



The third Voice of Prophecy graduation at the Manila Center. One hundred and sixteen had completed the Bible course, seventy-one of whom were present for the graduation exercises. Pastor H. M. S. Richards (center) was the guest speaker. At his right is Pastor L. E. Tucker, Voice of Prophecy secretary for the North Philippine Union Mission.

Voice of Prophecy Graduation

By J. R. Spangler

On April 9, it was my privilege to attend the third Voice of Prophecy graduation conducted at the Manila Center. This was the third Bible school graduation at our evangelistic center within a five-month period.

Pastor L. E. Tucker, Voice of Prophecy secretary for the North Philippine Union Mission, had organized a splendid program.

Pastor H. M. S. Richards was the featured speaker whose address centered around the theme, "The Mystery of God Shall Be Finished." Woven into his message were interesting details of how our worldwide Voice of Prophecy broadcasts

and Bible correspondence schools, are helping to finish God's work on the earth at a marvellous pace.

The accompanying picture shows the 71 graduates who were present out of the 116 students in the Manila area who completed the Bible course during the past five months.

Of special interest was the graduation of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Cucio. They have now been baptized and are faithful members of our church. Previous to his uniting with our church, Brother Cucio was the church treasurer of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. His responsible

position in the Central Bank of the Philippines gives him tremendous opportunities for witnessing.

Just previous to his graduation and baptism, Brother Cucio wrote Pastor Tucker a letter and we quote one particular paragraph which illustrates the importance of our correspondence schools. "The series of lessons in the course enabled me to see the Bible truths as if they were under a magnifying glass, thereby giving me a broader and right perspective as well as a crystal clear understanding of God's precepts and plan of salvation for all men, regardless of color or creed and status in life. What a wonderful experience! I could feel the Holy Spirit permeating me while searching the Scriptures, which now places me in a position to disseminate the gospel message

to those who hunger and thirst for it.”

This thrilling testimony should encourage you, dear reader, to enroll as many people as possible in our Bible correspondence courses. We little realize what effect the lessons will have on the life of some individual. Just think what a privilege it will be to meet someone in the kingdom who will shake your hand and say, “Thank you for enrolling me in the Bible correspondence course. I started on my way to heaven by studying those precious lessons.”

It was a pleasure to have participating in the service Pastor C. P. Sorensen, our Division president, and also Pastor A. J. Robbins, the president of the North Philippine Union Mission. Pastor P. P. Ramos, Voice of Prophecy secretary of the South Philippine Union Mission, was also a visiting guest.

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Christ Uplifted Among the Moslems

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A month prior to the evangelistic campaign at Tandjungkarang, South Sumatra, I went to visit the city and to make the necessary preparations. This city is in the southern tip of Sumatra and it is 95 percent Moslem, the same as the rest of Sumatra. Most of them are quite fanatical in their belief.

On April 21, just two days after the Moslem fasting month was over, the evangelistic campaign began. With the Lord's special help, we were able to rent a hall named “Balai Pradjurit.” This hall is owned by the army. In order not to arouse Moslem prejudice toward my meetings, I named my campaign “The Prophetic School.” On the opening night, the hall seating 400 was filled to capacity. Although there are some Christian churches in the town, we were surprised to see that 90 percent of the people present were Moslems. Knowing this, the first few nights no prayer was offered. The first



The hall where the evangelistic meetings were held in Tandjungkarang, South Sumatra. (Inset) Pangarisan Sitompul, evangelist.

lectures were mostly based on prophecies and their fulfillment in our day. We did not use our songbooks until the meetings had been going on for two weeks. The Moslems are not accustomed to singing, especially Christian songs. However, some special numbers were given from night to night by our members.

We permitted the audience to send in their questions and most of the questions dealt with whether or not we believe in the Koran and accept Mohammed as the last prophet. These questions were answered publicly. The lecture on the inspiration of the Bible and stressing that our primary source of preaching was from the books called the Old and New Testaments solved the problem of the Koran.

In order to deal with the question concerning Mohammed, I presented on Sunday night of the second week Christ as God and Creator and the only Saviour of mankind. I also emphasized that evening that from that time on Christ would be the center of our preaching on the prophecies. After the sermon, decision cards were passed out asking the audience to take their stand for Christ. We were happily surprised when 40 of those present signed the card. Since the Bible and Christ were now as it were accepted, we had confidence that the rest of the message could be preached without causing much trouble.

The evangelistic meetings lasted for three weeks—this was as long as we could have the use of the

hall. When the Sabbath truth was presented on the second Friday evening, an earnest appeal was again made asking those present who loved the Lord and were willing to keep His commandments to come and join us in our Sabbath worship services the following morning. Besides other non-Adventists, four Moslems came to our church for the first time. The decision to come to the church had to be made in one evening. It certainly was a real thrill to see these Moslems at our Sabbath services.

On the last Friday evening, the closing meeting in the hall, I planned to make an altar call. For reasons that we do not know, the Lord permitted rain to pour down all afternoon. It rained so hard that very few were able to come to the meeting. But the few who came we found were the most sincere for they came and sat through the meeting in their wet clothes. I made the altar call and almost the entire congregation came forward and surrendered their lives to Christ. We again invited those present to attend the Sabbath service on the following morning. On that beautiful day, April 8, we had planned for a baptismal service. Twenty persons were ready for that special occasion. These had been studied with before the meetings but they had not decided to be baptized. On that Sabbath morning four titles clicked together: “Hope for Today,” our filmstrips; “Tidings of Hope,” the name of our campaign; “Songs of Hope,” our songbook, and “Hope



The five Moslems baptized at Tandjungkarang, South Sumatra. Beginning third from the left, front row, they are: Ismael Hidajat, a printer, Ramli, a nurse, Mrs. Abudur'razak, Sofian, a student, Rahman, a student and the son of a Hadji. Brother Razak who was baptized on April 8 is not in the picture.

