

Evangelism in Djakarta

By Clinton Shankel, Evangelist



The Djakarta effort began on June 3 and closed on July 15, 1962. The Spirit of God was seen shining in its brightness through and amid seemingly insurmountable problems that seemed to ac-

company the beginning of the meetings. However, it seems that the greater the problems, the greater the portion of the Holy Spirit.

On the opening night the hall

was filled. We had planned to rent extra chairs for the first two weeks only but it was a pleasure to have to spend funds beyond the limits of the budget for chair rental throughout the entire campaign.

In the picture at the top of the page Pastor Clinton Shankel is giving out the Bibles and diplomas to the Bible marking class the last night of the meeting. In the second picture we see the audience present at that meeting. The bus seen in the third picture was made available by Brother Laloan for transporting some of the people to the meetings. Sister Laloan and her daughter are seen in the center of the picture.

Good bus service helped in the attendance. This bus service was a donation on the part of Brother and Sister Laloan who loaned their buses several nights to bring people to the meetings. The attendance was generally about one-half non-Seventh-day Adventists.

One special feature of the meetings was the Bible Marking class. This class was held at the close of each lecture, at which time all of the texts were given by page number. Each class member was given a red and a blue pencil to mark each text. Every night the Bibles were turned in and records kept. A total of 383 people joined the class and 152 graduated the closing night. All who received diplomas had been present at a total of 80 percent of the meetings.

Many decisions were made in the homes and in the churches of Djakarta and some are still being made. During the meetings, we made three calls for surrender at which time 71 precious souls took their stand for baptism. We praise God for this wonderful manifestation of His grace here in Djakarta. The workers have been able to visit only about ten percent of those desiring to study the message. Truly the harvest is ready but the laborers are few.

The hall rent and the chair rental were so high that it was almost impossible to advertise even a fraction of what should have been done. The Spirit of God, we found, is just as able to inflate as is the money here in Indonesia. Yes, God sent His Spirit and we are led to exclaim, "Behold God is in this place." Pray for the work in Indonesia. Amid the problems and trials, God is calling forth His own that they may inherit that promised crown when our labors and trials are ended and we see His glorious appearing.

Indonesia

Faith Rewarded

By Lloyd Barber, Manager
Indonesia Publishing House

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1.

We at the Indonesia Publishing House understand the meaning of Hebrews 11:1 a little better after

a few experiences we have had lately.

At the beginning of January, 1962, the importers notified us that a small amount of our large paper order which we had placed ten months before had finally arrived. We were very thankful for small favors and so we immediately hauled it to the publishing house. We were doubly thankful for this small amount of paper when a few days later we were notified that the government had frozen all paper shipments. That very same day, the importer informed us that more of our paper shipment had arrived but because of the new regulation they were not allowed to release any of it to us. We then checked with our source of supply through the government and there, too, we were told that we would not be able to get any more paper for an indefinite period of time—probably no more for the rest of the year 1962.

Our paper supply was getting dangerously low. Pastor E. A. Brodeur made a trip to Indonesia and saw first hand the critical condition of the paper situation. He was convinced that an emergency existed and that something must be done immediately or else our publishing work would have to stop. After discussing the seriousness of the matter with the union committee, it was voted to grant to us an emergency allowance from union mission funds to have paper sent in from Singapore.

The paper was ordered. Then Brother Brodeur was able to convince the Division brethren that we needed more help. They in turn were successful in convincing the General Conference Rehabilitation and Expansion Committee that we had a real emergency. We thank the Lord for the generous hearts of the members of the Rehabilitation Committee in granting us the necessary funds to buy enough paper outside of Indonesia to keep our presses running for the remainder of this year.

In the meantime, while waiting for our first shipment of paper to arrive from Singapore, our paper supply had dropped past the "danger zone"—it was now in the "disaster zone." Each day as we checked our paper supply, the question was asked, "Shall we stop one press to conserve what paper is left?" But each time the answer was, "No, let's keep the presses

running. The Lord will provide."

We had prayed earnestly in our worship services at the publishing house and in our private devotions that the Lord would open the way for more paper to be made available. On a particular day in March we had only enough paper to finish the book that was on the press. By early afternoon that would be used up and the presses would have to stop.

After our worship period that morning, we felt impressed to go and see the importers again to see if there might be some hope of getting more of our paper which had been frozen by the government. After talking with the man in charge and pleading with him, he told us he would let us take about 40 more reams of paper. He said he was not supposed to let us have it yet for it had not been released by the government but he felt impressed to help us as much as he dared. We thanked the Lord for impressing this man with our needs. He told us we must take the paper out of the warehouse by noon if we wanted it. You can be sure that we were able to fulfill that requirement!

Before the presses completed the run, we had the paper and were able to continue operation. We could see the hand of the Lord all the way through. He had tested our faith but we had stood firm and He opened the way.

We have trials similar to this almost every day because supplies are very hard to get but the Lord never fails us. It is our prayer that we will always be able to keep our trust and faith in Him so that the millions in Indonesia, who have never heard the name of Jesus, will have had the chance before His return.

Southeast Asia

A Pile-Driving Ceremony

By Wayne A. Martin,
President Thailand Mission

A special pile-driving ceremony, held at the newly purchased mission property in Bangkok, marked the start of the erection of a new publishing house and Voice of Prophecy building for the Thailand Mission. Mr. Floyd Whittington, Charge d'Affaires of the Unit-



Participants in the pile-driving ceremony. Left to right: W. A. Martin, president of the Thailand Mission; Dr. L. G. Ludington, medical director of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital; S. J. Lee, auditor, Southeast Asia Union Mission; F. G. Whittington, Charge d' Affaires, U. S. Embassy in Thailand.

ed States Embassy in Thailand, was the main speaker for the occasion.

