

KOREA TRAINS LAYMEN for SERVICE

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Nearly 3000 laymen trained for effective soul-winning service! Over 1000 commissioned as members of the latter-day "120"! Laymen forming evangelistic teams and having wonderful success with attendance running up to 700 nightly in one series of meetings and over 500 in another! This is the current exciting news from Korea. Every Seventh-day Adventist in the Far

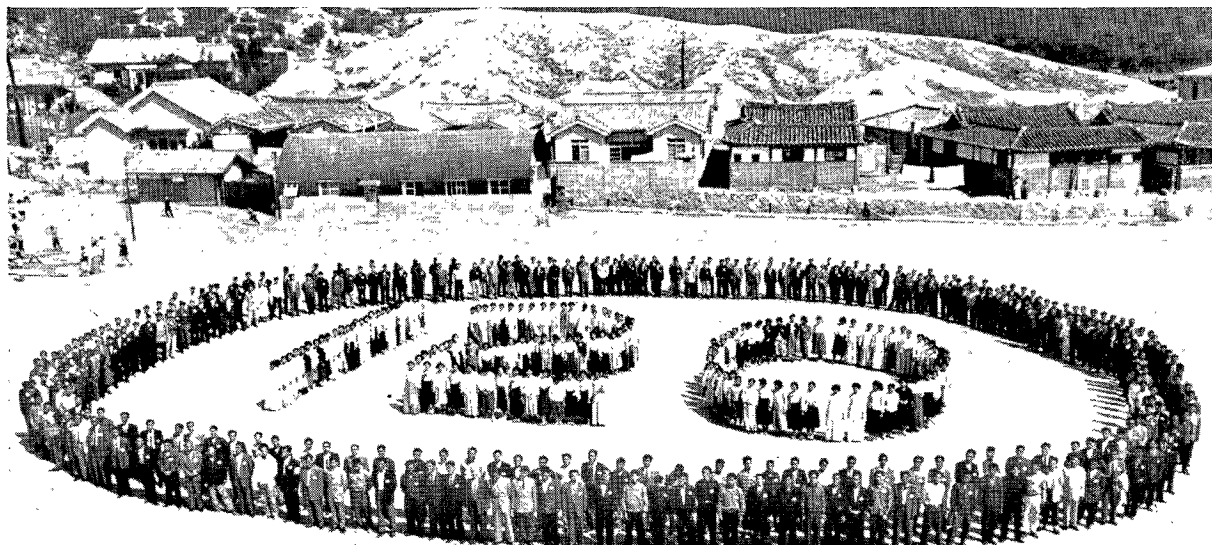
Eastern Division will surely rejoice to hear such news. Now for more details.

Last year the union mission leaders in Korea conceived the idea of holding a series of ten-day training institutes, covering every mission and inviting in as delegates laymen who were already winning souls as well as certain others of promise. Careful plans were laid

to assure the success of these meetings. The instructors were to include union and local mission officers and departmental leaders, Korean Union College teachers, doctors, dentists, nurses and Far Eastern Division personnel.

It was my privilege to attend three of the largest of these soul-winning institutes. I was joined by Pastor C. P. Sorensen, of the Divi-

The laymen of the Central and Middle East Korean Missions. The majority of these active workers are members of the "120," and all were privileged to attend the training institute held in Seoul, Korea.



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sion, in the first of these three meetings which was held in the city of Kwangju for the Southwest Mission. The other two institutes I attended were held in Pusan and Seoul, the Pusan institute being held for laymen of the Southeast Mission and the one in Seoul for the Central and Middle East Missions. In each case the laymen were eager to receive all the help possible and they entered heartily into the discussions. How they did take notes! And there was good reason for this for there were daily examinations on the material covered. Notebooks were carefully inspected each day and those who met certain standards received certificates at the close of the institute. By meeting other standards these also became members of the modern "120." Absenteeism was no problem at all. Everyone was in his seat on time and stayed right there until the session was over.

In each mission the program was well organized and executed. At 5:30 all delegates were out of bed and in no time they were out washing their faces and brushing their teeth. This was followed by calisthenics, breakfast, the eight o'clock devotional period and then the class sessions which continued throughout the day. The day's program was topped off by a sermon or some other special feature.

Number of Delegates in Attendance

The delegation at the Seoul institute was divided into groups of fifty with each group under a captain. These groups were subdivided into groups of ten with a lieutenant over each group. They were seated ten persons to a row with the lieutenant at the end of the row. The groups of fifty were located in different sections of the building.

Attendance exceeded all expectations. In the Southwest Mission, 450 delegates daily crowded into the city church in Kwangju, while on the Sabbath we were compelled to hold an outdoor service on a hillside about a mile and a half beyond the academy property. What a thrilling sight to see the streams of people trooping down the road and across the fields to take part in the Sabbath school and worship service. The 1500 present was said to be the largest assembly of Adventists ever to gather in this mission—they literally covered the hillside. Pastor Sorensen, the speaker

of the morning, brought us a challenging message.

In Pusan the number of delegates was about 350 daily, the evening and Sabbath crowds as high as 600. In Seoul, the last institute of the series, the regular delegates numbered at least 500 with 1500 or so gathered in the vast new auditorium for the evening and Sabbath meetings.

Topics Discussed and Demonstrated

What kind of help did these people receive? Some of the topics discussed and demonstrated were: "The Layman and His Church," "How to Get Decisions for the Truth," "The Spirit of Prophecy," "The Sabbath School Teacher," "Church Policy," "Home Visitation," "Nutrition," "Health Reform and Temperance," "Child Evangelism," "Church Finance," and "Home Nursing," to name but a few. We were convinced that a well-balanced intellectual and spiritual diet was planned for and served. Emphasis was placed equally on gaining new converts and holding and establishing them.

6000 Pounds of Rice Consumed!

Feeding and housing these large groups under difficult conditions was no easy task but it was well done and everyone had enough and was happy. To feed the 500 delegates in Seoul, for instance, required three tons of rice! Imagine that! Over 6000 pounds of rice consumed in ten days! And this was not all the delegates had either. They were well fed. Their diet included soy curd, greens, soup, eggs, noodles and fresh salads. The delegates were charged a small sum for their meal tickets—barely enough to cover actual costs. Pastor C. A. Williams, home missionary secretary of the Korean Union Mission, remarked, "Pastor McClure, you might call this a three-ton institute." The way the work is growing, we shall not be surprised if next year (and by the way, a series of similar institutes, covering the entire union mission, is already in the planning stage for next year) there would be some "four, five or six-ton institutes."

All Delegates Were Soul Winners

Present at these meetings were

not only many faithful members who have been long in the Advent way, but others who are new in the faith, as well as a few who have not yet been baptized but who are already active in sharing their new-found faith with others. Practically all of the delegates had won one or more souls—many a score or more and a few had won their hundreds. One delegate, who had already brought more than 500 to a saving knowledge of the message, including many former leaders of other churches, stated, "I'm working for quality rather than numbers." Virtually all delegates were already active in missionary work and all shared a common desire to improve in efficiency.

The experience meetings were a special treat in themselves. Never have I witnessed such enthusiastic laymen. They simply beamed as they related their experiences. Only with the greatest of difficulty was the master of ceremonies able to stop them at the end of their allotted time, so full were they of their messages. And no wonder! Their stories were most unusual and exciting. They told of many new interests springing up through laymen's efforts and of hundreds of believers in places where only a year ago there was nothing as far as our work is concerned. The work of the Holy Spirit was in evidence. Limitations of space in the present article forbids our sharing with you some of these chapters in the modern book of Acts. We heard of two habitual drunkards in one town who were a few months ago saved through the witness and faithful lives of a MV leader and a church elder. Now these two men are not only exemplary Christians but very successful soul winners. These men, a doctor and a former school teacher—now turned colporteur—both wear the "120" pin and can point to scores rejoicing in the message through their efforts under the blessing of God.

Then there were the two elderly ladies who together have raised up several churches, led out in a drive that more than doubled their Sabbath school membership in a few months, and who are continually praying and witnessing. One said, "I don't know much, but what I know, I tell." The other lady specializes in going out to the riverside, helping other ladies wash their clothes and she tells them the mes-



In the center and at the right in this picture are the medical doctor and the school teacher who were rescued from a life of drunkenness through the efforts of a church elder (left) and other laymen. Both of these men are now active lay evangelists.