Beach," the name of the vacation beach. This was the first time I had named my campaign as told above. The beach was a lovely place and the scenery was beautiful. Three ministers who worked together in the campaign immersed the candidates, namely Pastor S. Ritonga, South Sumatra Mission president, Pastor H. C. Mende, district pastor, and the writer.

Among the group that was baptized, twenty precious souls, was a man by the name of Abdur'razak. He came from a very fanatical Moslem family. He tested the Lord several times before he was willing to accept the message. Brother Rozak had never studied the message before. The Holy Spirit convinced this man that this was the truth. He had been a nurse at the city hospital but he had left that work because of the corruption he saw among his fellow workers. He attended our meetings and when he listened to the fulfillment of prophecies about the wickedness of men in our day, he immediately took his stand without being asked. He requested Bible studies in the mornings and attended the meetings in the evenings. By the Lord's help he was able to quit smoking in three days. One of the tests he made to try the Lord happened on the last evening of the meetings in the hall. It was Friday evening and the next day there was to be a baptism. Just as our meeting was to begin that evening, his only son fell very ill. He asked Jesus Christ,

Whom he had accepted as his Saviour, to heal his boy. He prayed that his son might be healed before morning. The Lord answered his prayer that same evening, though the illness of the boy had kept him from coming to the meeting. Early the next morning, he came to apartment, happy because of the miraculous healing of his son. He begged that his wife be baptized with him. I told him kindly that his wife had better wait for she had not had the Bible studies he had received. However, both of them came to the church the next morning. His wife, a Manggalese, was baptized at the second baptismal service which was held on April 29. She is our

first convert from that Moslem tribe. Brother Rozak, being eager to spread the message among his own people, is now a literature evangelist. Being a devout Moslem before his baptism, he knows the Koran.

After the meetings closed in the large hall, the baptismal class met regularly for three weeks at the pastor's house. On April 29 five additional strong Moslems heretofore were baptized. So altogether six Moslems were baptized. As Pastor Ritonga said, "These six Moslems mean as much as 600 Christian converts in a Christian territory." Yes, it is true. It is not easy to convert Moslems. Evangelists in Moslem territory all over the world realize this. Thanks be to God for His wonderful help in winning these souls to Him.

Baptism at Indonesia Union Seminary

By B. A. Aaen, President

As a fitting climax to the Spring Week of Prayer at Indonesia Union Seminary conducted by Pastor C. D. Martin, fifteen souls were baptized on Sabbath, May 6, in the stream near the school.

Normally, we have but one baptism during the school year but this year eleven students in Pastor Mamora's baptismal class pleaded to be baptized earlier and their request was granted on March 4. Every young person in this first group of baptismal candidates came from non-Adventist homes. Some were from Buddhist homes, some from Moslem families and some were Protestants.



Indonesia Union Seminary students baptized during this school year. Pastor B. A. Aaen, president of the Seminary, stands at the extreme left and Pastor A. P. Mamora, Bible teacher, at the extreme right.



Pastor and Mrs. H. M. S. Richards (fourth from the right and left) with C. P. Sorensen and friends in Cebu City where Pastor Richards spoke to an audience of 800 in the Capitol Center.

In this second group to be baptized were two Sundanese ladies from the village nearby. They are the firstfruits of six years of effort to preach the gospel to our Moslem neighbors. It was not easy for them to take this step for they were opposed by the village religious teacher and by their families and friends. The children of one of these women are now being taunted in their school about their mother being a Christian and so they want to join our little church school here on the Seminary campus. We hope now that a break has been made, others will follow. Several have received Bible studies and one group is even now studying with Brother Rifai Boerhannudin but it is difficult for them to come all the way. Frequently there are problems of polygamy and they are not easily solved.

We are especially grateful for the services of Pastor Martin for this Week of Prayer. Surely the Lord used him in a strong way to point teachers and students alike once more to Christ. His crowded counselling schedule and the enthusiastic participation of the students in prayer bands are a testimony to the success of the meetings.

On the final Sunday evening of Pastor Martin's visit, he showed kodachrome slides of the recent Far Eastern Youth Congress held in Manila. During the program he told of the inspiration and blessings of that great meeting. Two Indonesian delegates, Martin Mandias of our school, and John

Manullang, MV secretary of the West Java Mission, also commented on the pictures.

At the close of this program, a very appropriate investiture service was held. It was a thrill to see 21 Master Guides receive their insignia. In addition to these three were invested as Guides, 15 as Explorers, 8 as Companions, and 19 as Friends. There were also a number of younger children who received their respective pins. This was a fine demonstration of the MV activities that are being carried on in our school.

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H. M. S. Richards
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Two days before the well-publicized Far Eastern Division Youth Congress in Manila, Pastor and Mrs. H. M. S. Richards, accompanied by Pastor C. P. Sorensen, visited Cebu City for the first time. Pastor Richards spoke to the almost 800 brethren and friends who thronged the Capitol Center, after which he handed the certificates to 65 persons who had completed the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence course.

The party also visited the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, East Visayan Academy and the well-known tourist attraction, the Magellan Monument of Maotan Island, whose caretaker was promptly enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course.