Since there is no rock foundation under the city of Bangkok, and only a few hundred years ago this area was a great mud lake, it is necessary to drive piling before the foundation of any building can be laid. Thus a pile-driving ceremony was a fitting start for a new building which will place our work in Thailand on a more firm foundation.

Pastor S. J. Lee represented the Southeast Asia Union Mission as he told of the beginning of our work in Thailand many years ago by a colporteur from Singapore who had come to Thailand to sell books. Other participants in the program were Dr. Louis G. Ludington, medical director of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, and Wayne A. Martin, president of the Thailand Mission.

The new building will be constructed partly from funds received from the 1961 fourth quarter's 13th Sabbath overflow offering. The building will house a modern printing plant, Voice of Prophecy recording studio, and Bible Correspondence School offices. Upon completion of this building, which will take about six months, the Thailand Mission will also move its offices to this location.

150 Decisions for Christ

By Chester H. Damron, Evangelist-Pastor, Thailand Mission

June 16 to 23 marked the week for spiritual emphasis at the Child Training Center, the Ekamai Mission School in Bangkok. Six hundred and fifty students gathered from morning to morning to listen to the writer who was the speaker for this Week of Prayer. On the school compound there is no building large enough to house the students all at one time. Therefore, it was necessary to conduct four meetings each morning so that each of the students might hear the Word of God as it was presented.

The topics for the week were chosen from the parables of Jesus. A sincere effort was made to place before the students the fact that God cares about each of them. Christianity was explained and what it will do for young people. How conversion takes place and

how to overcome evil were other topics discussed. How to succeed and what it takes for a Christian to succeed were also considered during this week. The lessons presented in the parables of Jesus were given to answer these questions. At the conclusion of the week, the teachers and other spiritual leaders were happy that through the goodness of God decisions had been made for Him.

There were 150 decisions for Christ and these were new decisions. Above and beyond this 46 decisions were made for baptism. There were many who did not make a decision for Christ and we continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to their hearts and will bring them to conversion soon. The 46 young people who decided to be baptized are now in a baptismal class and will pre-

pare for baptism within the next six or eight months. Truly God is blessing the work in Thailand and may He continue to bless our mission school at Ekamai.

Orion Pathfinders at Camp

By C. Balan, Director

The Orion Pathfinder Club (Southeast Asia Union College Church) held its week-long training camp at Pulau Tekong Besar, Singapore, from August 3 to 7, 1962. Prior to the camp, the Pathfinders participated in "job week" in an effort to raise money to attend the camp.

After words of counsel from Pastor H. W. Bedwell, the 41 campers rushed into the lorries and were soon off to Changi point. There the launches were waiting to take us to our destination. The boat trip took forty minutes.

Every minute of the five-days was occupied and when the whistle blew there was a change of activity. The whistle call most pleasant to hear was the one announcing "makan." Pastor S. F. Chu, Mrs. K. T. Kong, Miss Koh Siew Eng and Mr. Vincent Tan were our cooks. The wholesome and delicious meals prepared by these folks filled our stomachs to the brim. As a result almost every camper gained from one to three pounds. The exception was the camp directors for they gained six pounds each!

All of the Pathfinders, with three exceptions, slept in the tents they had pitched. Camp duties occupied their time in different services, such as carrying water, helping in the kitchen, cleaning bathrooms and sweeping the campsite area.

The swimming period always refreshed the campers for other activities. Six campers qualified for the honor in beginners' swimming. They are, Goh Yong Teo, Chew Tian Yew, Charles Anchant, Chin Chee Fah, Lim Beng Chong and Hubert Levos, a member of the

Johore Bahru Church. The other major activities were: making whistle cords, molds of plaster of paris and semaphores. MV class work covered a part of the session time. A youth forum was conducted by Harry Ho. This related to the problems confronting the Path-



Some of the Orion Pathfinder girls and the tents they lived in. At the right they are lined up for inspection.

finders in their daily life. Pastor S. F. Chu, camp pastor, conducted a special series of talks to help guide the youth in the pathway of life.

We commenced the day with morning worship, prayer bands and flag raising. Calisthenics prepared us for a heavy breakfast. Pathfinders always enjoy the camp inspection period for that is when the officers discover how well the club members keep their tents. The units were graded accordingly.

On Sabbath the Sabbath school was conducted by the Pathfinders. In the afternoon all went out to distribute tracts and to enroll people in the VOP correspondence course. Campfire is the high light of all camps. We played a game called "Flashlight Game." In this all took part and it is a most exciting game. Other high lights of the camp were: track and trailing, treasure hunt, and a boiling water contest. In the boiling egg contest or competition, the Wolf Unit won the first prize. The best unit, the one with the highest point score in the camp, was the girls' Fox Unit. The councilor for this unit was Miss Florence Sormin.

The camp staff wishes to congratulate each Pathfinder for his or her help in executing "job week" and thus aiding the Pathfinder Training Camp. We wish especially to thank Floris and Florena Hutabarat and Sylvia Choo who collected \$61.30 during "job week."

The Orion Pathfinder Club is now busily engaged in preparing for Pathfinder Day. On this particular day they will take over the Sabbath school, church service and the MV meeting. A Pathfinder choir has been organized, too. In October we will be celebrating our club birthday. Later in the year we plan to have a weekend camp.

Korea

A Glimpse at Korea's Schools

By Rudy E. Klimes
Secretary of Education
Korean Union Mission

Korean Union College: Cement block upon cement block, a third and fourth unit of the boys' dormitory is taking shape. This will provide 16 additional rooms for a total of 64 students.

The tarpaper roofs, which have withstood snow, sleet and sunshine for quite a number of years, are being recovered with cement tiles.

