

The Adventist Sanitarium and Hospital at Tsuen Wan, Kowloon, which was formally opened on May 20, 1964.

A NEW MILESTONE for HONG KONG

By Roger O. Heald, M.D.
Medical Director

OVER 400 people enjoyed the brilliant sunshine of Hong Kong from the cool, canopied porch of the new Adventist Sanitarium and Hospital at Tsuen Wan as the opening ceremony began at 12:00 Noon on May 20. The HK\$2,500,000.00, one hundred-bed hospital, which has an out-patient capacity of 250 a day, was formally opened by Dr. The Honorable P. H. Teng, O.B.E., Director of

Medical and Health Services in Hong Kong. In his speech he commended the medical work of Seventh-day Adventists here and around the Far East, and stressed the importance of good medical facilities in maintaining economic and industrial growth.

Among those who participated in the program were: Pastor D. W. Curry, former business man-

ager of the hospital; Pastor C. B. Miller, president of the South China Island Union Mission; Mr. Edward E. Rice, American Consul General; and Pastor C. P. Sorensen, president of the Far Eastern Division. It was thrilling to see and hear Dr. H. W. Miller trace the history of this hospital, our first in Hong Kong, and another memorial to his inspiring leadership in the medical work in the Far East.



Another view of the Tsuen Wan Seventh-day Adventist Hospital. This picture was taken the day the hospital was formally opened.



The Honorable Dr. P. H. Teng, director of Medical and Health Services in Hong Kong cuts the ribbon and declares the hospital open. Dr. Roger O. Heald stands at the right.

A part of the 400 people who gathered on May 20 to attend the formal opening of the Tsuen Wan Hospital.



Pastor E. L. Longway, Division field secretary, expressed our deep appreciation to the more than 400 contributors to the hospital building fund from among Hong Kong's business and professional community. He mentioned particularly the Chairman and Steward of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club who gave HK\$400,000.00; Mr. P. Y. Tan, a textile manufacturer and friend, who gave HK\$200,000.00, and the people of the United States whose gift through the Far East Relief Fund of US\$85,000.00 provided the hospital with furnishings. Following the cutting of the ribbon, by Dr. Teng, four plaques in memory of the major donors were unveiled and a tour of the hospital was conducted by Dr. R. O. Heald. The occasion was made more festive by the beautiful flowers given by more than 40 organizations.

Tsuen Wan is located in the New Territories southeast of Kowloon about 30 minutes' ride from the downtown area. It is an industrial city with no other major hospital facilities. There is a large segment of low income families and many refugees with almost no income. A challenging future awaits the new hospital.

Through the vision of Dr. Miller and others the hospital at Tsuen Wan is but the first step in the developing medical center in Hong Kong. A larger institution is planned for at 40 Stubbs Road, our mission residence overlooking Happy Valley, which will contain all the features of a modern sanitarium and hospital for people who can afford and want conveniences and services as found in such institutions elsewhere.

As one reviews the medical work in Hong Kong, it is wonderful to see how the hand of God has led in so many ways and instances. The staff for the hospital has been drawn largely from our churches in Hong Kong and we are happy and thankful to God that thus far all the members of the staff are Seventh-day Adventists. It is hoped that this trend can continue and that with a staff of consecrated workers, the hospital's witness and influence will be instrumental in bringing many souls to Jesus Christ, the Great Physician.

Tsuen Wan Sanitarium and Hospital

By Ralph F. Waddell, M.D.
Division Medical Secretary

IT WAS the great English poet Coleridge who once said, "Often do the spirits Of great events stride on before the events, And today already walks tomorrow."

In these words he expressed the importance and meaning of today's experience. The implications of voluntary endeavor bespeak objectives and motivations that may not be realized or appreciated fully until some future time. However, herein lies the need for lofty ideals expressed in noble deeds.

The Good Book tells us that as Christ saw the great multitude of needy mankind, His heart was moved with compassion. As a result he healed them. This is the motivating force of Adventist medicine; love for humanity; love that prompts meaningful action. This has been the impelling drive that has caused a comparatively small congregation to develop a chain of 281 hospitals and clinics that now encircles the earth. Of this number, 35 are located within the confines of the Far Eastern Division. A new link in this great chain was forged in Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong, on May 20, 1964. This new institution represents the product of united effort. It is the result of church and community cooperation dedicated to providing the people of Tsuen Wan with a better way of life, the right to live and to enjoy happiness.