"We shall never forget him," commented one brother. "We hear his voice come to us every Sunday morning."

Worshipping in A
Roofless Church

Sabbath, June 3, 1961, is a day that will long be remembered by the brethren and sisters of Cagayan de Oro city church. The services were carried on as usual but the experience was unusual for the folks worshiped the Lord in a roofless chapel.

Since the first week in May, the work of remodeling the chapel has been going on. The flat roof has been removed and a regular church style roof is being built. A wonderful spirit of cooperation has been manifested since the work began. Every church member—men, women, youth and children—has a mind set to the completion of the work. The labor is very well distributed and all are enjoying the share they have in working toward the noble end of having a church edifice at the headquarters of the Northern Mindanao Mission that will rightly represent the message we preach.

—**F. M. Arrogante**

Mothers and Fathers Honored

By Mrs. Crispina S. Calahat
Parent and Home Education Leader
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The Parent and Home Education as a department is a great force for good in the Western Mindanao Mission. The objective of the department in imparting to parents the know-how of training their children rightly, and to make their respective homes an ideal Christian dwelling, is now fast becoming a reality in many churches in this mission.

Just recently church officers' conventions were held in the different churches in the Western Mindanao Mission. Mrs. E. L. Lamera, the secretary of the department under consideration, stressed the advantages of Christian education, child guidance, and cleanliness in the home.

At the convention at Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte, which started on February 28 and closed on the 4th of March, Mrs. Lamera introduced some incentives to inspire the parents in implementing the valuable instructions she had given them. To make this so, she sponsored a special program and a colorful ceremony on Friday afternoon, March 3, giving special honors to worthy parents. From among the parents from the different churches who attended, choices were made from whom to select the fathers of the year, the mothers of the year, and those who have the cleanest houses in each church represented, these to be given special distinction during the ceremony. These special individuals were requested to wear the Tagalog attire (men) and the Filipino dress (ladies). One of the basis for the

selection of those who were worthy of honor and distinction was that not one of their children is studying in a non-Adventist school. It was felt that the husband and wife are always at peace if they send their children to our own schools.

In the special program prepared by Mrs. Lamera for that afternoon, the disadvantages of studying in non-Adventist schools and the advantages in studying in the Adventist schools were portrayed in dialogue form by trained church school pupils. The moral lessons greatly impressed the parents.

After the program, the worthy fathers and mothers were crowned with floral wreaths. In one of the accompanying pictures, Mrs. Socorro Villaester is being crowned with a garland and a sash of honor by the writer to give her the distinction of being the mother of the year for Sindangan church. We had learned that in all respects she is a model mother.

Among others honored were the following: Leopoldo Desameor, father of the year in the Sindangan church. Mrs. Iluminada Villaester of Lebasan church was honored for having the cleanest house. Mrs. Asteria Singuillo and Mrs. Nena Macias were also honored for having the cleanest houses in the Sindangan church. Joel Mananquel was father of the year for Salug church. Ariston Nalzaro was father of the year for Balacan church. Mrs. Soledad Tabotabo was mother of the year for Salug church and Mrs. Teodorica Cabil for the Balacan church. They were all very happy to be selected for these honors from among the many parents. They hope to lead again, not only to receive the sash of honor but to be shining lights for the Master in their respective communities.

A Mission School for the Manobos

By F. M. Arrogante

The gospel of the Lord knows no barriers. The commission of the Lord bids the penetration of the message into "the highways and byways and bid them come."

On May 19 a group of ten brave soldiers of the Lord set out on foot, climbing the mountains and wading the muddy, marshy trails and terrains in the heavily forested areas of the hilly and mountainous Bukidnon province, reaching 119 kilometers into the hinterlands of Northern Mindanao in order to survey Kayaga, San Fernando, Valencia, Bukidnon, as the target for another mission school. They negotiated the distance in three and one-half days—hiking up—and one and one-half days going downstream on a bamboo raft. The spies of modern Israel, led by Brother V. J. Socong, our mission educational secretary, came back home reporting that the land is a very fertile field.

Everyone in the survey party was a Caleb and a Joshua in that their report was unitedly in favor of opening at once a mission school at Kayaga. Their report includes the pitiful fact that the people in the area do not have enough food. The adults are only half clad and the children totally naked from birth till twelve years' of age. It is difficult to distinguish the men from the women for all have long hair.

Brethren and Sisters, we may not be able to satisfy the material wants of these heathen Manobos but we promise to do our best to give them their real need—the saving power of the gospel of salvation.

Mrs. Socorro Villaester receives the sash which designated her as the model mother of the year chosen from the Sindangan Church. Mrs. Crispina S. Calahat made the presentation.

The fathers and mothers who were honoured at the church officers' convention at Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte, for being the best fathers and mothers, chosen from the churches represented.



Colporteurs Receive Sales Instruction

By A. N. Santiago,
Publishing Secretary
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To acquaint more of our literature evangelists with the art of salesmanship, annual institutes are held in the different missions here in the South Philippines. Just recently East Visayan Mission enthusiastically imparted some sales instruction to her colporteurs in Ormoc City, May 9-13, 1961. Pastor A. N. Santiago, union mission publishing secretary, led out in giving the instruction with the able assistance of Pastor F. D. Lao, the mission's publishing secretary, Brother Sabino Gepaya, the assistant mission publishing secretary; and Sister Ophelia Flores, the magazine leader of the mission.

as a direct result of the canvassing work. We are thankful to God for the wonderful work our colporteurs are doing even during hard times. May we therefore solicit your prayers in behalf of our self-sacrificing colporteurs in the South Philippine Union Mission.