An addition to the farm office provides permanent space for two additional walk-in refrigerators.

The home economics food laboratory was recently furnished with worktables sinks, and stoves.

Korean Union College Academy: This academy has been designated by the province as a research school. Besides this, it is also a provincial model school.

The Director of Education for the Cholla Nam Do province recently visited the college and academy. He was most favorably impressed and highly praised our program.

Southeastern Academy: Eight rooms built of cement blocks, have been added to the girls' dormitory. This will partially relieve the overcrowded conditions in the dormitory.

A tract of land above the school has been purchased. A building on the land is being renovated and made into two teachers' homes.

A high school classroom has been enlarged to accommodate the greatly increased enrollment.

The school dining room has been enlarged. The kitchen facilities have been remodeled and greatly improved.

Southwestern Academy: The enrollment at this academy this year increased from 104 to 161 students, putting a great strain on the school facilities.

New dining tables have been constructed for the school cafeteria. Mr. Kim Tae Kun, formerly at the Seoul Academy, is the new principal of this school.

Seoul Academy: The Seoul Academy, our largest school in Korea, has added the second year of night school to its program. The night high school is government accredited and this enables the students to complete the high school courses in the same length of time as required in the day school.

During the first semester, R. E. Klimes taught a special English conversation class to three sections of the third-year middle school.

Mr. Choi Myung Whan, formerly assistant union educational secretary, has been elected principal of the academy.

Kwang Chon Junior Academy: An additional tract of land at the rear of the school has been purchased to serve as school playground.

With the student body more than doubled, namely from 57 to 130 students, additional housing was urgently needed and purchased. Land has also been cleared and leveled for a new classroom building. At the present time, the foundation for the first three classrooms is being laid.

Taegu Elementary School: The first Seventh-day Adventist elementary school building, aside from the one in Seoul, is being constructed and is nearing completion in Taegu. It has been designed especially for school purposes having three large classrooms, a music room-library combination, a teachers' office and a teacher's apartment.

God has greatly blessed His work in Korea the past few months. Greater things are still in store. Today 3,729 students instructed by our 232 teachers in our 53 schools are receiving these blessings from the Lord. May no child, no youth, be denied the blessings of a Christian education.

South Philippines

Negros Mission Marches On

By M. M. Claveria, President

It is with great pleasure that we report to our brethren the blessings of the Lord on this new mission for the first six months of this year.

We held four tent efforts and the indications are that as a result of these meetings a goodly number of souls will be baptized soon. A Sabbath School Association in South-Central Negros, composed of seven churches, has just finished holding a regular tent effort without mission aid and they have now begun another such effort. The brethren also do the follow-up work of the interests created. Our total baptisms for the six months, excluding the fruits from the tent efforts, is 209.

Although we really began operation in February of this year, our total tithe income up to the end of June is 51,842.35 pesos.

creation of the Negros Mission. The East Visayan Mission shows a decrease of 8,162.79 pesos and the West Visayan Mission a decrease of 30,263.68 pesos, or a total in the two missions of 38,426.47 pesos for the first six months of 1962. Subtracting this amount from the 51,842.35 pesos, there is an increase of 13,415.88 pesos, or an increase of 4,471.96 pesos for each of the three missions—assuming that the other two missions have had proportionate increases in their tithe income as the new mission. As a result of this increase in tithe income we show an operating gain of 2,787.98 pesos, and an excess over our authorized working capital of 2,634.61 pesos in our June 30 financial statement.

Our churches have conducted a total of 63 Vacation Bible Schools with 1,995 children in attendance during the summer months. Our home missionary secretary thinks that he cannot find a more cooperative and more enthusiastic group of brethren anywhere than in this mission when it comes to holding Vacation Bible Schools.

A mission-wide colporteurs' institute has just been held in San Carlos City, August 6-11, and, with

Negros Mission second highest in student sales during this period.

"In the work of many ministers there is too much sermonizing and too little real heart-to-heart work. There is need for more personal labor for souls. In Christlike sympathy the minister should come close to men individually, and seek to awaken their interest in the great things of eternal life. **"—Gospel Workers** p. 185. Feeling the import of this statement, our committee voted to launch into a program of home visitation for two months, climaxing in week-end Ingathering rallies. In connection with our home visitation we are taking a mission-wide membership census to really ascertain the exact number of members in our mission. This we believe is basic in guiding us in the different promotional programs of our mission.

L. E. Tucker Leads MVC Students in Spiritual Retreat

By Avelina Catalan-Loriezo

As I sat in the chapel that Friday morning reading **Hilltop Flashes** I pondered over just what the next seven days would be like. That was August 3, the beginning of the first Week of Prayer for the schoolyear 1962-1963. I knew there was going to be a special speaker; I knew there would be shortened class periods; I knew there would be special music.

Soon Pastor Laverne E. Tucker, director of the Voice of Prophecy radio program in the North Philippine Union Mission, Mrs. Tucker, Billy, Denny and Johnny arrived and the Week of Prayer began. Teachers and students, together with their families and friends, came daily at seven to eight o'clock in the morning and from six-thirty to seven-thirty in the evening to hear God's Word proclaimed.

The students soon discovered that Mrs. Tucker had special songs especially prepared for them. Billy, the oldest son, also had special renditions on his trombone to add to the special music presented.