During recent months, amazing developments have taken place in Adventist medical care programs. A few short years ago the son of one of the world's great inventors and industrialists was impressed by the staff of a Chicago Adventist hospital during a serious poliomyelitis epidemic. He followed and observed their activities and their tender loving care with intense interest. He came to the conclusion that this was a type of service he would like to foster in his home town of Dayton, Ohio, as a memorial to his late father. As a result of this conviction, a magnificent ultra-modern 400-bed general hospital was built and presented to the Seventh-day Adventist church, the Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital.

The Branson Memorial Hospital in Toronto, Canada, represents the fulfillment of a vision. It is currently being expanded to provide a total of 512 beds, another link in the great Adventist chain. The Government of Canada has contributed four million dollars to assist in this expansion program, tangible evidence of its appreciation and willingness to support the conviction we hold that man was created to be a blessing to others.

Our interest and attention are drawn to the tremendous task still left to be done in Asia; the work of relief of suffering and sin of the vast throngs of this continent. We consider it a privilege to share in helping to meet this felt need. Last year our 35 hospitals and clinics had more than one million patient visits. This is only the beginning of that which will be accomplished for dynamic medical evangelism is never static. One new hospital or clinic unit has been added to the Adventist chain in the Far East every year since the close of World War II. New medical institutions are being planned for Malaysia, Indonesia and another for Hong Kong. An excellent hospital structure is practically completed and will soon be opened in Bacolod City of the Philippines.

Adventist medical care objectives are focused upon Christendom's responsibility "to make man whole." This concept includes attention to man's physical, social, moral, and spiritual needs. It is the comprehensive type of therapy that the Tsuen Wan Sanitarium and Hospital and its staff intend to provide for its patients. The Seventh-day Adventist church and the donors that have made this beautiful Tsuen Wan Sanitarium and Hospital possible are pleased to bring an expanded horizon of empathy-laden scientific medical care to the institution.

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It is the Lord's purpose that in every part of our world health institutions shall be established as a part of the gospel work. These institutions are to be His agencies for reaching a class whom nothing else will reach.—T. Vol. 6, p. 113

Crash Victim

ON WEDNESDAY morning, May 20, 1964, Brother Paulino Nebres, church auditor of the Western Mindanao Mission, lost his life along with nine others in a Philippine Air Lines Otter plane crash in Zamboanga del Norte Province due to bad weather. He was on an auditing trip among the churches in an area where travel by Otter plane is about the only means of travel, aside from small boats along the coast.

Brother Nebres had been in the work for many years, a part of that time in school work. One of his sons was in attendance at the Central and South Philippine Youth Congress when the tragic news was received. We wish to express our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family.

—C. P. Sorensen

Obituary

RITZ—Avanelle Ruth Renshaw-Ritz was born in Kooskia, Idaho, on June 17, 1904, and passed away at the Portland Sanitarium and Hospital, May 9, 1964, after an illness of several months.

With her parents she moved to Portland, Oregon, about the year 1918. Avanelle attended the Doremus Union church school and during her junior and senior school years she attended Columbia Academy. Following her graduation in 1923, she enrolled in the nurses training course at the Portland Sanitarium and Hospital, completing her course in 1926.

She was united in marriage with Paul Ritz at her home on Dekum Avenue, September 3, 1927. After their marriage they enrolled at Walla Walla College. While there they received a call from the Mission Board to work in the Orient. They responded to the call and spent twenty years in devoted and successful missionary work, ten years before and ten years after World War II. They were in the United States during the war years and during that period of service they labored in Idaho and in Oregon.

During her service in the Orient, Mrs. Ritz labored in Thailand, Penang and Singapore. She carried heavy responsibilities in different

lines of work. She was always willing to carry the load as the needs of the work arose, sometimes in treasury work but more often in her chosen profession of nursing.

When Dr. Ralph Waddell started the medical work in Bangkok, which grew into the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, Mrs. Ritz was his loyal and efficient assistant. Through her counsel, devoted service, and teaching ability she did much to build up a school of nursing in Thailand that has trained scores of nurses for service in the fields of the Orient. Today many across the Pacific, who labored with Mrs. Ritz or were trained by her, join the family and friends in America in feeling the loss that has come to the cause of God by her death. She was a real missionary and a wonderful mother and devoted wife.