Church School Evangelism

By B. C. Calahat,
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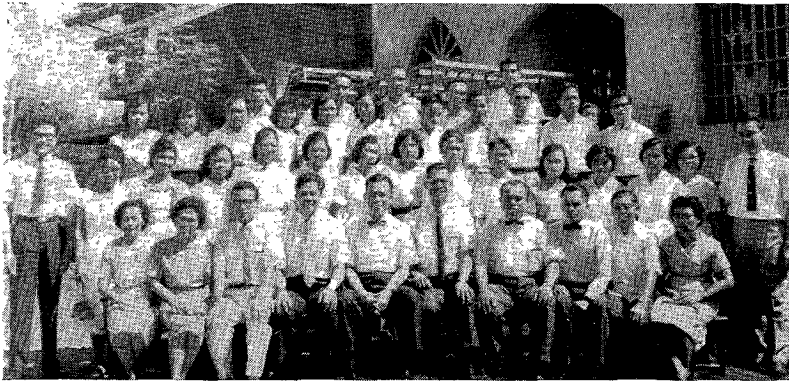
The Salug Seventh-day Adventist church in the Western Mindanao Mission was organized in 1930. As we trace back the history of this church from its infancy, we learn that the brethren composing this church membership have always been interested in Christian education. Within a short time after the church was estab-

who interested the members in Christian education. Because of his educational qualifications, the East Visayan Mission appointed him to teach the first church school at Salug in 1932.

Through the years under the instruction of Christian teachers, such as Anacleto Undap, Romulo Pasco, Pascual Abella and others, a large number of children have been baptized each year. Since the war years the school has been taught by such faithful teachers as Fortunata Pueblos, Ruth Pacamalan, Esther Pueblos, Dinah Pueblos and others and hundreds of children have been baptized.

About ten months ago, the Western Mindanao Mission committee voted to employ Mrs. Rafaela Suan to teach the Salug church school. She, too, did not only teach reading, arithmetic, language, geography and other subjects, she taught the true science of salvation based upon the Holy Bible, the Word of God. As a result of her fervent devotion and efforts, eleven church school children gave their hearts to Jesus and were baptized by the writer on the 25th of December, 1960, at the time of the large Sabbath School and MV district association rally at Salug.

From a very humble beginning, the brethren in this church have not shrunk from their responsibility to give their children a Christian education. Through the years they have operated a school and now they are, as we say, moving heaven and earth in their endeavor to build a government accredited elementary school in June.



East Visayan Mission literature evangelists with their president, J. R. Obregon (fourth from the right) and A. N. Santiago (center), publishing secretary, South Philippine Union Mission.

Thirty-one literature evangelists were greatly encouraged by the messages given by Pastor J. R. Obregon, president of the East Visayan Mission, and Brother J. M. Coloma, the mission treasurer, who also helped in the institute.

About 400 brethren attended the Sabbath morning service. Members from Carnotes Island and other neighboring churches also came and responded to the call to consecration extended that Sabbath morning by Pastor Santiago.

Inspiring and thrilling experiences in the colporteur work were given Sabbath afternoon, May 13, by the different colporteur evangelists. To date our literature evangelists in the East Visayan Mission have sold 23,386.72 pesos' worth of books and magazines. Two precious souls were baptized

lished, the brethren opened a church school for the education of their children. In fact, Brother Anacleto Undap, said to be the first believer in Salug, was the one

The Salug church school teacher witnesses the baptism of 11 pupils. The four young people in the center were the fruits of work done by the MV Association.



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The science of salvation is the most important science to be learned in the preparatory school of earth.
—C. T. p. 19.



The ten candidates baptized as a result of a branch Sabbath school conducted under the leadership of Timoteo Alburia of the Mapang Church.

Lengthening the Ropes

By B. C. Calahat
District Pastor

The Seventh-day Adventist church of Mapang is located in the town of Rizal, Zamboanga del Norte. It was organized after World War II. Its members are soul winners. Two years ago several of the brethren in the church went to a big barrio by the name of Sebutad to conduct a branch Sabbath school. They went equipped with Picture Rolls, Bibles and songbooks. After a hike of fifteen kilometers they reached Sebutad. They found a fairly large house and asked permission of the owner, a non-believer, to hold a meeting in this house—it would rather be a story-telling hour. To begin with they had their little meeting under the shade of a big tree on the lawn very close to the house.

This meeting was held every week and to attract the people to it they sang religious songs. During the singing adults and children would gather around. When they had an audience, the brethren would tell some of the Bible stories—Noah and the Ark, Joseph in Egypt, and the story of Abraham, the Patriarch. Each meeting was closed by singing a hymn. Before the brethren took their departure they would shake hands with the folks who had come and thank them for their kindnesses and hospitality.

The brethren under the leadership of Timoteo Alburia continued to visit Sebutad. They held the branch Sabbath school in the same house and continued their friendly hand-shaking gesture. The owner of the house and the others who came were fascinated by this friendliness and it became the opening wedge for the entrance of the

message. In the space of one and one-half years, the owner of the house and his family were converted and also some of the neighbors.

On December 31, 1960, the writer was privileged to bury ten dear souls in the watery grave. This baptism was held in connection with a Sabbath school rally at the Mapang church.

