "Training Light Bearers" came from the press, and already training classes are in operation. We are greatly encouraged over the fine response given this plan for building up our lay work. The Sabbath School Department has completed and published the new study material, "Adventures in the Bible" for use in branch Sabbath schools. This field of endeavor has proved very effective in Japan.

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## Korean Union Mission

BY C. W. LEE, *President*

While the war in Korea has brought destruction and suffering to the people of Korea, and the believers in the Advent message have not been exempt from this trouble, nevertheless, as an agency in facilitating the finishing of the work of God on earth, this very destruction and distress has made a very large contribution. The Advent believers have been scattered in many places where the message had never been proclaimed with power before, and where they have gone they have taken root downward, have sprung upward, and have borne fruit in sharing their faith. Thus light is shining forth from numerous places in preparation for the final great burst of glory when the whole earth will be lighted with the Advent message. In Korea the stage is being set for that day, as companies of Advent believers are springing up everywhere.

The great objective of all the work in Korea is the saving of men and women for the kingdom of God. Up to date we have 1,006 baptisms reported for the year 1954. This is the largest in our history. There are many more awaiting baptism, but we have not had enough qualified ministers to give them their final preparation for church membership. At the end of September our membership stood at 4,919, including 750 counted as in North Korea, which may be far below the actual membership there. Reports are now being received from 242 Sabbath schools, large and small, with a membership of 16,102, which represents a gain of 65 new centers of light established during the past year, and a gain in believers of 6,011.

Better locations for churches have been obtained in many cities so that a larger evangelistic program can be carried on. Six new churches have been dedicated in 1954, including four large city churches. Only one incorporated city in Korea does not now have a church company and representative building from which the Advent message can go forth.

In spite of all the losses suffered by our people and the economic chaos which has followed the war, our church tithe has made almost unbelievable gains. Our members are paying a greatly increased tithe, evidently because they have greater faith in the message and its triumph.

Our colporteurs have sold much literature during the past year. When converted to dollars at average rate of exchange their sales amount to \$46,952.67 for eleven months. Our publishing house has had only one small press and a paper cutter with which to work, so has had to send out most of its work.

In the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School at present there are some 5,000 active students who send in approximately 10,000 lessons a month. We are unable to care for all the enrollments taken by colporteurs and our men in the army.

No phase of the work has shown greater gain than Christian education. In 1950 there were five elementary schools and one school combining junior and senior academies and junior college. Now we have 23 elementary schools, and the number will increase with the new school year beginning next spring. We have five junior academies, one senior academy and one college. Our whole student body, from elementary school upward, is almost all from Adventist homes.

We see the evidences of the dawn of the day when our Master will return. The door to men's hearts is open today in Korea as never before. If we do not give the message now it may be forever too late. We are already accomplishing as much in a day as formerly could be accomplished in a week. We request your help by prayer and also by means that we may take advantage of the great opportunity now before us to finish the work in Korea.

## Malayan Union Mission

BY J. M. NERNESS, *President*

Under ten flags these days many things can take place in a year, especially when those ten flags make up the Malayan Union Mission. 1954 marks a great rejuvenation of our departmental endeavor, and results are already becoming apparent. MV societies in 1953 numbered 13, and in 1954, 21. Our schools are receiving the direction and encouragement which they have needed. Five students graduated from our two-year college training course. Home missionary and Sabbath school endeavor experienced a revival.

The economy of all our missions is tied rather closely to rubber and tin. Recently the prices have dropped on these commodities, which has had its influence on our literature sales. Nevertheless, sales for the year will total M\$212,115.

Medical service represents a large part of our annual endeavor. This is largely a self-supporting work. Approximately 400 Asiatic workers and 39 overseas workers are employed in our eight institutions. All along the line, the evangelistic endeavor of our institutions has been strengthened by chaplains and Bible workers. One institution reports eight souls won in 1954.

North Borneo has exceeded its baptismal goal. 209 people were baptized in 1954, the majority of whom were found in paganism. Thirty-seven were baptized as the result of lay missionary work in this field. Elder Ho stirred up Sandakan with an evangelistic effort from which twelve were baptized. The first Christian church among this pagan race was built by us in 1954. At present, the foundations are being poured for the first brick Seventh-day Adventist church in North Borneo.

Since the time when the first workers to Sarawak were returned on the same ship in which they had come, until very recent months, our people had been under quarantine as if they had measles. A change has now come, and today the same government which restricted us is urging us forward in certain lines. Assistance was given during 1954 to locate one of our fine teachers and his wife in an area once prohibited. Assistance was also given to Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Coffin on their missionary journey into villages of which it is said no white physician or white woman had ever been. They treated over 700 people. In Sarawak we are being crowded into opportunities for which we are hardly ready. Youth with three to five years of education go out and raise up churches of transformed and reformed people. There is a keen demand for Adventist schools and teachers. These schools have been powerful instrumentalities in drawing the heathen to the light. Indeed, they are practically the only entering wedge.