The sermons of the week were focused on the theme, "Looking Unto Jesus." On the opening night, the students learned that reading the Bible and putting their names in for every promise, opening



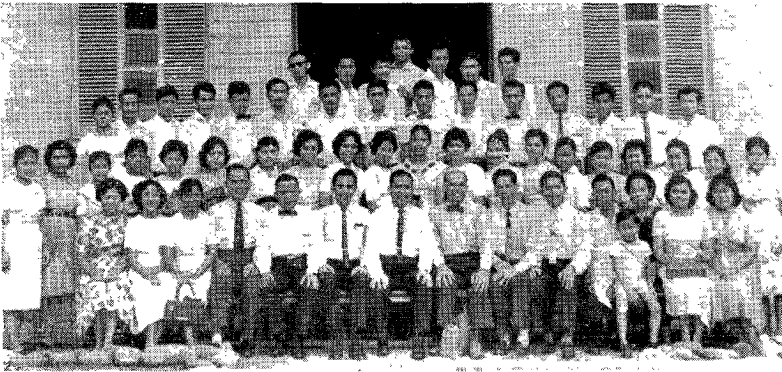
The office staff of the Negros Mission. In the center of the back row are Pastors M. M. Claveria (right) and O. C. Aguirre, president and secretary-treasurer of the mission, respectively. The assistant publishing secretary was absent from the office at the time the picture was taken.

As there is no exact figure to compare this amount with last year's tithe income, all we can do is to base our comparison on the total decrease in tithe in both the East and West Visayan Missions where our members belonged until the

eight new book colporteur recruits, our total literature evangelists' force now is 59. Our total sales for February to June was 24,754.90 pesos. Of this amount, our student colporteurs sold 10,126.35 pesos' worth of books. This places the



After sixty days and nights of preaching and follow-up Bible studies during the effort in Kibawe, Bukidnon, 16 precious souls were baptized into the fellowship of Advent believers by Pastor S. J. Tangjal. Twenty-five more persons are being prepared for the next baptism by Brother Rudy Bermudez, our intern evangelist.—F. M. Arrogante



"Let many give themselves willingly and unselfishly to the canvassing work, and thus help to sound a warning that is greatly needed."—CS, p. 147. In response to this noble call, 49 young men and women attended the inspiring colporteurs' institute which was held June 27-30 at Bad-as, Surigao del Norte, under the leadership of Pastor A. N. Santiago of the union mission and the leaders in the Northern Mindanao Mission.

—F. M. Arrogante

their hearts to God in prayer as to a dear friend, daily dedication of their lives to Christ, and having perfect peace throughout the day, will make Jesus real to them.

Hearts were lifted up to God with joy as everybody joined in singing the theme song at every meeting:

"Live Christ throughout the day,
Live Christ o'er all the way;
Showing the radiance of His great
love for the world to see.
Live Christ, this shall be done,
Live Christ for every one;
This is my longing, so enter
my heart,
Live Thou in me."

On Friday morning the academy and college students met separately for testimony meeting. Sins were confessed and made right. Hearts overflowed with joy over victories won. The students came forward to the microphone to tell the Lord how much they loved Him. Not all could speak at that hour so the testimony meeting was continued at the evening vesper hour. Students and teachers promised the Lord that nothing would separate them from the love of God.

On the last Sabbath, the entire school family celebrated the Lord's Supper to bring the Week of Prayer to a happy conclusion.

At sunset, Pastor Tucker made a date with the students and teachers. "If I don't meet you again on this earth, I'll meet you that first Sabbath at the tree of life." The MVCians manifested their desire to meet him there by holding hands and forming a large

circle as they sang, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Pastor and Mrs. Tucker counselled with the students during the week thus supplementing the talks presented in the Florence Kern Auditorium.

As the meetings drew to a close, I realized the beauty of a daily surrender of the life to the Lord. I was constrained to take all my faults, my disappointments, my trials, my hatreds, my burdens to the Lord and leave them there. I felt I had borne them alone, needlessly.

We thank God for this Week of Prayer. We thank God for the Tuckers who gave themselves in loving service for our spiritual needs. We look forward to another Week of Prayer.

Another Sales Promotion Seminar

By F. D. Lao, Publishing Secretary, East Visayan Mission

FORTY-SIX literature evangelists of the East Visayan Mission held their annual sales promotion seminar in Tacloban City on June 19-23. The classes were held in the spacious and beautiful Tacloban City church.

The morale of the literature evangelists (13 of whom were new recruits) was bolstered by the presence of their leaders, namely Pastor A. N. Santiago, South Philippine Union Mission publishing secretary, who led out in the sales instruction; Pastor T. A. Layon, mission president; Mr. J. M. Caloma, mission secretary-treasurer; Mrs. T. A. Layon, Parent and Home secretary; Mr. W. D. Chavit, B&PA manager, Mr. B. P. Moralde and Miss O. E. Flores, assistant publishing secretaries; Mr. J. A. Layon, Northern Leyte district



Pastor A. N. Santiago, seventh from the left, and the fine group of workers who attended the home and health education service sales promotion seminar in Tacloban City.

leader, and the writer.

This fine group of self-sacrificing book and magazine canvassers were very much inspired to go to work more enthusiastically and to dedicate their lives to literature evangelism as never before after hearing the spirit-filled messages of Pastors A. N. Santiago and T. A. Layon and Brother Caloma during the course of the meetings.

The Sabbath worship service was climaxed by Pastor Santiago as he stood and called on the forty-six soldiers of the Cross to reconsecrate their lives to the yet unfinished task. The congregation was likewise challenged to solidly support these literature ministers through their continued prayers and cooperation.

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The canvassing work is an important field of labor; and the intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister.—T. M. p. 317.

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Vacation Bible Schools

By D. B. Ladion, Sabbath School Secretary, Negros Mission

At the time of the fifth biennial session of the South Philippine Union Mission, held last January 4-11, in the Capital Center in Cebu City, the Negros Mission was organized. The headquarters are at Bacolod City. This new mission comprises two provinces, Oriental and Occidental Negros, including the island of Siquijor. We have at present 125 churches and com-

panies with a membership of 3,435. About five thousand of our members in these two provinces have either moved to Mindanao, or are missing and some have died. Thus the actual membership is now about 3,435. The brethren in this area are happy to have their new headquarters near them. Missionary activities are in full swing.