Two elderly sisters who have raised up several churches through unique methods of labor. The lady at the right testified: "I don't know much but what I know I tell." The lady at the left meets her friends at the riverside and helps them with their laundry and as she washes she "tells." Praying and telling is their secret.

sage as she washes. This leads to other openings which she diligently follows up.

The modern "120" idea has caught on in a big way in Korea. Even before this series of institutes there were many hundreds who had qualified for this recognition—no mean accomplishment. The laymen feel honored to think they can be the modern counterpart of the 120 spoken of in the **Book of Acts**. Bear in mind that to qualify a layman must not only be a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, but he must be trained for service, have brought to Christ one or more souls within the past two years, and must continue active in some phase of direct soul-winning endeavor. In the Southwest Mission, 452 were commissioned at the close of the institute, bringing to 1079 the total number of commissioned in that mis-

sion in 1962. In the Southeast Mission, 182 were commissioned in addition to the multitudes already active in the ranks of the "120." The exact number commissioned in Seoul from the Central and Middle East Missions at the close of the final institute is not available to me at this time but I know it ran into the hundreds.

The commissioning exercises were part of an impressive dedication service when laymen joined church officers and ministers in an earnest pledge to return home and strongly pursue the work of soul winning with definite objectives to spur them on.

As you read this report, you can be assured that nearly 3,000 earnest, dedicated and trained laymen in Korea are right now working and praying in every corner of South Korea, including many offshore islands, using their newly-

gained inspiration and skill in the grandest work every committed to mortals. Under God's blessing, we anticipate an influx of new members in Korea in the remainder of 1962 and in the coming year such as has not been previously witnessed even in that country. And now more than ever before our laymen are working for "quality and not just numbers."

Far Eastern Division

Thousands Hear Pastor Spangler in Hong Kong*

"Our meetings in Hong Kong opened Sunday night, July 8, 1962. Untold hours of sweat, tears, hard work and anxiety were spent preparing for these meetings. They are being held in Hong Kong's lovely new air-conditioned city hall auditorium. It is called the concert hall and seats 1500 people. We invited "The Ambassadors" from Manila (Philippine Union College) to be with us for at least eight nights. We did not know for sure that they were coming until 24 hours before they arrived. By faith we advertised them and we were not disappointed. We were given a hard time about setting up a slide projector in the concert hall. Every movie of mine has to be censored. To begin with the censor said we would have to pay a fee which would have proven quite expensive so we were concerned over this. But the day that I took the movies to the man in charge, a former navy commander, he was overwhelmingly nice and was anxious to see all the pictures and to learn of our work. He ended up by saying that he would not charge us anything for his services.

"As time drew near for the opening night, many of us felt that 1500 seats would not be enough. So we stepped out by faith and advertised two meetings. The auditorium manager made it clear that he felt we would have a hard time filling the place up even once. To make a long story short, on the opening night, the auditorium was packed and we started our program 10 minutes ahead of schedule. Then real trouble broke loose. Several thousand people jammed the large foyer area waiting for the second meeting. They spilled over into the parkway and along the

waterfront near the Star Ferry. Our men were helpless in handling the crowd. We emptied the auditorium using all the available exits without using the front doors. We then opened the front doors as the others were leaving and what a mob crowded in. We filled the hall the second time. Well over a 1000 people were still outside and we offered to run a third meeting but the auditorium management refused this. The tragedy is that many of the very highest class of people did not get in and went home. We know of a bank president and others who are very prominent people but they had no chance whatever to get inside. Usually the very top ranking people come at the last minute. Yet we had some very fine people in the auditorium for which we are thankful.

"The second night we had to turn a number of people away. They would not permit us to hold a second meeting anymore. They also made us cut down on our advertising which we did. Thus the second crowd on Sunday evening did not receive tickets to the next night's meeting. I fully believe we lost much by this but we were helpless to do anything about it. On the third night the auditorium was well filled—just right. Practically every seat was filled and the great majority were repeats. Our next worry is what will happen next Friday night when we have to transfer to the theatre which is in this same building but it seats only 500. The Lord has blessed us with a good program and we hope to reap a harvest."

Five Nights in the Large Concert Hall

"Since typing the first part of this report, we have finished our meetings in the large concert hall. We had five meetings in this auditorium and tonight we move to the smaller theatre and auditorium. We did everything possible to trim down the crowd but we had a full house every night and our fifth night, which was last night, the hall was jammed full and our ushers report that at least several hundred people were turned away. The auditorium authorities are watching us very closely. They have witnessed a full house night after night with people being turned away and they have asked us what we plan to do in the theatre which

seats only about 500. We appealed for two meetings and they have granted our requests. We have had to order 1000 Bibles for the Bible Marking class and now we are waiting developments to see what happens this evening which is our first double header in the theatre.

"You will be interested in our offerings. The brethren were quite opposed to taking an offering. We then prepared offering boxes and placed them at the entrance of the auditorium. Most of the people leave by the various exits so do not go by the offering boxes at the close of the meetings. We were greatly surprised that the very first night we announced it, we found over HK\$270.00 in the boxes. Last night the amount was HK\$500.00."

Transferred to Smaller Auditorium

Writing under date of July 19, Pastor Spangler gives this further report of the meetings.

"We are still in the theatre and running two meetings a night. It is a most unsatisfactory program from the standpoint of running a full length sermon, musical and showing my travel films. I have had to cut out the films and our musical is very short. We try to run one program from 7:30 to 8:45 and then start the second one at 9:00. We get out around 10:30 p. m. We have too many people for one service but we do have room for more at each service. We are planning to cut down to one service next Tuesday night. We now face the problem of where to go from here. We are planning on either the Bible Auditorium in Kowloon or Happy Valley church on the Hong Kong side. Most of the folks attending the meetings are from the central part of Hong Kong. We have some fine people coming but it is still too early to say what will be the results. The Bible Marking plan is working better. The Lord is blessing and this is His work and we will leave the results to Him. In addition to the meetings in the theatre, we are running classes for the workers in connection with the summer school program at the college. Pray for us!"

***Excerpts from the first report of the meetings in Hong Kong sent to the Division office family.**

South China Island

A Record of Faithful, Unselfish Service for the Master

By E. L. Longway, President South China Island Union Mission

On the morning of May 10, 1962, Brother and Sister W. I. Hilliard departed from Taipei thus bringing to a close a long and faithful record of service to God and to the church in China and other lands.

As a tribute to Brother and Sister Hilliard, and as an inspiration to our fellow workers who are still staying by the work, I will briefly recount their record of service and the various places where they have added to the onward progress of God's cause on earth through faithful and unselfish ministry.

Brother and Sister Hilliard first came to China in 1916 and from then until 1920 they were connected with the medical work in the city of Shanghai. From 1920 to 1926 Brother Hilliard served as treasurer of the Honan Mission and it was in Honan in the year 1922 that the writer first made the acquaintance of the Hilliard family.

From 1926 to 1932 Brother Hilliard was treasurer of the old Central China Union Mission with headquarters in Hankow. When the China Division was organized in 1932, the Hilliards were assigned to Manchuria and worked there until 1938 when they were transferred to the West China Union Mission. They were then stationed in Chungking until 1940.

In 1941 Brother Hilliard was appointed treasurer of the China Division. He held that office until 1945, he being interned by the Japanese in the Philippines from 1942 to 1945. Brother and Sister Hilliard returned to China in 1946, the first family to return to China following the war. From then until 1950 Brother Hilliard served as China Division auditor and treasurer of the East China Union Mission.

When the change in government took place on the mainland of China, Brother and Sister Hilliard were assigned to the Japan Union



In the story accompanying this picture, Pastor E. L. Longway pays tribute to Brother and Sister W. I. Hilliard for their long years (1916-1962) of service, first in the China Division and of more recent years in the Far Eastern Division.

Mission where he was auditor and treasurer of that Union Mission until the family was transferred to Taiwan and the South China Island Union Mission in 1955.

From 1955 to 1962 Brother and Sister Hilliard have labored in the South China Island Union Mission, he as secretary-treasurer and Sister Hilliard as office secretary. It has been the privilege of the Longway family to be more or less closely associated with the Hilliard family for a period of forty years. We have never known nor can we expect to find again such faithful friends and earnest fellow workers as the W. I. Hilliard family. The memory of their goodness and constant care for the welfare of all their fellow workers and for the advancement of God's cause on earth remains with us as a lasting benediction. May God's richest blessings attend you, Brother and Sister Hilliard, during these days as you await His coming.