In the book of Mark, the second chapter and the seventeenth verse, we are admonished to be fishers of men. In Isaiah 54:2 we are asked to lengthen the ropes and strengthen the stakes. The brethren of Mapang church hiked 15 kilometers in their endeavors to lengthen the ropes. We must all rally to the finishing of the work of God in preaching the gospel to all the world in this generation.

Lay Preachers

Go on Tour

By Rex G. Arceo-Primerio

About 60 lay preachers from all over the South Philippine Union Mission were given the unique privilege of participating in an educational tour of Manila, its environs and then Baguio City in the Mountain Province Mission, from March 25 to April 2, 1961. This tour was taken just prior to the opening of the Far Eastern Youth Congress which was held at Philippine Union College.

The special group was selected from among 1,000 lay preachers who had distinguished themselves in outstanding missionary work in the past. To qualify for this tour the participants had to fulfill such requirements as 1) having won not less than ten souls to the truth during the year 1960. 2) they must have conducted at least one series of cottage meetings that year; 3)



The new believers are welcomed into church fellowship. Each one is presented a white flower as a token of the purity of the life of Jesus, the life they have just accepted.

and individually each must have turned in not less than 35 pesos in the Ingathering. There were several other requisites.

It was an enthusiastic group that met in Manila about a week before the Youth Congress started. Some of the lay preachers were housed in the Manila Central Church; others lodged and boarded with relatives and friends in the city and environs. The group was very much impressed with the manner in which the tour was carried on. There was no hurry and scurry and each time they came to a designated place to be visited, the red carpet seemed to be unrolled for them. The efficiency with which the tour was managed and the courtesies extended wherever they went was due mainly to the unerring timing and advance arrangements made especially for the group by Pastor L. A. Yutoc. He was the tour's organizer and leader and he was assisted by Pastor Jose M. Herrera, liaison officer of the South Philippine Union Mission.

Among the places visited by the lay preachers were the Central Luzon Mission headquarters, Sta. Ana Church,—the first Seventh-day Adventist church organized in the Philippines, Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, Manila Zoo, International Fair, Rizal Shrine, National Museum, 7 Up Company, Malacanyan Palace and Park, Philippine Publishing House, Philippine Union College, Northern Luzon Academy, Angeles Church, Calamba (the birth place of Rizal), Los Banos, Balara, etc. They stood on what seemed to them to be almost sacred ground as they neared the old Luneta where the Filipino hero and martyr,



The sixty lay preachers who visited many areas of the North Philippine Union Mission prior to the Youth Congress. Here they are seen at the rear of the Baguio City church.

Dr. Jose P. Rizal, was shot. Hardly a dry eye was in evidence as they stood at this spot, praying that they might be heroes for Christ, as Rizal had been for the nation. Following this the group went to Baguio where they spent two days seeing many interesting sights.

The group received a great deal of spiritual inspiration from this tour. It was with regrets that they had to say goodbye and return to their respective homes in the Visayas and Mindanao. But they were filled with a desire to win more and more souls to lay at the Master's feet! No tour on earth can ever be compared with the thousands of years that will be spent by God's saints in visiting other planets of the universe. Our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ will be the Guide on those excursions. That is one tour we will all wish to qualify for—surely not one of us will want to miss it!

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A New Home for the Newest Department

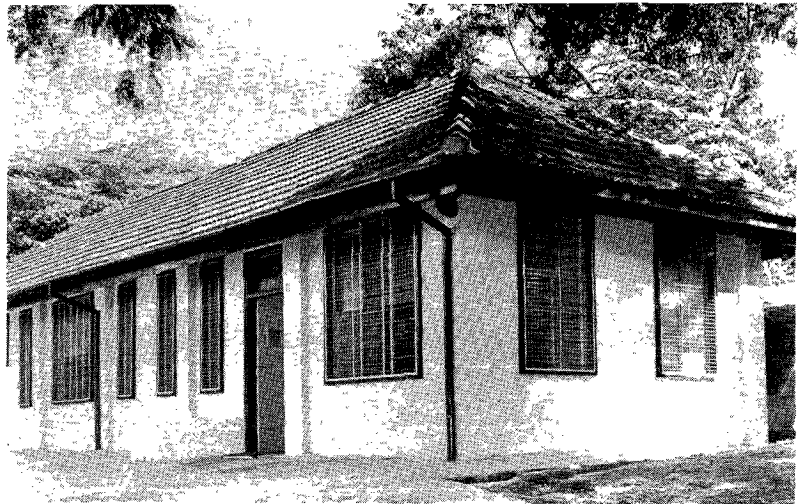
By P. G. Miller, President Southeast Asia Union College

For several years, the Board of Directors of Southeast Asia Union College has recognized that there has been a definite need for a music department in the school. After months of careful planning, the board has been able to provide personnel, buildings, and equipment to fill the need. Professor Nestor Zamora, assisted by several qualified student teachers, has played a leading role in the founding of this new department. Professor Zamora came to Singa-

pore from our sister institution in the Philippines, Philippine Union College.