We are glad to say that we conducted 63 Vacation Bible Schools during this last vacation period. The children who attended these classes became the medium through whom the truths were brought to their parents. The parents admired their children when they saw how they could sing and pray. Some of these children were those of Protestant pastors and their parents appreciated very much the way Seventh-day Adventists conduct Vacation Bible Schools. Despite the fact that some priests went to the homes of these children to discourage them from attending the VBS, the children insisted on coming and as a result interests have been awakened. Some of the parents are receiving Bible studies and some have been baptized. May God help all of our people to realize the importance of holding Vacation Bible Schools during vacation periods. It is one means of helping to eradicate the problem of juvenile delinquency.

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It is still true that children are the most susceptible to the teachings of the gospel; their hearts are open to divine influences and strong to retain the lessons received.

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Pastor A. G. Macasiano, one of the retired ministers in our mission (center back row) led out in the graduation exercises of the Vacation Bible School in Alegria, Bago, Negros Occidental.

North Philippines

"Typhoon Kate" Strikes

By Laurentino E. Gonzaga, Chaplain, Manila Sanitarium and Hospital

When "Typhoon Kate" passed the Philippines during the last week of July of this year, it caused floods which wrought havoc, devastation and death in some 21 provinces of Central and Northern Luzon. Estimated damage to public and private properties was about 44 million pesos. The death toll from the flood was 92 lives, excluding the missing ones. Because the flood victims were facing hunger and disease, there was danger of an outbreak of respiratory and gastronomical ailments due to the lack of safe drinking water, the result of the widespread destruction of water systems and artesian wells in most of the provinces affected by the typhoon, President Diosdado Macapagal of the Philippine Republic, made an appeal to all civic and welfare organizations for help. We responded to the appeal and so from July 26 to August 6 we sent relief and medical supplies to some of the barrios and towns of the provinces of Bulacan, Pampanga, Batangas, and Zambales.

One of the best experiences we had was on August 6 when some Sanitarium workers, together with the Central Luzon Mission workers, went to Olongapo, Zambales,

Vacation Bible School graduates at Cadiz, Occidental Negros. Forty-one happy children benefitted from the instruction given



the Sodom and Gomorrah of the Philippines, to distribute relief and medical supplies. This place has a population of about 67,000 people and the United States Naval Base is located at this place.

The Sanitarium workers who went with the group were: Brother Eduardo Corpuz, assistant business manager, Mrs. P. H. Romulo, secretary to the business manager, Mrs. L. Garcia, billing



Victims of the typhoon disaster queue up for medical supplies and relief goods being distributed by Manila Sanitarium workers on the Olongapo town plaza.

clerk, Dr. Josue Imperio, a resident physician, Dr. Conrado Jimenez, a medical intern, two nurses, Miss Nenita Diaz and Mrs. Belen Ordanez, Carlos Magat of the maintenance department, and the writer. We were loaded into two microbuses while our relief supplies were in two big army trucks which had been provided by the Social Welfare Administration. To identify us, cloth banners with these words, **Seventh-day Adventist Health and Welfare Service**, were hung on both sides of the army trucks and in front of the two microbuses. So, as we traveled to Olongapo, people were attracted by our banners.

We arrived at Olongapo at about

11 a. m. and were told that the distribution would begin at about 1:00 p.m. We had our lunch and then exactly at one o'clock, in spite of the heavy rain, people started to line up in the town plaza. In about four hours we distributed 20 sacks of powdered milk (100 pounds to the sack), 20 sacks of cornmeal, 20 sacks of flour, 6 cans of rice, 26 cases of cooking oil (12 cans to a case), while doctors and nurses, during their free consultations, gave away free medicines worth 3,500 pesos.

During the distribution, Mayor Ruben Geronimo of Olongapo and Abner A. de Guia, helped to maintain an orderly distribution. They even provided us with two constabulary soldiers to protect us from being mobbed as had happened to other relief organizations. We were able to help about 2,400 flood victims.

One thing we are thankful to the Lord for and that is the impression and influence we left in the town. Last year the town mayor did not give us permission to solicit for our Ingathering campaign, but now the door of Olongapo is wide open to Seventh-day Adventists. Our welfare and medical work has opened the way for our gospel message in this very wicked town. Let us pray that many souls from this town will turn their hearts to Jesus Christ that they too may have salvation.

Adventures in a Modern Sodom

**By T. B. Frias, Pastor
Central Luzon Mission**

Olongapo is a town well known for its wickedness, drunkenness and immorality. Theft and robbery are prevalent in this place. The Philippine Constabulary and the Shore Patrol have to help the municipal police in maintaining order and peace. The more than 140 bars and night clubs plus four theaters that have a flourishing business justify many people in considering the town a modern Sodom.

Early in the last quarter of 1961, definite plans were laid to evangelize Olongapo. We laid the ground work by giving aid to indigent people. The Christmas program at the Lincoln Lodge attracted the largest crowd ever, according to the office of the Mason Lodge.

Seven items of relief goods, such as rice, sugar, flour, soap, matches, etc., were distributed to the people. This represented more than 400 pesos in cash.

The Central Luzon Mission appropriated several thousand pesos for a tabernacle seating about 300 people. Brother and Sister Ponciano Malit donated one thousand pesos toward the effort.

At first we found a lot near the municipal building and the owner was favorable to the idea of our holding a series of evangelistic lectures but later on he changed his mind and refused to let us have said lot. As no other vacant lot was available in the heart of the town, we were forced to get one in New Banicaín which is not far from the entrance gate to the U. S. Naval Base.