West New Guinea Mission

Graduation—West New Guinea Training School Mrs. K. Tilstra

"It affords me great pleasure to

present these diplomas to you. Today is a milestone in your education. May the Lord bless you as you go forth from here to witness for the Master." It was Pastor K. Tilstra, president of the West New Guinea Mission, who spoke these words to the six graduates of the West New Guinea Mission Training School on June 24, 1962. As Dr. G. Oosterwal, principal of the school, handed the diplomas to Pastor Tilstra, he gave one to each of the six Papuan students standing before him.

This occasion marked the third graduation of the West New Guinea Mission Training School. The last weeks of school had been very busy ones, like in any other such school. Finally examinations were over, grades received and the graduating class organized. They chose their president and assisted Dr. Oosterwal in arranging the program for the weekend.

The quonset chapel was duly decorated with products from the jungle—palm leaves and other shrubs and flowers. A very appropriate motto and aim were displayed in front of the chapel in the class colors, blue and white.

Consecration night was a solemn meeting. Many students reconsecrated their lives to the Master in answer to the appeal made by Dr. Oosterwal.

On Sabbath morning the bac-

calaureate sermon was given by Pastor K. Tilstra who cited several Bible characters as examples for our youth today. "We have crossed the bay, the ocean lies before us," was a fitting motto for these boys who are entering upon a larger field of service. "Keep your eyes on your aim; 'Heaven is the goal,'" said the speaker, "and you will be a blessing in this world."

Several of the surrounding villagers were present at the commencement exercises on Sunday morning. The six graduates have completed three years of study at our school. They came from three different districts in New Guinea.

We all enjoyed the special music rendered during the several meetings by the school choir, and Mrs. S. Amprimo, and Dr. N. Twijnstra.

Most of the students have now scattered to their own villages for the summer vacation. We anticipate a full and even better schoolyear beginning this fall. We have many more applications than we can accept. This is due to the lack of accommodations and teachers.

May God grant us peace and security for a little time yet that we may train more young people to enter the work and spread the Gospel to the remotest sections of this fair land.

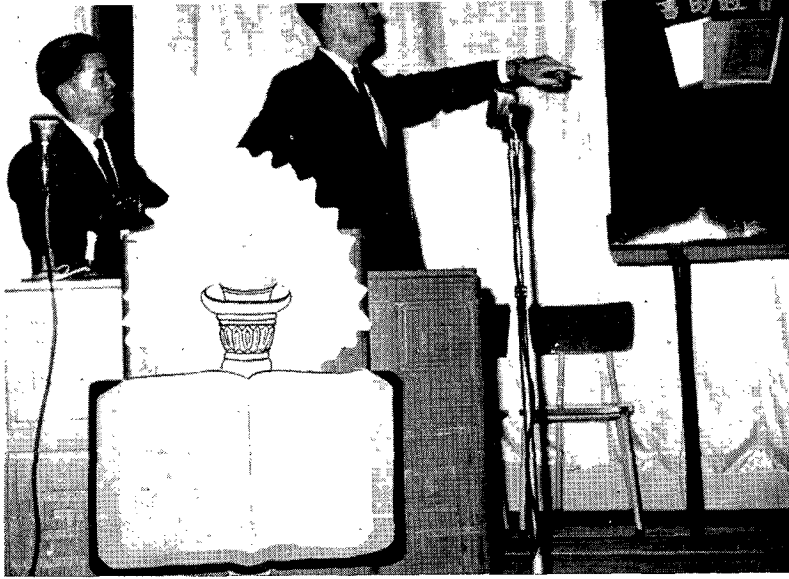
Southeast Asia

Milton Lee Holds Meeting in Thailand

By John F. Harris, Evangelist

The night of June 10 saw the beginning of an evangelistic series conducted by Pastor Milton Lee in Haadyai, Thailand. The site for the meetings was the Hakkha Association Hall.

Every evangelist is somewhat apprehensive before the opening night and Pastor Lee and his associates were not an exception. Several thousand handbills had been placed in the hands of the people by the faithful membership of the Haadyai church. The opening meeting had been announced over the radio. Personal invitations had been given. Prayers had been offered. Those who had been selected to do so stood at the door to greet the people. As the moment arrived for the song service to begin



Pastor Milton Lee preaching the message in the Hakha Association Hall in Haadyai, Thailand. Pastor K. S. Hui (left) translated the sermons into the Hakha dialect.

there was only a handful of people in the hall, but as the evening's program progressed the seats were filled and many were standing. God blessed the opening night's meeting with over 275 in attendance.

The fact that a strong medical program has been in operation in Haadyai for more than a decade was in evidence on the opening night. Dr. Ronald Gregory pointed out a number of his former patients who were in attendance, one of whom was the very first patient he met on arrival in that city. This patient with her husband and family has been attending the meetings regularly since the opening night.

The Voice of Prophecy quartet for Thailand was on hand for the opening night and the three following nights to assist in the musical program.

Pastor Lee is carrying on a diversified program using both black-light and slides to illustrate his sermons. He makes good use of the interesting Chinese characters. One such is the character for love. In the center of this character is a heart. If one removes the heart from this character it is meaningless. Take the heart out of love and love does not exist.

But a spirit of love does exist as night after night the love of God is tactfully presented in an effort to lead the people of Haadyai to a knowledge of God and His Book. The current series is being conducted through June 30. This will be followed by a Bible marking class similar to the method Pastor

Lee has successfully used in Taiwan.

Besides the faithful laity of the Haadyai church, Pastor Lee is assisted by Pastor Hiu, the local Chinese pastor, who translates the evening sermon from Mandarin into Hakha. Pastor John F. Harris, district leader for South Thailand, is in charge of the music. This company of workers requests the prayers of the readers for the success of these meetings.

VOP in Vietnam and Cambodia

By D. R. Guild, Radio Secretary Southeast Asia Union Mission

In June (1962) the Voice of Prophecy began broadcasting over the radio station in Quang Ngai, Vietnam. With the addition of this station, the Voice of Prophecy is now broadcasting over the five largest stations in the country of Vietnam. The radio station in Saigon has recently stepped up its power to 50,000 watts. These stations easily cover the entire country and are also heard by the Vietnamese in communist North Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand. All of the broadcast time is donated by the stations concerned. At present in Vietnam we have only an Introductory Bible Course available in the Vietnamese language. We are hoping and praying that somehow the funds will soon become available to introduce a full-message Bible course.

Word has just been received

from Pastor Ralph Neall, the director of the Cambodia District, that the Cambodian Voice of Prophecy lessons are now in the hands of the printers and will be ready for use soon. This will be the first Bible course ever to be offered to the people of Cambodia.

God's Power Manifested in Vietnam

**By R. K. Tilstra
President, Vietnam Mission**

Vam Nhom is a typical small Vietnamese village strung along one of the many canals in the southern part of this country. It also happens to be the place where our first Adventist church was organized many years ago. Since this church is in one of the great southern rice-growing areas, our members have had to go through many trying circumstances as a result of the present political unrest. Brother Thong, a young pastor in the area, felt a need for revival meetings to encourage our members during these troubled times. He invited Pastor Ut, a retired worker, to hold these meetings and asked me to conduct the communion service and a baptism on the closing Sabbath. Dr. F. D. Thoresen, medical director of our Saigon Hospital, came to give medical assistance as might be needed.

When we arrived Sabbath morning most of the members were present, including 11 baptismal candidates. The Lord gave us a wonderful blessing as we worshipped together. Looking back, we are happy that we could make the trip at that particular time, for the next Sabbath the road to that church was cut off, and for three weeks the pastor was unable to conduct Sabbath services there.

As we drove back to Saigon, Pastor Ut told us of the good meetings during the revival services. Many of the members were strengthened in their determination to be loyal to the Master. Pastor Ut himself had been made aware of God's power to protect in time of danger. On the Thursday night before our arrival he was staying in the home of one of the members. At about ten o'clock, just before retiring, he stepped outside for a few minutes with a lantern in his hand. He noticed some moving shadows, and quickly withdrew into the house. Soon there was a knock on the door with a demand that the stranger come out. When Pastor Ut stepped out, he was con-

fronted by armed guerrillas. They led him out into the darkness for about 50 yards and began to question him. They suspected him of being a government spy, and wanted to take him with them. The Lord did not allow them to carry out their design, and after a half hour they released him.