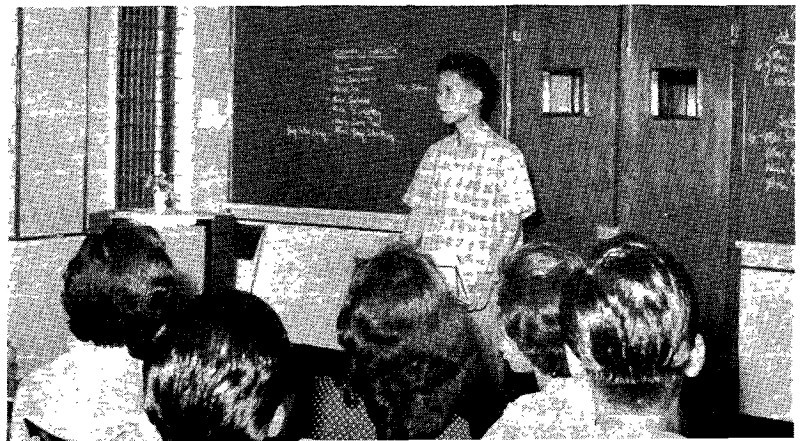
The music department has grown so rapidly from the very beginning that it has been necessary to provide a separate building for it. To properly house this fledgling department, the Southeast Asia

Union Mission offered to make available for remodelling a row of garages. This remodelling has now been practically completed and Professor Zamora and his assistants have been able to move into their new home. When the remodelling is finally completed, the music studio will have an office, three



Outside view of the new music studio at Southeast Asia Union College.

Nestor Zamora, head of the music department, conducting a class in the ensemble room of the new music studio.

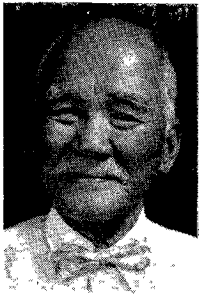


teaching studios, a small ensemble practice room, a larger ensemble practice room, and three piano practice rooms.

The demand for music instruction has grown greatly since the inception of the department and an invitation has been extended to Miss Nobleza Pilar of Manila to join our faculty. Miss Pilar will specialize in piano, organ, and voice instruction. Professor Zamora will thus be able to give more of his time to such group organizations as band, orchestra and chorus. We expect continued growth from our youngest department in the years that lie ahead.

Life Sketch of Pastor Phang Nyuk Thin*

Phang Nyuk Thin was the first national to be ordained to the gospel ministry in the Southeast Asia Union Mission. He first accepted the third angel's message in 1916 and was baptized by the late Pastor F. A. Detamore in Singapore.



Pastor Phang was born August, 5, 1875, now 86 years ago, in Chikim of Kwangtung China, of Christian parents. He had never known what it was to burn incense nor bow the knee to idols.

At an early age, his father brought him to a German Basel Mission School where for 14 years he was trained for the work of the ministry. Pastor Phang was employed by the same mission in the capacity of teacher and preacher. He married Miss Hee Shin En who passed to her rest January 8, 1954.

In the year 1910, Pastor Phang was transferred to British North Borneo as an overseas missionary. Here a relative of his, a colporteur, introduced the Advent message to him through tracts and other Adventist literature. He was soon convinced that the seventh-day is the Sabbath and then and there he decided to resign from the Basel Mission and moved with his family to Penang. K. M. Adams, principal of the Singapore Training School, came personally

to Penang to invite Pastor Phang to Singapore, first to be trained for the ministry and later, after he had completed the Bible Training Course, he was put in charge of that same course in the Chinese department. For 14 years he was actively connected with that department in training workers for the field. During summer vacations, Pastor Phang participated in evangelistic campaigns in various cities, such as Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, Penang and Medan. He was instrumental in bringing many precious souls into the truth. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1920.

After his retirement at the age of 60, he joined the colporteur ministry. In 1940, Pastor Phang accompanied his daughter Helen to Bangkok. Dr. Ralph Waddell invited Pastor Phang to act as the chaplain of the Clinic.

In the year 1954, Pastor Phang was privileged to attend the General Conference session held in San Francisco. He remained in the States for another ten months, staying with his doctor son in Los Angeles.

Like Moses of old, despite his advancing years, Pastor Phang's eyes were not dim nor his natural force abated. Faithfully he kept his bi-weekly appointment to preach and to give out tracts to outpatients at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital. On his last Sabbath, Pastor Phang was seen giving an enthusiastic study on the importance of keeping the Law of God. He exhorted the members to be faithful and to await the soon coming of the Lord.

On Sabbath afternoon, May 6, he was out for his usual walk and while crossing the road he was hit by a motor vehicle and died soon after being admitted to the hospital. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor W. A. Martin and was attended by a large host of friends and relatives.

Left to mourn are three sons: Pastor Y. H. Phang of Hong Kong, Dr. Samuel Phang of California, Philip Phang of Bangkok; and three daughters, namely Mrs. Wen of Bangkok, Mrs. Helen Fong and Mrs. Y. Y. Poong of California, and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

For 40 years Pastor Phang faithfully served the Lord and all who knew him loved him as a friend and a man of God. A mighty

prince in Israel has fallen. Our brother has fought a good fight and like the Apostle Paul, Pastor Phang awaits the resurrection morning when he will see his Saviour face to face.

*Read at the funeral service May 8, at the Sanitarium church in Bangkok.

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Two Missions Hold Summit Meeting

By B. B. Alsaybar,
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Two groups of ambassadors met for a summit meeting in Baguio, the "Summit Capital" of the Philippines, February 8 to 11, 1961.

No, there were no ambassadors in the political sense from two opposite camps with conflicting ideologies but ambassadors for Christ from two missions, the Northern Luzon and Mountain Province.

They did not meet to settle some problems of the cold war or some crisis in remote Africa but to have a summit experience—that mountain-top experience of sweet Christian fellowship of workers with one another and communion with the Master who reminded His laborers of the necessity to "come apart and rest a while."