On January 30, 1962, we started to build the Olongapo Center, an attractive looking tabernacle—in appearance it could compete well with the beautiful bars and night clubs in the area.

Sabbath, February 17, 1962, we held an all-out rally for the Olongapo church. The members were assigned by groups to go to the different sections of the city to distribute the handbills to the homes of the people. The workers with the help of some of the members pasted the billboards in prominent places. Those were real soul-winning adventures in a modern Sodom. The following night we had our grand opening. We were greatly blessed in having with us the "Ambassadors" from Philippine Union College, directed by Pastor Elton Wallace.

One day while working at the construction of the tabernacle, an old man wearing thick glasses came to us for some of our scraps for fuel. Inquisitively, he asked, "Is this a garage for the 'Victory Liner?'" We told him it was not but that it was going to be a tabernacle but this he did not understand. Influenced by his two grandchildren, that old man, his wife, their daughter, and a neighbor attended our meetings regularly and were finally baptized.

When we held that first meeting, it so happened that no direct electric connections were being permitted. The mayor granted us a written permit to connect our electrical equipment with the nearest neighbor's current, the latter being willing for us to do so.

But after a few days, his neighbors and friends ridiculed him and he then became hostile to us and finally cut the connection. When we arrived one evening, we found the tabernacle in darkness. Many people came to attend the lecture but they were of course disappointed in that there was no light. Inside that dark tabernacle Brother Vicente Tigno, Jr., the speaker, Brother Antonio de Guzman, the song director, and the writer met till midnight. We searched our hearts, and we prayed to the Lord for guidance. We also prayed for our neighbor and his friends. After casting our cares at the feet of Jesus, we retired. The next day we were told that we could again connect up the lights. However, after a few nights we sensed that there was something wrong with the electricity. Sure enough! When Brother Tigno switched on the slide projector the bulb burned out. Our 110 volt line had changed to 220 volts. We had not plugged in our public address system or more damage would have been done. An electrician tested our line with his tester only to find that all of our lines were 220 volts already. We went to the neighbor and there we discovered the mischief that had been done to the wiring. Nevertheless, we showed no signs of impatience nor irritation. When we distributed milk to the indigents, we gave them their usual rations. When the doctors and nurses came from the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, we called for them to come for their medical check-up and other care. They became deeply interested and now one of their sons has been baptized. As a result of this first series of meetings, the Lord has given us 26 precious souls.

One of the accomplishments of the Olongapo tabernacle team is the reorganization of the Olongapo church choir. They have been doing fine work, not only in the church but also on other occasions. We sang for the Easter celebration at the Masonic Lodge when LCDR William J. Wright, Chaplain of the U. S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, was the speaker. On a special program at the Olongapo Methodist church, held May 19, 1962, when Rear Admiral Reuben T. Whitaker was guest speaker, our choir was again requested to sing. On that occasion, Pastor J. D. Cristobal

was the speaker. He spoke on the evils of alcoholism. On Sunday morning, May 20, our choir rendered a musical program aboard the **USS Okanogan**. LCDR Robert L. Molte, a Seventh-day Adventist minister, is the Protestant chaplain for the Seventh Fleet. He made it possible for us to have a tour of the ship which culminated in the mess hall where we were served fruit juices, cookies and ice cream. An offering was collected which amounted to forty pesos and this was given to the choir to help defray expenses.

On June 3rd, our choir in their usual black and white uniforms sang again at the Protestant services at the U. S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, in response to an invitation from Chaplain Wright. The choir has proved itself to be a soul-winning agency. Two young men were in the choir who were not Seventh-day Adventists. One of them is now a baptized member and the other one is preparing for the rite.

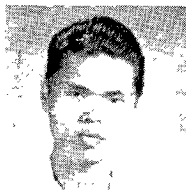
A retired Protestant minister who gave 40 long years of his life to the gospel ministry of another church was at the Methodist chapel when our choir sang. He began coming to our church after that and on June 16 he was buried in the watery grave as an expression of his full surrender to our Lord Jesus Christ.

On May 1, 1962, we dismounted our tabernacle and moved it to Sta. Rita, Olongapo. On May 29 we started our new series of meetings. By God's help we hope to harvest many more souls for God's eternal kingdom from this modern Sodom. We therefore solicit your prayers in behalf of our work.

The Seed Germinated

By E. J. Tangunan
HM and SS Secretary
Central Luzon Mission

Accompanying this story is a picture of Buenaventura Sanchez of Angeles, Pampanga. He was baptized into our truth just two



years ago. Although he is still young in the faith, he has already had wonderful experiences. He is at present the driver of a passenger jeep. One night

about 10 o'clock he was requested by a man to take his wife to a hospital for she was in great peril in delivering a child. Our brother responded to this appeal readily for he is a Christian. When they arrived at a place where there were no homes and no people around, the man pulled his gun and told our brother to get out of the jeep. Our brother did not get out of the jeep. The man tried several times to fire his gun to shoot our brother but it did not fire. He then struck Brother Sanchez on the head and this made him unconscious. The jeep was taken but he did not feel much pain when he again became conscious. Through his earnest prayers, the jeep was recovered and the one who stole it is now in jail.

Brother Sanchez was not religiously inclined. His parents are devout Catholics. Some six or seven years ago, his mother was convinced that she should buy our pamphlets, **Light for Today** and **Fugitive from Justice** from one of our colporteurs. Brother Sanchez read these books and then forgot all about them. He came to Manila to study. While there he was invited to attend the meetings of Bob Pierce which were held at Sunken Gardens. As a result of his frequent attendance, he was baptized and became a member of the Bethel Temple in 1958. In their church service, he frequently heard emphasized the importance of daily reading the Bible (Acts 17:11) and also the supreme importance of obeying all the Commandments of God, (James 2:10). He decided to buy a Bible so as to be able to search it for himself. He ordered one through his minister. The Bible he bought had a cover on it on which were listed different important subjects and where to read about them in the Bible. He found the fourth commandment definitely specified the keeping of the Sabbath. He looked up the word Sabbath in the dictionary and found that the Sabbath is the seventh day which is Saturday. Being convinced of this he began observing the Sabbath. Then he remembered that some three years before he had read the pamphlets, **Light for Today** and **Fugitive from Justice** which his mother had bought. He went home and searched diligently for these small books. It took him many hours before he found them. He now began

reading them with great care.