In the Malay States Mission our laymen love this cause and are very helpful. Six were worshipping on the Sabbath near a small town where one of our brethren moved to live. When he left, more than sixty were regularly attending services. Brother and

Sister C. M. Lee have planned and are building a \$150,000 church building in Singapore which is to be presented as a gift to the work. The first Adventist church in the State of Johore is being erected on a beautiful site sixteen miles from here.

It is said that in Thailand 250,000 Buddhist young men are in schools training for the priesthood. We, who have the true message, have not provided for the training of our youth as we should, but now a suitable site for a school has been located. Time does not allow a report of the good work done by our medical institutions in Thailand, except to say that the free midwifery annex of the Bangkok Sanitarium has been opened, and 21 babies were born in it before its official opening on January 4 this year.

Indo-China has long suffered the vicissitudes of war, and is now suffering under an unusual peace; yet in all lines the work is going forward. A church building has been completed in Dalat to serve three different language speaking groups. By special Ministerial decree, Dr. E. O. Winton has been registered and permitted to open medical work. It is very seldom that the bamboo curtains part to allow those behind them to go free. We have had the good fortune to recover a lost church and to see a number of our people freed to worship again.

Our principal hope lies in the effective working of God's Holy Spirit. God can finish His work in these dark lands without us, but He does not want to. He has a blessing for us. Please pray that we may work earnestly and effectively under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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## North Philippine Union

BY M. C. WARREN, *President*

We have abundant reason for thanking the Lord for His care and blessing through another year. Not one worker has fallen by death. The political situation has improved under the new president. Roads are open for travel, and it is our duty to do all in our power to carry the message to all parts of our territory. We are glad to report that 1,924 individuals were baptized during the year 1954. That is 251 short of the number baptized in 1953, but in that year 543 were baptized in one city-wide effort in Manila.

Our church membership at the end of the third quarter was 17,574. We are confident that by the end of the year our membership will reach 18,000. We have 332 organized churches, 47 ordained ministers, 25 credentialed missionaries, 4 credentialed Bible instructors, 39 licensed ministers and 115 licensed missionaries. There is a total working force of 570.

Already by the end of the third quarter, 19,446 members were enrolled in the 435 Sabbath schools, and in nine months they had contributed US\$1,184.86 to our world-wide work.

There are 199 colporteurs, a smaller number than a year ago, but the sales have increased for the eleven months by US\$10,123.36. Students working for scholarships sold US\$15,325 worth of literature in 1954.

The work of evangelism is promoted by all of our leaders. 39 evangelistic efforts were conducted during the year, resulting in 505 baptisms. It would take a long report to tell of the work of our lay preachers. Pastor Banaag reports that 75% of the baptisms are the fruit of our lay workers. Some of the laymen have been holding two or three efforts every year.

The radio work continues with Elder Richards' Voice of Prophecy every Sunday morning and Elder Gibb's Voice of Hope every Sunday evening. Now we are on TV with Faith for Today. TV is new in the Philippines and there are but few programs. We hope in this way to reach with the message a class that we could not otherwise reach. Bible correspondence schools are being conducted in English, Tagalog, Ilocano and Chinese, with a total active enrollment of 4,027. 1,416 students were graduated last year. 146 are reported as keeping the Sabbath.

Elder V. R. Jewett, our educational secretary, reports that for the 1954-55 school year there is a total enrollment of 774 academy students and 3,169 elementary school students. Employed to man these schools were 31 academy teachers and 126 elementary school teachers.

During 1954, 3,350 patients were admitted to the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. Of these, 1,695 received free service amounting to P40,032.00. A new clinic has been opened in San Juan, and this clinic is more than paying its expenses. During the year 28 patients have been baptized as a direct result of the efforts of the hospital and student nurses.

## South Philippine Union

BY GIL DE GUZMAN, *President*

In January, 1951, the Division Council took official action to divide the Philippine Union into two unions. Hence, the South Philippine Union is four years old today. During these four short years the guiding hand of the Lord has been so evident we can exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

We joined the sisterhood of unions in the Division with a membership of 20,641, with 263 organized churches. At the close of September, 1954, our membership had risen to 29,229, with 360 organized churches, thus giving a net gain of 8,588 members in four years, or a yearly average of 2,147. Our total baptisms for the quadrennium were 11,572, which gives us a yearly average of 2,893. Our baptisms for 1954 were 3,230. The apparent discrepancy between our net gain in membership and our total baptisms is attributed to those who were dropped or disfellowshipped, either by death (147), by apostasy (698), and missing (443).