Just a few days ago we had another example of God's care. A group of us was making a trip to the aboriginal tribes in the mountains. These people are rather primitive, yet very receptive to the preaching of the gospel. One of the villages we planned to visit had just recently suffered from a disastrous fire. All the thatch-roofed houses and our little church burned to the ground. Our mountain pastor lost his mother and his little daughter in the tragic fire, and this gave added urgency to our making the trip at this time. Our party included Dr. A. A. Jones, Miss Mary Nygaard, and Mr. Nguyen Quang, from the Adventist hospital in Saigon, in addition to Pastor Xuam and myself.

The villages in this territory are about one day's walking distance from the nearest road, so we started early on Tuesday morning, May 1. While we were on the way in, we met some tribespeople coming down the trail, who said that guerrillas were operating in the area. Similar reports in the past had been erroneous, however, and we decided to go on. Besides, we felt it our duty to help the villagers.

Arriving about five-thirty in the evening, we decided to take a bath in the river before dark. While the men were bathing, one of the teacher boys came running to tell us that some guerrillas were there and wanted to see us. When we returned they were at our hut, going through our belongings. We were told to sit down, and were asked whether we had brought any transistor radios. They were disappointed that we had not, and then told us to get some warm clothing and food, because we were to go with them into the woods for a lecture.

As soon as we were ready we were marched out of the village, across the river, and to the top of a hill where we were made to sit down on tree stumps to listen to the lecture. They informed us that we were very fortunate, for usually

strangers were shot without questions being asked. But because we were missionaries and had come to give medical treatment, we would be allowed to remain as long as we had planned. Later this was changed, for they said that perhaps the Government would send troops in. So we were to leave the next morning. But that would have meant that our whole trip would have been in vain, and we pleaded for a little more time to see at least the worst cases that needed our help. They agreed that we could remain one day, but that we would have to return on Friday. We thanked them for this concession.

Early Thursday morning, we began to treat people. Our medical personnel worked as fast as possible, to see as many patients as they could. In all they saw more than 300 patients that day and dispensed most of the medicines we had brought along.

As we left that Friday morning, it was with a prayer of thanksgiving for the Lord's marvellous protection. Truly, the angel of the Lord still encamps round about those who fear Him, and delivers them.

We hope that the way will open for us to return soon to these needy villages, so that we can help many more to come to a knowledge of their Saviour. These mountain people need and deserve our help, but our mission budget is such that we have not been able to do much for them in the past. We should start a school among these tribal people to train their own youth to work in that area.

Even though we have not been able to do much, several young men have gone to other villages and built churches with their own hands, without subsidies. They have gathered the villagers together and taught them the simple Bible stories and the songs of Zion.

When we entered the first village on our last trip, all the young people were lined up along the pathway. They greeted us with the song, "A Wonderful Saviour Is Jesus My Lord." Yes, we need to help these young people so that they can spread the story of our wonderful Jesus to all the mountain villages in Vietnam.

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Our First Church Building in Cambodia

By **Ralph E. Neall,**
Director Cambodia Mission

The first Sabbath of the 1962 Chinese New Year marked the first service in the first Seventh-day Adventist church building in Cambodia. Manuel G. Tortal, newly arrived from the Philippines, preached his first sermon in Phnom Penh at that time.

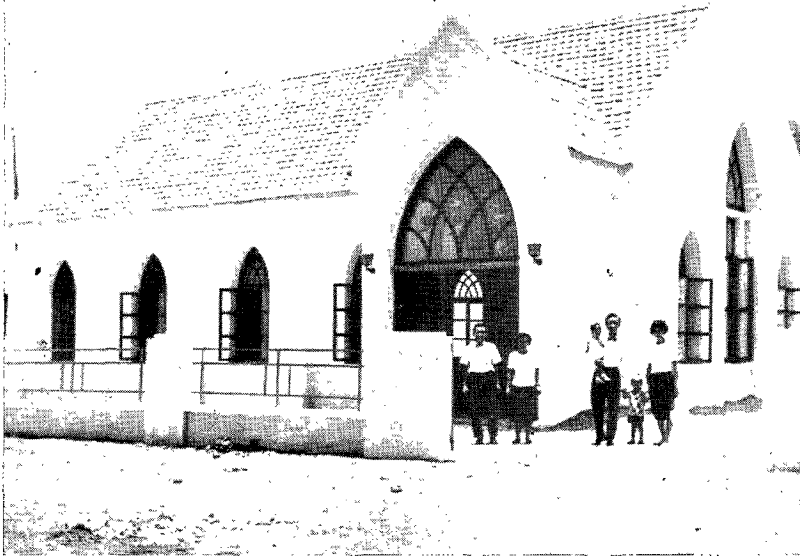
The new church, which will seat 150 persons when the pews are completed, is located near a chalet belonging to Prince Norodom Sihanouk on the road to Saigon. A baptistry and changing rooms have been included in the building. The lot has space for workers' homes, a welfare center and school-rooms. The new chapel replaces a third-floor shophouse which was used as a meeting place for many years.

The new year marked the arrival of two new workers with their families. They are Brother Manuel G. Tortal and his wife, and Brother Wong Yew Seng with his wife and their two children.

Mrs. Tortal, (nee Editha Sumicad) an alumnus of Philippine Union College, was one of the pioneers in the founding of Mountain View College. She served as dean of women for ten years, or until Manuel persuaded her to exchange her dean's life for the life of a minister's wife. Brother Tortal pastored a district of 22 churches before coming to Phnom Penh. He and his wife have already made excellent progress in the study of the Cambodian language.

Pastor Wong Yew Seng received his education in Singapore and his wife (nee Lock Mei Chan) in Penang. Brother Wong graduated from the Chinese ministerial training course at Southeast Asia Union College and became the pastor of the Chinese church in Sandakan, North Borneo. He has had extensive experience in evangelism, Ingathering, and in the colporteur work. He has begun a number of Bible studies here and is busy extending the Bible Correspondence School.

Although the Phnom Penh church in Cambodia now has three pastors for its 19 members, there is plenty of work for all. The population of Cambodia numbers



The first Seventh-day Adventist church building in Cambodia which was recently built and is now in use. To the right are the pictures of the two families who have come to Cambodia to labour. Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Tortal (upper) came from the Philippines to do evangelistic work for the Cambodians. Wong Yew Seng and family (lower) will lead out in the work for the Chinese in Cambodia.



between five and six million. Christian missions have made some progress among the Vietnamese and Chinese of the population but very little among the Cambodians. Buddhism is the state religion and the people are quite satisfied with their ancient beliefs.

Our work in Cambodia dates back to the 1930's when Pastor Fred Pickett labored for a short time among the Cambodians of what is now South Vietnam. Apparently the French authorities did not allow him to enter Cambodia itself. His life was cut short and he sleeps in the cemetery in Saigon.

A short time later Pastor Robert Bentz and his wife came to Phnom Penh. Mrs. Bentz established a maternity clinic and Pastor Bentz opened a small training school not far from the present location of our church. During the war, however, Pastor Bentz had to leave the country and the work remained dormant. Most of the present members are Chinese who have come here since the war.

The writer's family entered Cambodia in 1957, coming from district work in New York and Bermuda. Our first years have been spent in language study, getting the mission legally recognized, building the mission home and church, evangelism, and preparation of Cambodian literature.

The Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School is active in Chinese, and the Cambodian trans-

lation of these lessons is now going to the press. These lessons should help us search out the honest in heart among the Buddhist millions of our mission field. Two books are now being printed in the Cambodian language to be sold by our colporteurs.

Evangelism in Vietnam

By K. Tilstra,

Dalat is the mountain resort town of Vietnam. It is beautifully situated among the pine-covered mountains in a cool climate with scenic lakes and waterfalls. It draws visitors not only from all over Vietnam but tourists from many parts of the world.

For a number of years there has been a Seventh-day Adventist church building in his lovely city. But even though a number of evangelistic meetings have been held, the membership of this church has remained small. It was generally believed that evangelism in this city was unprofitable. Yet the mission committee felt that something should be done.