This Baguio summit of Christian workers was characterized by unity from beginning to end—a fitting symbol of the perfect harmony that will surely characterize the association of God's elect in that land that is to come. As they associated together, slept under one roof, enjoyed tasty and balanced vegetarian meals, and listened to inspiring and heart-stirring messages, enlightening Bible studies and mature counsel from Pastor C. P. Sorensen, representing the Division, and Pastors A. J. Robbins, H. W. Bedwell, J. O. Bautista and R. C. Williams from the union mission, Pastors J. A. Bangloy of the Northern Luzon Mission and A. A. Damocles of the Mountain Province Mission, all felt that the all-to-brief stay

together was a veritable summit chapter in the lives of all.

On Sabbath afternoon we listened to a thrilling two-hour symposium by district leaders from the two missions. They inspired the listeners with the thrilling experiences in the onward march of the message in their respective districts. Reports of the triumphs of the Cross in the hinterlands of Mountain Province gave the brethren a fresh glimpse of the hardships of our workers in that area and their self-sacrificing spirit.

With renewed vigor these ambassadors for Christ returned from their summit conference determined to make 1961 a greater year in the cause of God.

Another First— A Leadership Training School

By R. A. Van Arsdell
Publishing Department Secretary
North Philippine Union Mission

Twenty-three publishing department leaders were privileged to attend the first Publishing Department Leadership Training School ever held in the North Philippine Union Mission. The meetings were held in the chapel of the Philippine Publishing House at Baesa, Calococan, Rizal, April 10-13.

E. A. Brodeur, publishing department secretary of the Division, was the principal teacher. He was assisted by E. A. Pender, manager of the Philippine Publishing House, M. G. Jereos, union mission auditor, and R. A. Van Arsdell, union mission publishing department secretary.

Assignments were given each day on the following subjects: "History of the Publishing Work in the Seventh-day Adventist Church," "How I Train My Literature Evangelists," and "The Plan I Am Using to Recruit Literature Evangelists." The class participated in quizzes during each session.

Joint class sessions were held each day. Also at specified times separate classes were held for the B&PA personnel and the publishing department secretaries.

To begin each day, various leaders from the Division and the Union Mission led out in devotional talks. The devotional studies were conducted by C. P. Sorensen, president of the Far Eastern Division,



Publishing department leaders who attended the Leadership Training School held at the Philippine Publishing House. R. A. Van Arsdell, fifth from left, is the union mission publishing secretary.

C. D. Martin, MV secretary of the Division, A. J. Robbins, union mission president, and the writer. Lectures were given on "Self Improvement," and "Public Relations."

Awards were given to the best students in each section. Miss Rebacca Marquez, assistant publishing secretary of the Central Luzon Mission, received the award in the publishing department secretaries' class, and E. S. Salvador, B&PA manager of Southern Luzon Mission, received the award in the B&PA section.

All who attended this important meeting expressed their appreciation for the advanced training and the knowledge gained about our publishing work. We believe our work will be strengthened because of this successful leadership training course.

Our literature evangelists are faithful in not only selling our books and magazines but they are also faithful in endeavoring to provide literature to those who are not able to purchase the same. In the picture below we see Pastor R. A. Van Arsdell standing by his station wagon which is loaded with more than 300 bundles of literature. These bundles were given to one of our literature evangelists at an institute in the Northern Luzon Mission. He would gladly have taken more if they had been available. Comfort and hope will be brought to even the poorest of homes by the distribution of this free literature.



NPUM Sabbath School Progress

● At the close of the year 1960, the North Philippine Union Mission showed gains in all items but two—number of Vacation Bible Schools and Birthday-Thank Offerings.

● Nine new Sabbath schools were added making the total number of Sabbath schools in the union mission 528. There was a membership gain of 4,344 or a total membership of 28,912.

● 1960 was "Branch Sabbath School Year" and there was a gain of 23 such schools over that of 1959, making a total of 101 branch Sabbath schools. However, this is less than one-fifth of the number of Sabbath schools in the union

mission. The goal is for every Sabbath school to conduct at least one branch Sabbath school.

- A total of 1,876 Sabbath school members were baptized in 1960, an increase of 516 over the year before. An average of 36 persons brought to the fold each week of the year!

- The number of Vacation Bible Schools dropped to 37 from 40 but there was an increase of 58 in enrollment and eight were baptized.

- The book **Dynamic Teaching** was adopted as the textbook for the Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course. Nine classes were organized and 159 completed the course.

- A slight loss was registered in the Birthday-Thank Offering but there was a small gain in the Investment offering. This is Investment Year and the goal for the world field is one million dollars (US). In NPUM the per capita investment offering was P .34. To do our share proportionately toward raising the one million dollars it will be necessary to increase the per capita giving to P .50.

- The total Sabbath school offering for the year 1960 was P89,778,50, a gain of P2,427.62 over that of 1959.

Accomplishments, however meager, bring rejoicing to our hearts. Every Sabbath school officer and member can help make an even better report for 1961.

—J. O. Bautista, Secretary
Sabbath School Department

The seventh annual graduation exercises of the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing were held March 24-26, 1961. Dr. Ichinose, the associate medical director, gave the consecration address on Friday evening. We were privileged to have Pastor H. M. S. Richards as the speaker for the baccalaureate service. Pastor T. H. Blincoe, ministerial secretary of the Japan Union Mission, gave the commencement address. Thirteen young people received diplomas at this time. In the picture we see the graduates and the teachers in the School of Nursing.