There remain to mourn their loss, beside her husband, her mother, Mrs. H. E. Renshaw of Kewa, Washington; two daughters, Janice L. Jay of Portland, and Karen of Medford; one son, Halden of Los Angeles; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Lamb and Mrs. J. E. Rooks, both of Spokane; one brother, Edgar of Kewa, Washington; and many other relatives and a host of friends and fellow workers. She had hoped to live to attend her daughter Karen's graduation the last of May and then to visit once more her mother and brother on the home farm, but the Heavenly Father called her to rest until the glad day when death will forever flee away.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor H. L. Rudy, assisted by Pastors V. T. Armstrong and W. R. Riston.

—V. T. Armstrong

U. S. Servicemen's Retreat in Korea

By C. D. Martin
Division MV Secretary

THE WELL-EQUIPPED 8th U. S. Army Retreat Center in Seoul was a busy place Friday afternoon, May 8, as Seventh-day Adventist soldiers and airmen stationed in Korea assembled for their 1964 retreat. As Chaplain Ralph Workman, the Retreat-Master, registered the young men it became apparent that these servicemen, some almost ready to return home and others who had just arrived in Korea, were eager for this fellowship with other church members.

Not only did the 35 American servicemen enjoy the inspiration of this week-end retreat, but over the Sabbath the attendance reached about 100. This large attendance was a result of the mid-year Far Eastern Division Committee meetings that were held in Seoul, as well as the Division-wide MV Council extending from May 8-11. It was an unusual pleasure for our G.I.'s to associate with all of our union MV secretaries in the Far East, as well as missionary families and the administrator-delegates attending the meetings.

The Friday evening vesper service was conducted by the writer. Sabbath, beginning with the early morning service at which time J. H. Lantry, MV secretary of the Southeast Asia Union, was the speaker, was filled with many spiritual blessings. At nine o'clock, the MV secretary of the South

China Island Union, G. J. Bertochini, presented the message. Following a rousing song service, R. S. Watts, Jr., led out in the Sabbath School program after which Clark Smith, associate MV secretary of the General Conference, addressed the assembled believers.

It was during the morning service that a very interesting discovery was made. It was found that nine men attending these meetings as workers had served in the US Armed Forces, two of them in the States and the rest in different areas of the Far East. These nine men were: T. V. Zytoskee, J. H. Lantry, G. J. Bertochini, G. E. Bullock, P. G. Emerson, R. H. Roderick, C. G. Oliver, J. R. Wahlen, and W. L. Van Arsdale. It was of further interest to note that four of the nine union MV secretaries attending the MV Council had served in the Far East during World War II as US soldiers.

Sabbath afternoon was devoted to services of a more informal nature. A panel discussion dealing with military problems faced by Seventh-day Adventist servicemen was conducted by youth leaders who drew from their own experiences in giving counsel and advice. A time was given for more personal visitation and counseling and then, as the sun began to set, all joined in an inspiring song service led by Chaplain Workman with his trumpet. Saturday night's program consisted of an appropriate religious film followed by an enjoyable fellowship period in the dining hall.

Messages by Chaplain Workman and Pastor Clark Smith on Sunday morning along with a little

American servicemen in Korea and their friends who enjoyed the retreat at the U. S. Army Retreat Center in Seoul, Korea, May 8-10.



free time and recreation brought the 1964 retreat to a close at noon. It had been a real retreat. The men had come aside from their routine programs; they had come in from their outfits along the 38th parallel, from Seoul, from the First Cavalry, from the base hospital. They had come and they had been fed.

The retreat had been an inspiring experience. The accommodations had been comfortable, the food well-prepared, the services well organized and a real inspiration. An expression of thanks should be extended to Chaplain Workman who made the arrangements and led out in the program. As the men left the retreat, they felt better prepared to return to their posts of duty. Let us continue to pray for these men.

Our Students Abroad

Greetings from AMC

By **Patricia Tan, Secretary**
Far Eastern Club

THE FAR EASTERN CLUB at Avondale (Australasian Missionary College) has really enjoyed reading the articles that appear on the pages of your informative periodical, "The Far Eastern Division Outlook." We feel that we should make a contribution, even if it be only a few items for the news column.

There are now twenty-five students from the Far East attending Australasian Missionary College at Cooranbong, Australia. Sixteen represent their homeland, Hong Kong; seven are from the newly-organized nation of Malaysia; one student is from Burma and one is from Cambodia. Of the twenty-five students, five are studying for either the Bachelor of Arts in Education or the Bachelor of Science degrees. Eight of our number are studying for the diploma certificate in one of the following courses: Accountancy, Primary Teaching, Home Economics and Business. The remainder are preparing to continue tertiary courses when they have completed their secondary education courses.