A wonderful opportunity came our way when Pastor D. R. Guild of Singapore, ministerial secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, offered to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings in connection with a training school for young ministers. The offer was accepted and the meetings were arranged for in Dalat. After some

negotiations the Lord helped us to secure one of the best theaters in town for 21 nights.

When the opening night arrived, we were a bit apprehensive. We had sent invitations, distributed handbills, and hung banners across the streets. Would the people come? Just a few minutes before the doors were to open a messenger came from the mayor's office asking us to reserve eight seats for him and his family. The doors opened at 7:30 p. m. and within fifteen minutes the large hall was filled. By 8:00 p. m. there was no more standing room and many had to be turned away.

At the end of the service, the manager of the local government radio station paused to express his appreciation for the meeting. The next few days, during his news broadcasts, he made special mention of the meetings and urged his listeners to attend. Another man who expressed his interest in the meetings was the representative of the Vietnam News Agency. The people continued to come and for the first ten nights there wasn't even standing room and many were turned away.

At first we were concerned as to how these people, who were mostly from a non-Christian background, would respond to calls for surrender and conversion. But when the calls were made many responded. About 110 persons made a public decision to join a Bible class to prepare for baptism. These were enrolled in a special Bible study group with lessons conducted

by our Vietnamese Voice of Prophecy speaker, Pastor Le Huu. We are looking forward to a large baptism soon.

At the time the Dalat meetings were being conducted, Pastor Pham Truong Thanh was holding a series of meetings in a small suburb of Saigon, Quang Trung. Even though it rained most of the time, and the canvas roof shelter did not give much protection from the rain, these meetings were well attended. As a result thirty persons are now in a baptismal study class.

These wonderful results cannot be explained on the basis of more modern evangelistic methods or greater expenditure of funds. We are convinced that God's Spirit is working mightily among the Vietnamese people. In the midst of warfare, constant dangers and uncertainty, these people are looking for a faith that is certain and true. Now, while the doors are open and the Spirit of God is moving the hearts of the people, we must bring to them the Gospel of Hope. Please pray that we may be equal to the task.

A New Plan — It Works!

By S. S. Daniel
Literature Evangelist

I am happy to inform our readers about the successful work that I am doing in Singapore. John Bernet, publishing secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, conceived the idea of having cases made for book displays. It is a neat case covered with glass on which is attractive wording. In the rack are cards on which anyone interested in purchasing a book can give their name and address. This is dropped through a slot into a small drawer.

I tried first of all to put this display case in a Mosque but failed in that. Then I thought of the Singapore Railway Station. I consulted with Choo Yau Fong, manager of the Malayan Signs Press, and he helped me write a letter to the superintendent of the Railway Station. In his reply, the superintendent told us that we must take this up with the station book store manager. At first I hesitated to go. But Brother Choo encouraged me to go and see the book seller. The Lord helped me and we were given permission to display our books in the attractive case. On the first day after placing the

display case in the station 48 people asked to see the book **Guardian of Health**. Within the same month I sold 150 copies of that book. The second month I sold 130 **Guardian of Health**, and 5 **Modern Medical Counsellor** in the Malay language. Among those who applied was a card from the Loco Shed Railway.

An Open Door in Malaya

By H. Liklikwattl, Pastor
Singapore Malay Church

It is certainly not easy to reach the Malays, who are Moslems, with the truth of God. Fanaticism, prejudice, and intolerance are some



Colporteur S. S. Daniel with one of the book display cases which have been placed in strategic places in Singapore and elsewhere.

I went to see the man who applied. I am happy to say that by the Lord's help I sold 25 copies of the Malay **Modern Medical Counsellor**—this all as a result of the one card this man had left in the display case drawer.

I am very happy to say that, because of this idea of having book display cases in strategic places, our literature ministry is being greatly blessed. We thank the Lord for His blessings!

There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing, for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties. CM p. 12

of the obstacles to be met and overcome.

When our first Malay Bible correspondence school lessons were mailed out about 12 years ago they created quite a stir. Articles appeared in the local English and Malay newspapers warning the Malays against the lessons. Special prayers were said in all the mosques in Singapore one Friday beseeching Allah to stop our efforts.

One day R. A. Pohan, then head of the Malay work, together with the director of the Bible correspondence school and the mission president, had to appear before the

head of the criminal investigation department of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur. This man told them that complaints had come to him regarding the activities of our gospel workers in Kota Bahru, North Malaya, in that they had distributed Christian tracts and Bible correspondence enrollment cards among the Malays. He strongly advised them not to disturb the Malays with Christian propaganda.

Once we received a very stern letter from the principal of a Malay college. He threatened us with legal action if we did not stop sending our lessons to his students. He told us that we are not allowed to evangelize Malays.

Many Malay students had to study their lessons in locked rooms or out in the gardens. They wrote us and gave us their addresses non-Malay homes or shops. They feared they would be beaten and their lessons burned if they gave their home address. This had been the experience of others on several occasions. But in spite of all these obstacles we are happy to state that God has richly blessed us. Because of our firm faith in His unfulfilling promises, many have been converted.

Encouraged by each mighty evidence of God's love and grace, we organized our Malay church in Singapore about 12 years ago with 14 members and the Sabbath school had 16 members. The church membership has grown to 71 and the Sabbath school has a membership of 76. Seven years ago we formally opened our modest house of worship, our first building in Malaya devoted to evangelism among Malay-speaking people.

The church members have proved to be Christians in action for several persons have been won through the years by the earnest work of our zealous laymen. The welfare work fostered by the Dorcas Society has greatly alleviated the distress of the needy members and of others. Through contacts made in this ministry some were led to accept the message.

There are multiplying evidences that the time has come to reap a bountiful harvest of souls among the Malays. The dearth of Malay converts is to be explained largely on the basis of an extreme shortage of workers equipped for this undertaking.

We are happy that God's guiding hand is in this work. We have

made contact with a number of Malays in Singapore through the Welfare Center and the Bible correspondence school. In Malacca, where we now have a Malay Sabbath school, Pastor A. Waworoendeng has become acquainted with several Malay students and graduates of the Bible correspondence school. In Penang where we now have a Malay church, and in Alor Star, where there is a Malay Sabbath school, Jan Hutaaruk has also met with a group of Bible correspondence school graduates and students. Our prospects are as bright as are the promises of God.

At a recent farewell social Pastor and Mrs. R. A. Pohan were honored upon their retirement from active duty after many years of loyal service and inspiring leadership in God's cause, especially in the Malay work. Pastor Pohan will long be remembered for his earnest sermons and prayers. They are now living near their children in California. We thank them for their faithful service, and wish them Godspeed as they continue to live and work for the cause they love.

Pray for us as we face the gigantic task of reaching the Malay people.

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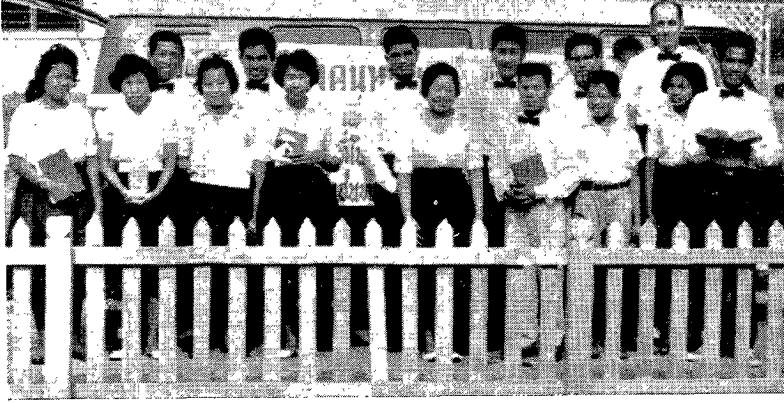
**By D. Kenneth Smith,
District Leader**

The past seven months have been busy ones in North Thailand. In December of last year, the first regional campmeeting ever held in Thailand was held at the Presbyterian youth camp high on Dei Sutep overlooking Chiangmai. Over thirty members came from the church in Chiangmai and the village church in Ampur Prow to the five-day meeting. We felt very fortunate to have the excellent help of Pastor Adlai Esteb of the General Conference, Pastor H. E. McClure of the Far Eastern Division, Pastor W. A. Martin, president of the Thailand Mission, and Mrs. Ruth Watson of Bangkok to give inspiration and instruction. The Richard Hall family, then stationed in Laos, stopped over on their way to Bangkok and contributed much to the success of the meetings. The planning of the program was done by Kum Chalaw, national pastor of the Chiangmai church. The members were unani-

mous in expressing their enthusiasm and desire for another campmeeting this year. Some day a mission-wide campmeeting will be a reality.