Brother Sanchez came back to Manila to continue his studies and at the same time he continued to keep the Sabbath. He lived at Grace Park, Caloocan, and many Sabbaths he went strolling along the streets very desirous of finding a chapel where Seventh-day Adventists worshipped. He did not find one.

He went home to Angeles and asked some of his friends if they knew of a Seventh-day Adventist chapel in Angeles. They did and they instructed him as to how to find it. So one Saturday morning at seven o'clock he went to our chapel. He asked one of the believers, our former church elder for many years, if he might attend the meetings. He was courteously invited. After one year of continuous Sabbath attendance, he was baptized. He is at the present time one of the most active and godly Sabbath school teachers in our Sabbath school in Angeles. He is also one of the deacons. He told me that when he read the small booklets his mother had purchased the second time, he became convinced that the Seventh-day Adventists have the entire truth and therefore he decided to join them. Thus the seeds planted in his heart many years ago by our pamphlets germinated and bore fruit to God's glory.

Ever Active!

By J. O. Bautista

NPUM Home Missionary Secretary

The two words above fittingly describe the members of the Manila Central Dorcas Welfare Society as they carry on their program of caring for the destitute, the sick, and the victims of calamities in their midst. They are ever on the job as can be gathered from the following accounts of their doings. The society is a member of the Manila-Rizal Welfare Federation.

Recent activities of the society are worthy of note. Officials of the National Mental Hospital in Mandaluyong, Rizal, received not long ago donations of clothing materials from various textile firms to be made into patients' garments. An appeal was then made for volunteers among civic-minded individuals as well as to charitable and welfare organizations for the sew-



Members of the Manila Central Dorcas Welfare Society visiting patients in one of the wards of the Manila Central University Hospital.



Representatives of the Manila Central Welfare Society deliver 2,500 patients' garments to Mrs. Felicula Castaneda, head of the nursing department of the National Mental Hospital. These garments had been made by the society members.

Distribution of goods to indigent families last Christmas at the church compound.



ing of the garments for the institution. Among the first to respond was the Manila Central Dorcas Welfare Society. They offered to do their part by taking an allocation of 2,500 pieces. This kept the members busy for weeks but it was an unusually happy day when they made delivery of the garments. Officials of the institution, led by Mrs. Felicula Castandea, head of the nursing department, expressed in a public way their deep appreciation for the spontaneous services rendered by the society.

For the second time, the Aquino sisters, Purificacion and Simeona, were awarded individual certificates of appreciation at the volunteer appreciation ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial Hospital for having rendered a total of 205 and 254 hours, respectively, of volunteer service to the institution last year.



The Aquino sisters flank guest speaker Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, former Ambassador to South Vietnam, as they pose for a picture after the volunteer appreciation ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Hospital.

A visiting band of the society makes regular visits to four medical institutions in the city of Manila, namely Manila Central University, Far Eastern University, North General, and San Lazaro hospitals. They sing with, pray for and give words of comfort to the patients. Last year's report reveals

that 1,694 pieces of literature were distributed, 2,900 bouquets of flowers were given away, and 706 hours were spent in visitation. Every Tuesday morning a group reports to our Manila Sanitarium and Hospital at Pasay City and helps in the preparation of cotton balls, applicators, and bandages.

On special holidays, the members bring cheer to indigents living in the vicinity of the church. Last Christmas a distribution of prime commodities and clothing was made at the church compound. Then from time to time as disasters of every kind strike, leaving in their wake much suffering and misery among the families that have become homeless, the relief agency of the church is immediately mobilized to give aid to the helpless victims.

A charity clinic is operated in one of the rooms at the back of the church which is located at 2215-17 O'Donnell, Santa Cruz, Manila, which gives free consultations, medicines, and treatments to residents in the district every Sunday morning from nine to eleven o'clock. Two doctors and two dentists, who are church members in private practice, compose the personnel of the clinic and they donate of their time each week for this public service.

In the program of the church, the morning worship service on the third Sabbath of each month is assigned to the society to sponsor. This is the church's way of making its members welfare-work-conscious and getting their financial and moral support for the projects of the society.

As if the society did not have enough to do, it looks for more avenues of service. Negotiations are now on foot to begin work among the inmates of the Correctional Institution for Women, also in Mandaluyong, Rizal. Since the beginning of the present year, Mrs. Betty Miranda, concurrently society leader and federation president, has been requested to take part in the program of the Philippine National Red Cross in broadcasting over Station DZAQ-TV Channel 13 every Monday morning from 11:00 to 11:30 instruction in first aid as a public service of the organization.

Here is a church which is following a program which God would have every church follow. Listen

to the following counsel from His Messenger found in **Welfare Ministry**, p. 107: "Let there be in every church well-organized companies of workers to labor in the vicinity of the church... Let all churches be active, zealous, filled with enthusiasm by the Spirit and power given you by God, consecrated to His service, that will tell in the communities where you may labour." It is well to note the assurances given as to the blessings which will come when such instruction is followed. "When such forces are set to work in all of our churches, there will be a renovating, reforming, energizing power in the churches, because the members are doing the very work God has given them to do."