—Ellen McCartney, Director
School of Nursing



Home nursing graduates pose for a picture with Atty. Anastacia Zambrano, Pangasinan Red Cross Chapter administrator (extreme right), Mrs. A. P. Bangloy, instructor, (second from right) and Miss Delia Hollero, Chapter Service Representative (extreme left).

Thirty Students Complete Red Cross Home Nursing Course

Thirty fourth-year students graduated from the Home Nursing course at the Northern Luzon Academy. The class was conducted by Mrs. Adeline P. Bangloy, academy nurse and vocational teacher, and graduation exercises were held on March 21, 1961. This subject is being taught every year to enrich the course in Vocational IV—Homemaking. The course, as outlined by the Philippine National Red Cross, calls for twenty hours of lectures and demonstra-

tions. The students are taught general care of the sick in the home and special emphasis is given to baby care.

Attorney Anastacia Zambrano, Provincial Red Cross Administrator, was the commencement speaker and he lauded the efforts of the school in endeavoring to teach the students "not only theoretical things but also practical things."

Asked if she planned to offer the home nursing course again this school year, Mrs. Bangloy replied: "O yes, especially because one of our seniors was married just after graduation!"

—B. B. Alsaybar, Principal
Northern Luzon Academy



NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Bruce and their three children, Jimmy, Jeanie and Judy, returning from furlough, arrived in Singapore on Sunday night, July 2. Brother Bruce is the assistant treasurer of the Far Eastern Division. Prior to their furlough, the Bruces lived in Tokyo, Japan, where he served as secretary-treasurer of the Japan Union Mission. We welcome this addition to our Division compound family.

● In a letter to Pastor A. E. Gibb, dated June 27, Dr. R. G. Manalaysay gives the latest enrollment figures at Philippine Union College, as follows: college, 671; academy, 239; elementary, 274, making a total enrollment of 1184.

● C. E. Syphers, M. D., after an absence of a few years, has returned to Japan to again join the staff at the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital. Dr. Syphers was the medical director of that institution before going on leave. Mrs. Syphers and the children will join him later. We know that the Japan Union Mission and the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital in particular are happy to have Dr. Syphers in their midst again.

● Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Meinhardt and children are expected to arrive in Okinawa on the 9th of July. Dr. Meinhardt will be the medical director of the Okinawa Medical Center. When called to our Division, he was a practicing physician and surgeon in National City, California. Dr. Meinhardt is the grandson of the late Pastor F. H. Robbins, for many years president of the Columbia Union Conference in the States. To the Meinhardt family we say, Welcome to the Far East!

● Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bird and Martin, Jr., have returned to Tokyo, Japan, after furloughing in the States. Brother Bird is the manager of the Japan Publishing House. While in the homeland he was employed by the Columbia Union College Press and Mrs. Bird taught in the John Nevins Andrews church school in Takoma Park.

● Miss Eva Louise Roberson has been appointed by the General Conference Committee to be the dean of girls at the Far Eastern Academy. She expects to arrive in Singapore about the first of August.

● We are sorry to report that Pastor K. W. Tsai, father of Dr. Luke and Pastor Samuel Tsai, is very ill at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital following surgery. Many prayers are being offered in his behalf and we know our **Outlook** readers will unite their prayers with those of relatives and friends to the end that God's will may be done.

● It is always a pleasure to report that missionaries are returning to their posts of duty. Dr. and Mrs. Franklin N. Crider and their three children spent a few days with friends in Bangkok before going to Bhuket where Dr. Crider is the medical director of the Bhuket Mission Clinic. While in the States, Dr. Crider did post-graduate work at the University in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Criders are now beginning their third term of service in this Division.

● The Youth Center at the rear of the Balestier Road church is nearing completion. Three Sabbath school divisions are happy in their new rooms, namely the youth's, kindergarten and cradle roll divisions. The rooms are spacious and the furniture in the children's divisions has received fresh coats of paint—blue, pink, yellow, etc.

● Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Tolhurst and family are scheduled to leave Okinawa for their home leave soon. The Okinawa Medical Center was opened during Dr. Tolhurst's term of service and he has been the director up until the present time.

Evangelism Success in Korea

Quoting from a letter to C. P. Sorensen from C. H. Davis under date of June 21:

"We are still getting large numbers of converts from the non-Christian world. They are coming to us as they did in 1960 but in larger numbers. The same is true of Christians but this year many more are coming from other churches than in any previous year. Ministers and church leaders are reported coming to us with their flocks in all four of our missions. In some cases they bring nice church buildings with them. In other cases they are appealing to us to help them build houses of worship. We are unable to respond to these appeals. These church lead-

ers are coming to us from prominent Protestant denominations.

"In the Middle East Korean Mission a pastor from one of the popular Protestant churches has joined us. He has been a minister for 23 years and often wondered about the Sabbath. After joining us he called for meetings in his village and 400 people attended, many of whom want to join our church as soon as we have a building for them.

"The depression in Korea is pretty bad but it is not affecting our church too much. Tithes and offerings are showing a large increase. The press is more than busy and has work for months ahead. The hospitals are doing well and are full of patients. Colporteurs are having a hard time but making a living. **Signs** subscriptions are now up to about 20,000 monthly . . . God is doing a great work for us here in Korea.

"The new government is military, as you are aware of. One of their new regulations is that all men of military age, who have not served in the army, must register for service, and of course await their call. In the meantime they must be dismissed from the employing organizations. This latter clause in the law means a loss to us of possibly 35 teachers. We are afraid that some of our young ministers are involved and will have to be dropped.

"We look to God for His blessing and guidance in a special way as His work advances in this fruitful country. Please pray for us."

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