In March the young people of the Chiangmai church launched a Voice of Youth evangelistic campaign. Three teams of speakers presented the truths of the Bible to interested listeners for twenty-one nights. Young people carried all the responsibility of the meetings and all felt that the experience and results were worthwhile. At the end of the evangelistic campaign, a follow-up Bible class was begun, meeting two nights each week. A Bible was given to all who attended the class, together with a red pencil and a ruler. Everyone opens his Bible, underscores the text and then it is read aloud in unison. When a member of the class attends twenty of the twenty-eight meetings, the Bible is his to keep with the important texts underlined for future study. Five have been baptized this year, all of them young people, and two of them are students in the Chiangmai church school. The Bible class is continuing with a number of non-members attending. Please pray for these interested ones.

One of the most encouraging items to report is the increase in the working force of North Thailand. Two years ago five young men from Chiangmai left to attend the training school at Ubol. All of them successfully completed their work and two of them have returned to labor in North Thailand, together with another young man, Kun Yotee from Ubol. They assisted in the Voice of Youth meetings and have now left for their posts of duty. Kun Jan and Kun Yotee have been sent to work in Ampur Prow. Our work there has been organized for over four years but they have never had a regular worker located there. Kun Jarun, the blind layman who prepared the first converts, has been helping to hold the work together and to minister to the small group of believers. Now, with the location of two energetic workers there, we look for a large increase in the work in this isolated place which can be reached only by a thirty kilometer hike during the rainy season. With Kun Jan to his work in Ampur Prow goes his new wife, Radree Dawino. They were married in the Chiangmai church on June 18.



The young people of the Chiangmai church who participated in the recent Voice of Youth crusade. The three young men in the rear (left) are recent graduates of the Thailand Training School. Kun Chalaw, acting director of the work in North Thailand, stands at the right of Pastor D. Kenneth Smith.

Kun Gow, another of the training school graduates, is located in Chiangmai and will be assisting in the work there. When Kun Chalaw goes to continue his education in Singapore at the end of this year, Kun Gow will act as district pastor.

The church school under the direction of Miss Janya is in its fourth year of operation. The enrollment this year is twelve, studying in three different grades. Recent improvements to the school compound include a dormitory for up-country students and worker housing and a lighted basketball and volleyball court.

After more than four years of very pleasant associations in Chiangmai, the executive committee of the Thailand Mission asked us to move to Ubol to look after the work there while Pastor P. W. Wick is on furlough. We have made the move and are now settled in Ubol. We are very sorry that there is no overseas worker available to help with the work in Chiangmai. At the end of this year, Dr. Clark Lamberton and family will return from furlough



Three young people recently baptized at Chiangmai. The two at the left are church school teachers.

Students enrolled in the Chiangmai church school, the only such school for the Thais, and the present enrollment is twelve.



and he will open up a dental clinic. We are sure the Lambertons will prove a great help to the church. We hope that before too long an overseas worker will be sent to take our place in Chiangmai to work with them and to help finish the work in North Thailand. For the present we leave the work there in the hands of our capable Thai fellow workers, Kun Chalaw, Kun Gow and Miss Urai, and we pray that the abundant blessing of God will be with them and the members there. We know that God cares for His work and will cause it to prosper. Please remember these workers and our faithful believers in your prayers.

Korea

Temperance Activities in Korea

By Rudy E. Klimes, Temperance
Secretary Korean Union Mission

Korean Union College Sets the Pace

The temperance society leader, Chong Su Yong, the assistant leader, Im Chun Taek, and the sponsor, Professor Cho Pyong Sok, met on May 9 for supper and a meeting at the home of the writer

to discuss temperance promotion plans at Korean Union College. Plans were laid for a strong membership drive in the near future. In past years, Korean Union College has had the distinction of being a 100-percent-membership society. We hope they will again achieve that goal this year. Monthly meetings are conducted. The temperance society is also in charge of the Sunday morning and evening dormitory worship periods. At such times the Korean Temperance Society members present different phases of temperate living to the student body. During the week of July 1 to 7, Temperance Week, nightly meetings are being planned for. Four Saturday night temperance socials each quarter are also being conducted.

Some outstanding visitors are making their appearance at KUC through the sponsorship of the college temperance society. On May 6, Mr. Yu Tal Tong, a top government official spoke at the KTS meeting at the college. A professor from the Korea University and President of the Korean Oratorical Society, Mr. Kim Ik Chun, will present some lectures on temperance orations.

Plans are being made to publish a small booklet this year. Society officers are also making plans to hold public meetings in different parts of the country this summer. The youth continue to be in the forefront of the temperance movement in Korea. May God bless them!

Korean Army Chaplains Endorse Temperance Platform

In Korea temperance is quite synonymous with Christianity. For, except the Anglicans, Korean Protestants are abstainers from alcoholic beverages and from tobacco. Thus the Korean Army Chaplains strongly endorse the temperance platform and recently started an Army Temperance Movement. Seventh-day Adventist Army Chaplain G. Bowen has been consulting high officials in the Chief of Chaplains' office on this matter. The Temperance Movement plan has been approved by the Chief of Chaplains.

Recently when F. A. Soper, editor of **Listen** magazine, visited the chief chaplain's office these plans were discussed. The chaplain requested mutual assistance and

cooperation from Pastor R. E. Klimes, executive secretary of the Korean Temperance Society, especially as it pertains to literature, films and the Institute for the Prevention of Alcoholism. Thus a new entrance has been found for the temperance movement in Korea. It will find much fertile soil in one of the largest standing armies of the world.

Junior Oratorical Contest

Age is no handicap! Even elementary school students have convictions about the use of alcohol and tobacco. And the students in the Central Korean Mission church schools do not mind expressing their convictions. Small speakers delivered mighty speeches.

Eight students representing the

Chang Ki Hyong, temperance secretary of the mission, led out in the contest.

In Korea the work goes on. God is already preparing a younger generation for leadership in the temperance movement.

Far Eastern Island Mission

The Isles No Longer Wait

By A. E. Gibb,
Division Secretary

The seventh biennial session of the Far Eastern Island Mission was held at the Agana, Guam, church June 20-23, 1962. Twenty-nine delegates were in attendance. The mis-



(Left to right) The leader of the Korean Army Temperance Movement, S. D. A. Army Chaplain G. Bowen, Pastor F. A. Soper, Pastor R. E. Klimes, and the Korean Army Chief of Chaplains.

14 elementary schools in the Central Korean Mission took part in the first mission-wide junior oratorical contest held in Seoul on May 26, 1962. Lee Kang Yol, an eleven-year-old fifth-grader from the Seoul church school, was the outstanding orator of the evening. Two girls received special awards of merit. All the contestants received the same prizes. Pastor R. S. Lee, newly-elected president of the Korean Temperance Society, was the chairman of the panel of judges. Pastor F. A. Soper, assistant temperance secretary of the General Conference, presented the certificate to the outstanding speaker and the writer awarded the prizes.

sion president, Pastor G. A. Haas, gave his report at the opening session. He reported that the mission workers and laymen had been active in soul winning during the two-year period and that a number had been baptized. Special emphasis had been given to enlisting the young people in soul-winning work and that with good results. Several of the national young people have been sent abroad for additional training and some of them had already returned to share in giving the gospel to their fellow islanders.

Construction during the two-year period included a fine new home for the pastor of the Dededo Church, a new church building at

Talofofu; Guam, and a major addition to the mission clinic. The administration building for the Koror Academy (Palau) has been finished and a new church building is under construction on property adjacent to the academy.

J. F. Bohner, secretary-treasurer of the Far Eastern Island Mission, reported that there had been 54 baptisms during the two-year period and the church membership is now 445. He also stated that there were 213 students enrolled in the elementary and secondary grades of the two schools operated by the mission last year.