We hold before all of our other churches the worthy example of the Manila Central Dorcas Welfare Society. May its tribe increase!

Please Extend... Please...

By Flor P. Aguilar, R. N.
Camp Nurse

Amidst the falling of the rain and the tears came this ear-catching plea, "Please Sir, Please Mom... Please extend our camping one more week!" These were the words that kept ringing in the ears of our MV secretary, Pastor T. V. Barizo, and camp directoress, Miss F. Abracosa on that last day of our senior camp in cold May-It Spring of Lucban, Quezon.

There were no dry eyes among our 37 campers and heaven seemed in sympathy for the rains fell even more freely than our tears. The campers ranged in age from 15 to 28 and all cried for more attention, care, and closer association such as they had enjoyed during the days of camping. But we must part, yes only to meet again with one accord for greater service and better programs for our young people. The things that had been learned in camp would be enshrined in their hearts and result in greater work for God. As we held hands tightly and sang the parting song, "Blest be the tie that binds," I, too, felt the wish to stay longer but we are told in Ecclesiastes 1:3 that "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." This was comforting to know.

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NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● On August 2, 1962, Japan Union Mission celebrated the tenth anniversary of the VOP radio work in Japan. According to the **Voice of Prophecy News**, it was on Sunday, August 2, 1952 (523 Sundays ago) that JOKR presented the first radio program in Japan. The VOP staff is eagerly anticipating the day when they can begin using the God-given means of TV to reach those who otherwise will never listen to the gospel message.

● Sabbath, July 28, was a high day for the Haadyai Church in South Thailand, for on that day 16 candidates were baptized. The baptism followed the evangelistic meetings held by Pastor Milton Lee and the service was held at Songkhla beach. Most of the candidates are workers at the Haadyai Mission Hospital and we are told by Dr. R. C. Gregory, medical director of that institution, that this brings the percentage of Adventist personnel in the hospital to 75 percent.

● Southeast Asia Union College observed September 5 and 6 as Ingathering field days. To date approximately M\$30,000 have been received and money is still coming in. The college was given tax exemption on Ingathering funds raised and the proceeds will go to renovating and enlarging the girls' dormitory and expanding the science laboratory facilities.

● We learn from the **SDA Nurses Guild Newsletter** (Manila Sanitarium and Hospital) that 14 of the nurses graduated from that institution are now serving in overseas fields, namely Vietnam, Singapore, South Thailand, Pakistan and Libya, Africa.

● Far Eastern Academy has begun the schoolyear 1962-1963 with an enrollment of 32 students, so reports Professor Floyd Wood, principal. Twenty-two (eleven boys and eleven girls) live in the dormitories. Ten students live on the Division or the union mission compounds. The academy faculty is the same as last year but in the elementary school Mrs. G. H. Coffin has been asked to teach some of the morning classes in the lower grades.

● Recent visitors to Singapore were: Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Gregory and family from Haadyai, Thailand; Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Dick

from Penang Sanitarium and Hospital; Pastor Richard Hall and family and Lee Hall and family from Sarawak; Pastor and Mrs. J. F. Harris and children from Bhuket, Thailand; and L. E. Barber, manager of the Indonesia Publishing House

● Pastor and Mrs. W. L. Pascoe left Singapore for Sydney, Australia, on Monday night, September 3. Their many Singapore friends were at the airport to wave them off and to wish them Godspeed. After a short holiday with their children, relatives and friends in Sydney and environs, the Pascoes will go to Washington, D. C., their new field of labor.

● Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Waddell and son Ralph arrived in Singapore on the 3rd of September. They are now "at home" on the Division compound. Their coming has been long and eagerly anticipated. En route to Singapore, the Waddells visited a number of the medical institutions in our Division.

● Patricia and Linda Spangler preceded their parents, Pastor and Mrs. J. F. Spangler, to the States. Patricia has enrolled at Takoma Academy and Linda will attend the John Nevins Andrews church school in Takoma Park. The Spanglers are busy selling out and packing prior to leaving for Washington, D. C.

● It is a pleasure to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Daniel Lee and their three children to our Division family. Pastor Lee is the second member of the evangelistic team which will work for the Chinese-speaking people in our territory. Until he and Pastor Milton Lee team up together, Brother Daniel Lee will conduct a series of evangelistic meetings in Borneo.

● Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Steele and their three children have returned from a short furlough in the States and Canada. Dr. Steele is one of the staff physicians at Youngberg Memorial Hospital.

● August 29 was a high day in the Negro Mission for on that day the cornerstone was laid for the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital building. Pastor M. M. Claveria, president of the mission, writes that more than 500 people attended the ceremony. The speakers for the occasion were the Governor of the province and Dr. R. F. Waddell. Dr. A. P. Roda of Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital and Dr. Manuel Tornilla, Jr., of the Miller

Sanitarium came over for the program by invitation from the union mission committee.

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In retrospect, each day in camp was a big day for all of us, although the first two days some complained, others quickly adjusted to camp life. A few were sick due to the changing weather but nevertheless all enjoyed themselves. All were kept busy with their assigned duties and class work. The presence of Pastor P. H. Romulo, Pastor T. V. Barizo and Miss F. Abracosa created an atmosphere that bound our hearts in close fellowship and a Christian spirit prevailed.

Our culinary division headed by Mrs. A. S. Barizo and Mrs. R. M. Legaspi, coupled with the strong arms of our two male teachers, Messrs. Correces and Racasa, served us hearty meals which resulted in all the campers longing for mealtime.

The lessons taught and the leadership courses and craft classes offered in the camp gave each camper brighter ideas and wholesome plans for their respective churches. We parted with tears and smiles and the hope and prayer that God would grant us the privilege of again camping, not only at May-It Spring but around the crystal clear Spring of Life where there will be no more partings.

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