The past quadrennium may rightly be termed "building period," for it was during the last four years that the following construction was started and finished:

1. The South Philippine Union Mission headquarters building, completed in July, 1952.
2. The Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital, completed in July, 1953.
3. The Northern and Southern Mindanao Mission office buildings, completed in October, 1954.
4. The three permanent houses for our overseas workers and two permanent houses for our national teachers at Mountain View College, completed in 1954.
5. The Miller Sanitarium and Hospital in Cebu City, finished January 31, 1955.

We are grateful for the degree of faithfulness on the part of our people in their recognition of God's ownership of all the things they possess, and for their loyalty in supporting the closing work of God. In spite of natural catastrophes, our tithe for the first eleven months of 1954 is already P365,347.44. The total mission offerings contributed by our Sabbath schools for the quadrennium amounted to P335,542.90.

Our faithful colporteur evangelists have sold P1,146,210.60 worth of books and periodicals in the last four years, or an average of P286,552.67 a year. During the same period they have reported 707 souls won to the truth who are now baptized members of the church.

Our consecrated and devoted lay preachers are holding cottage meetings, giving Bible studies, and are reinforcing and supplementing the work of our ministers. About fifty per cent of our baptismal candidates were prepared by our laity.

Our small medical unit, the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital, is enjoying the patronage and support of the public. It was first intended to accommodate 25 in-patients, but it has been forced to take in from 35 to 40 patients most of the time. An ambulance has been bought and is rendering effective service in the neighboring towns and villages. Our medical director and his staff are pleading with us for funds so that they can build a new wing to the hospital to provide more space for those who are begging for admittance.

We have 85 church schools, 3 senior academies, 2 junior academies and 1 junior college. While we are far behind in our work at Mountain View College, as minutely outlined in the visionary Plan of Action, due to circumstances absolutely beyond our control, yet we find that our College staff is of good courage and our administration optimistic.

We have closed the work of God for 1954 with unceasing and sincere gratitude to the Lord. We enter the portals of 1955 encouraged and inspired by the blessings of some accomplishments in the past, and also profited by the mistakes and failures of the past which serve as stepping stones for future accomplishments for God and His work in 1955.

## FAR EASTERN DIVISION

*Evangelism*

By J. R. SPANGLER, *Secretary*  
*Ministerial Association*

*Over 100 Souls Accept Christ During Weeks of Prayer***Indonesia Union Seminary**

December 3-11, 1954

On an Indonesian mountain side near Bandung, Java, a successful evangelistic campaign is being conducted in our Indonesia Union Seminary which is filled to overflowing with over 300 students under the leadership of B. A. Aaen and the faithful faculty.

Operation "Exodus" took place a number of months ago, when the girl students and several faculty families moved from "Egypt" to the "Promised Land" of a new girls' dormitory and combination administration building, kitchen, chapel and dining hall. During the exodus, boy students moved some classroom equipment into the new quarters. However, the boys are still living in "Egypt" (the old Dutch cow barns).

This in no way dampened the effect or influence of God's Spirit during our week of prayer. Fifty young people, some with no Christian background whatever, took their first stand for Christ.

The follow-up work was well planned by Garth Thompson, A. P. Mamora, and L. Hogendorp. A baptismal class was started immediately. We trust that many of these students will be baptized shortly.

This school is a major evangelistic agency whose influence will never cease, as God-inspired students scatter over the regions of Indonesia.

**Philippine Union College**

February 18-25, 1955

Here, near Manila, we have one of our largest student bodies in the world,

During our week of prayer the Holy Spirit found lodgment in the hearts of all. A fine group of students publicly accepted Christ and joined others in a baptismal class taught by Pastor R. W. Wentland.

The angels must have been pleased to record the precious seasons of prayer by the faculty before each evening service; the penitent tears shed on the counsel room desk; the scores of testimonies given

in the eloquence of simplicity and humility; and the confession of sins leading to restoration of lost Christian experience.

I am sure Jesus was joyful as He witnessed the entire student body and faculty, gazing beyond this vale of sorrow, taking a solemn vow that by God's grace they would all meet together at His feet during the first worship service in heaven. This pledge was the week of prayer's benediction.

**Mountain View College**

February 5-12, 1955

Mountain View College is an evangelistic enterprise far in the mountains of Mindanao, Philippines. Nearly 300 students, from lower grades through junior college, are being evangelized and are evangelizing under the leadership of V. L. Bartlett, supported by an earnest Christian faculty. Only five students of baptismal age are not baptized. This could well be a record.

Even more noteworthy are the forty to sixty students who penetrate the sparsely settled mountain-and-valley areas each Sabbath in search of hidden soul-treasure. The last Saturday night of our week of prayer the young people conducted a thrilling evangelistic symposium which revealed that two churches have been built and many souls won as a result of the combined, zealous efforts of students and faculty.

A communion service ended the week of prayer in a spiritually unique way. Amid nature's splendor the blessings of the week were sealed to each heart as students and teachers knelt in the service of preparation, followed by the partaking of the symbols of Christ's body and blood. God was in our midst!