The medical director of the Far Eastern Island Mission Clinic, R. F. Gloor, M. D., reported that the number of patients seen at the clinic has about doubled during the past two years and that a second doctor has been called to help care for the many patients now seeking treatment at the clinic.

One of the high lights of the mission session was the dedication of the new church building at Talofofu, Guam, on Sabbath afternoon, June 23. An account of this service will appear later in the **Outlook**.

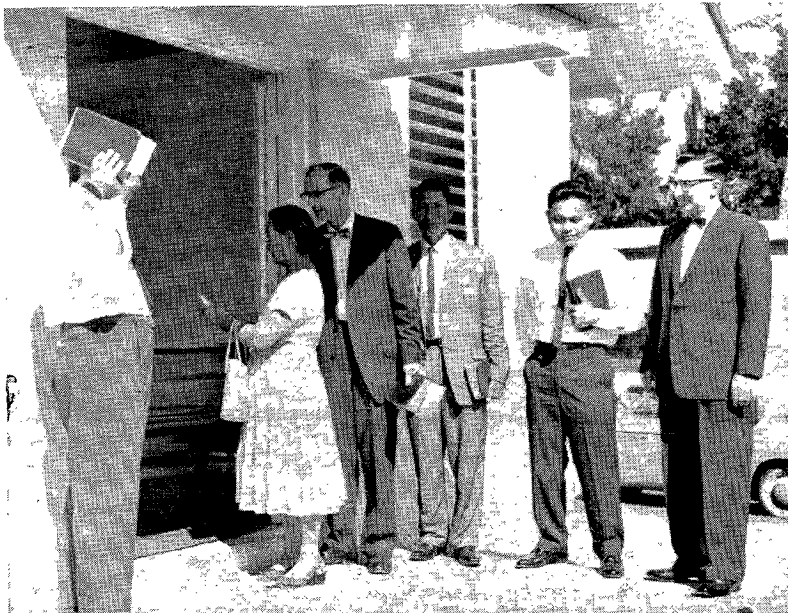
The prospects for the growth of

the work in this mission are good. Two new ministerial interns have just been added to the working force of the mission. Frank Taitague, recently returned from Pacific Union College, is already working on the island of Guam under the direction of Pastor G. S. Flores, and Nobuo Willy is working in the Koror District (Palau) under the direction of Pastor E. W. Higgins. A baptismal goal of 110 was set for the next two-year-period and the delegates were confident that under the blessing of God this goal would be surpassed. Readers of the **Outlook** are requested to pray for the work in this mission.



Delegates to the biennial session of the Far Eastern Island Mission.

Mrs. G. S. Flores, wife of the church pastor, cutting the ribbon to open the new Talofofu church. Left to right: G. S. Flores, Mrs. Flores, Pastor G. A. Haas, Pastor E. A. Jimeno, F. Taitague and Pastor A. E. Gibb.



South Philippines

Colporteur Evangelism in Northern Mindanao

By F. M. Arrogante, President

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with and for them—is a good work." **Christian Service**, p. 145.

The colporteur evangelism spirit in Northern Mindanao is soaring high. For a number of years we found it very ticklish work to recruit canvassers. It was hard to enlist the cooperation of the parents to send out their children to join God's bookmen's army. But times have changed. The brethren and their children have changed their attitudes. Our youth are now ready to go into the colporteur work. Their parents are willingly sending their children into the highways and byways to adventure for the Lord. Where before there were doubts and fears, now there is faith, courage and confidence. Our youth are ready to go. The problem as to who will go is solved in response to the appeal of Mrs. E. G. White which reads as follows:

"Church members awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work. Place in the homes of the people papers, tracts and books that will preach the gospel in its several lines. There is no time to be lost. Let many give themselves

willingly and unselfishly to the canvassing work, and thus help to sound a warning that is greatly needed. When the church takes up her appointed work, she will go forth 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.' —**Christian Service**, p. 147.

Now that we have enlisted a goodly number of our youth in the work, a new problem confronts us. Where will they go to work? Our territory is limited. Some say that the territory is saturated already.

Our new plan is to reach out into the remotest areas, even to those who are in the thickest forests of Mindanao. One colporteur said, "We must climb the trees and reach the "Magahats" up there in their treetop huts and give to them the message of a soon-coming Saviour." Like Caleb of old, our modern Calebs say, "Give me this mountain."

At our recent colporteur institute in Bad-as, Surigao del Norte, June 27-30, 1962, forty-nine consecrated young men and women attended and listened to the profitable instruction and inspirational admonitions given by our beloved union mission publishing secretary, Pastor A. N. Santiago and our mission administrators and publishing workers.

We solicit your prayers in behalf of our work in this island of Mindanao.

Mountain View Sends One Hundred Two

By **T. C. Murdoch**
President, Mountain View College

In the May issue of the **Far Eastern Division Outlook** it was reported that 102 students had joined the Colporteurs' Club at Mountain View College, and all of these but one continued in the colporteur ministry throughout the entire past summer vacation period. Their record in numbers and sales more than doubles that of last year. Total sales were 45,744.24. (All amounts given are in pesos.) This is approximately 26,000 more than the previous year's record when the total sales reached about 19,000. The ten top student colporteurs sold over 25 percent of the total amount of literature with the following records: Rudy Corpus, 2,284.90; Pheninah Garcera, 1,960.05; Andres Roque, 1,408.40;



President T. C. Murdoch (center front) and a part of the group of successful MVC student colporteurs.

Consolacion Aguirre, 1,080.45; Orlando Aguirre, Jr., 1,052.00; Patricio Bascon, 1,033.60; Rudy Yap, 939.30; Donato Generato, 912.50; Prospero Gonzaga, 878.10; Rudney Bartolome, 851.35.

Pastor Santiago, South Philippine Union Mission publishing secretary, writes: "Summer canvassing is over, but the splendid work done by the student literature evangelists is worth remembering. They have really given us a surprise with their wonderful reports. I cannot help but exclaim that I am the happiest man to know that this tremendous report was accomplished by our consecrated and energetic MVC students."

Much credit also goes to our six local mission publishing secretaries for their encouraging support. Those directly responsible for the leadership of the student groups were V. Manated of Northern Mindanao Mission, P. Manatad of East Visayan Mission, Rudy Ruiz of the Southern Mindanao Mission, J. Vosoteos of Western Mindanao Mission, A. Duga for the new Negros Mission and B. Semillano for the West Visayan Mission.

As our student colporteurs relate their thrilling experiences to the student body from week to week, enthusiasm is spreading rapidly. These youthful colporteurs are determined to go out next summer accompanied by more new recruits

with a goal of doubling this fine record. Although the new school year has just begun, plans have already been laid for the organizing of this year's Colporteur Club. A special program and banquet honoring the student colporteurs will be held on the evening of August 20 when Pastor Santiago will be the guest speaker.

We believe that success comes to our students because they seek first for souls, and what a wonderful influence these stalwart young colporteurs have on the college campus. While the financial returns, making possible their continued enrollment at MVC, are most acceptable, yet of even more value is the uplifting atmosphere which surrounds the lives of these 101 student evangelists as they behold Christ among their classmates in the dormitories, the shops, the classrooms and at the hours of worship.

North Philippines

Verdict: The Defendant is Acquitted

By **L. F. Gonzaga**, Chaplain
Manila Sanitarium and Hospital

It was 11:30 a. m., Sunday, January 7, 1962, when a uniformed

officer entered into the printing press of our Faith For Today in New York and said, "I see you are breaking the Sabbath Law." The workers explained to the officer that they had just kept their Sabbath the previous day and that Sunday is not their Sabbath day. The officer, however, insisted that since the law says that Sunday is the Sabbath he was going to write out a summons for them. So he made out a summons for Brother Howard Lund, superintendent of the Faith For Today press, and the words he wrote were: "Violation of the Sabbath Law."

On January 11, four days later, Brother Lund, Brother Joseph Webb, treasurer, and Pastor Fagal appeared in court. The crime read by the clerk of the court was Sabbath breaking but since they pleaded that they had a defense in that they observed another day, the judge ruled that they should stand trial on February 20.

However, before the date of the trial, several lawyers had suggested that this would be a good test case. They said that since the United States Supreme Court had ruled recently on Sunday laws purely from the social and commercial aspects, this case should confront them with a real religious test. So, after counselling with the General Conference, it was decided to employ one of the finest constitutional lawyers in America to defend them. They hired Attorney Leo Pfeffer, a Jew, who has shown a great interest in the cause of religious liberty.

On February 20, when they appeared in court, Attorney Pfeffer requested the magistrate to waive the case on to the Court of Special Sessions, a higher court with three judges. This was granted and the date assigned for the hearing was set for May 16. So on this date the trial was held and on May 18 the decision of the court was given—acquittal for the defendant, Howard Lund. The decision was based on the existence of a provision in New York State whereby any person keeping another day is exempted from the Sunday law.

Dear Brethren, I believe that this should gladden the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist for this case officially establishes that Faith For Today will not be molested by the authorities in their great work of evangelizing the world. But how long will this last? What does God

want us to learn from this experience? Through this case God wants to call our attention to the fact that He is compassionate, merciful and a loving God for He wants us to have more time to prepare for His coming. He knows full well that if He were to come today many would be lost. Mrs. E. G. White tells us that "... the morning is deferred in mercy, because if the Master should come, so many would be found unready. God's unwillingness to have His people perish, has been the reason of so long delay." **Evangelism**, p. 694. "A moment of respite has been graciously given us of God." *Ibid.* p. 704. In **Christian Service**, page 41, Mrs. White states "... not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history." This is the reason why Jesus said to His disciples "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44. This warning has been sounded throughout the ages.

Another Year of Sabbath School Advance

By J. O. Bautista

With complete reports from all the fields for 1961 now on hand, we have prepared another comparative Sabbath school report which reveals that the department follows the usual pattern of continual growth. While slight losses were registered in a few items in this latest summary, on the whole 1961 was another year of advance in Sabbath school endeavor in this section of the world field.

Number of Sabbath Schools and Attendance: Twenty-two new Sabbath schools came into being during the past year which means that a Sabbath school was added to our growing list every 16½ days. This is about two and one-half times the previous year's record when only nine Sabbath schools joined our ranks. The new additions last year brought the total number of Sabbath schools in the North Philippine Union Mission to 562.

Church and Sabbath School Membership Percentages: While there was a gain in church membership of 1,637, the increase in the Sabbath school membership was 3,395 or a little more than twice as much. For years the North Philippine Union Mission was at

the bottom of the list in the matter of percentage of Sabbath school membership to church membership. For years it used to be below the 110 percent mark. However, for the past year or so the figure has jumped till at the end of 1960 it stood at 116.1 percent. Then to our happy surprise, it jumped further to 121.7 percent at the close of 1961, an increase of 5.6 percent.

Baptisms: The number of Sabbath school members baptized last year was fewer by 51 persons than the year before, thus reducing the weekly average by one person, from 36 to 35. We rejoice over the 1,825 precious souls who took their stand for the Master and are now marching to Zion with God's remnant people.

Branch Sabbath Schools: There was a decrease of five in the number of Branch Sabbath schools, although there was a gain of 179 in their membership. One thing we know for sure and that is the slight drop is only temporary as an upsurge in this evangelistic activity was apparent at the beginning of the present year. Largely responsible and contributing much in bringing about this change in the picture for the better are the Sabbath schools of Philippine Union College and the Pasay English church. We are glad to report that two new churches were organized as a result of branch Sabbath schools.

Teachers' Training Course: This phase of the Sabbath school work has been off to a start in 1962. Already five classes have been held in various parts of the field during the first half of the year, with a total of 86 having completed the course successfully.

The Offerings: There was an over-all gain in the total offerings amounting to 8,203.05 pesos. 1961 being Investment year, that fund received greater promotion and that resulted in a gain of 18.5 percent. Then the special appeal during the fourth quarter of 1961, when the overflow offering would help finance projects in the Far Eastern Division, met with an enthusiastic response resulting in an all-time high—4,798.33 pesos.

To all our leaders, workers, Sabbath school officers and members we convey our most sincere thanks and appreciation. For all the tokens of Divine favor during 1961 we thank God and take courage for the future.

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● R. O. Heald, M. D., medical director of the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital, has returned to the States to be at the bedside of his father, Pastor B. M. Heald, who is very ill. Dr. Marjorie Young, until recently with the Gopalganj Hospital in Pakistan, was a visitor on the Division compound en route to her homeland, New Zealand. Our Division Committee requested Dr. Young to go to Taiwan to serve as a relief doctor for about three months. She willingly complied with this request and left immediately for Hong Kong and Macao to secure the necessary papers to enter Taiwan. We know her services will be much appreciated during Dr. Heald's absence.

● The 49th General Conference World Session of Seventh-day Adventists has just closed and the delegates are returning to their respective lands. With two exceptions, all of our Division staff were re-elected to office. Pastor W. L. Pascoe, formerly Division treasurer, accepted the position of assistant treasurer of the General Conference, and Pastor J. R. Spangler, Division ministerial secretary, was asked to be one of the associate secretaries of the General Conference Ministerial Association. Pastor H. D. Johnson was elected treasurer of our Division and Pastor P. H. Eldridge, formerly radio secretary of the Japan Union Mission, is now Division ministerial and radio secretary.

● Dr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Ing and daughter of Stockton, California, have arrived in Hong Kong. Dr. Ing responded to the call for him to serve as a relief doctor in Hong Kong. This has made possible the return of Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Miller to the States for a short time.

● Pastor and Mrs. C. B. Watts and son Howard, who have been on furlough the past year, have returned to Okinawa where Pastor Watts serves as president of the Okinawa Mission. Their daughter, Kitty, remained in the States and she is enrolled at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska.

● The Voice of Prophecy of the Southeast Asia Union Mission is

sponsoring a series of meetings in the Victoria Memorial Hall in Singapore. The general topic is "Faith for the Space Age," and Pastor T. K. Chong is the speaker. The first meeting was held on July 29 and there are meetings every night except Saturday. Thus far there has been a very fine attendance. The meetings will continue for 19 nights in Memorial Hall and then move to the Balestier Road English church.

● Word has been received at the Southeast Asia Union Mission office that Pastor and Mrs. Vernon Kelstrom will be locating in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, where he will be the public relations secretary of the Southern New England Conference. Pastor Kelstrom was formerly the home missionary secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

● Pastor R. H. Wentland, Jr., has accepted the pastorate of a district of churches in the New York Conference. The family will locate in Union Springs, New York, where the children will have the privilege of attending the Union Springs Academy and church school. Of recent months Pastor Wentland was the YPMV, Temperance and Sabbath school secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

● Mr. and Mrs. Ben Martin and their two little girls have arrived in Singapore. Brother Martin is the assistant auditor of the Southeast Asia Union Mission. Their coming to Singapore makes it possible for the North Philippine Union Mission to report two more "overseas missionaries." We welcome the Martins to the union mission compound.

● Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hall and family have arrived in Sarawak where they will serve as self-supporting missionaries. Lee Hall is the brother of Pastor Richard Hall, who is now the president of the Sarawak Mission. The two Hall families were in Laos until the war forced them to evacuate from that land.

● The Taiwan Mission reported 623 baptisms during 1961 which equals 24 percent of their membership at the beginning of the year. The membership of the mission is now more than 3,000 and work is being done in 120 different areas.

Pastor H. C. Currie, president of the mission, and his family are now on furlough in the States.

● Pastor Clinton Shankel, evangelist in the Indonesia Union Mission, has just closed an evangelistic campaign in Djakarta, Java. The meetings began on June 3 and closed July 15. Seventy-one persons took their stand for baptism. A story of this effort with pictures will be included in the September number of the **Outlook**.

● Due to the recent baptism of 16 candidates in the Haadyai Church in South Thailand, seventy-five percent of the workers in the Haadyai Mission Hospital are now Seventh-day Adventists. Pastor Milton Lee has promised us a story about his recent meetings in the Haadyai church and the fine results realized. This story will also appear in the September **Outlook**.

● Mr. and Mrs. Jark Lau and their little son left for the United States on Sunday, August 12. Jark is an instructor in the Singapore Polytechnic School. This school and Cal Tech in Pasadena, California, have jointly granted a two-year scholarship to Jark and he will attend the latter school. Alice teaches music in some of the government schools of Singapore but she has been granted a leave of absence. The Laus will be missed in the Balestier Road English church where they were active members.

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