To unite these young people with their diversities of interests

is the main aim of our Far Eastern Club. The committee members of the club meet weekly to plan programs of interest to our members, both spiritual and social. The Sabbath morning prayer bands, the Sabbath afternoon discussions, and the occasional visit to the nearby "Chinese Farm" are all in the interest of promoting our spiritual experiences.

During the week there are group activities, such as basketball, table tennis, muscle building, and badminton games. These call the mentally exhausted students from their books to the auditorium. When we are sufficiently trained, maybe in basket ball or table tennis, our sister club in Sydney sends some of their number and we have a social get-together and "competitions" to encourage greater efforts in future practice periods. Our sister club participates in a number of our activities at the college—picnics, evening games, and they also at times participate in our Saturday evening programs. We in turn enjoy travelling to Sydney to join the young folks there in their discussions, picnics and cruises.

It is our desire that these activities may be a means of perfecting the talents given to us by our Father in whose vineyard each one wishes to fulfill his given task.

East Indonesia

A Vow Kept

By **S. Ritonga, President**
East Java Mission

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it;..." (Eccl. 5:4). This is the keynote of the success of the Lord's work among the Muslims at Madiun in the East Java Mission. M. Sumarjono, a civil engineer, is the administrator of the sugar mill and refinery at Madiun. Under his supervision is a group of workers numbering 1,000 men. He was born in a Muslim home and was therefore a Mohammedan by faith but only a nominal believer. Because of his pleasure in reading, he was happy to buy books from our colporteurs.

One day he received our Voice of Prophecy lessons and these he studied and completed the course.

He made up his mind to keep the Sabbath. While sleeping one night, he heard some music. It sounded like angels singing beautiful melodies. The next morning he wondered what this might mean. While meditating upon it, he heard a knock at his door. He went to the entrance of his home and there standing in front of him was Pastor K. Mandias. He invited him in and there and then began a series of studies of the Scriptures. He felt that he was learning a great deal.

In 1958 Brother M. Sumarjono suffered from an incurable disease, according to his doctor. His case seemed hopeless and deplorable. Since human aid was helpless, he did not know where to turn for help. So he sought divine help and this was his prayer:

"Oh Lord, if thou wilt only make me whole, I will faithfully keep the Sabbath and be baptized. I will make a vow to the Lord that I will take this message to others, especially to my own people." The Lord heard his prayer and he was miraculously healed. And his vow? Yes, he kept his vow to the Lord.

He began giving Bible studies to a group of 30 to 70 people after working hours in his mill. He taught them about creation, and the prophets of the Old and New Testaments. The people liked these messages for they were also found in the Quran. He studied with them about how the Jews failed in their mission and then he went into the story of redemption. At first they had understood that Christianity was a Western religion. But soon they had a clearer understanding of the Bible and they felt their need of this message. Our hymns were translated into their dialects so that they might sing joyfully together. But they had to face difficulties—scoffing and ridicule. They remained firm in their stand for the truth and they are now rooted and grounded in the message. Good results have been realized from this work started by Brother Sumarjono.

The first baptism took place at the close of 1962 when 31 souls were buried in the watery grave. A year later eleven more souls were baptized. On March 21, 1963, another ten souls were added by baptism and the fourth baptism was held on December 14, 1963. In all 87 souls have been baptized and the majority of these people were from the Muslim faith. Two

new churches have been organized. Brother Sumarjono's efforts have been untiring and many more are being prepared for baptism. The lessons prepared by Pastor Rifai Burhanudin have been very helpful and appropriate.

We solicit your prayers for these dear brethren and especially for Brother Sumarjono who is the pioneer in this remote place. He is faithfully giving the last message of warning to his own Mohammedan people with the hope that some future day we shall all meet in the kingdom of heaven.

A New Church in Makassar

ON DECEMBER 14, 1963, a second Seventh-day Adventist church was organized in the city of Makassar in the South Celebes. Pastor P. Walean led out in the organization of this new church following a stirring message. He reminded the church leaders that heavy responsibilities rest upon them as they lead out in the work of this newly organized church. They must be united in the finishing of God's work.

Because many obstacles had to be overcome in the organizing of this church, no formal announcement of the opening was made. However, the meeting was well attended. Every Sabbath the members attend faithfully and many visitors are coming regularly. The meeting place provides for the seating of only 30 people but there are already 43 members. Many visitors attend and some of these will be baptized later.

Now we face the problem of erecting a new church building of sufficient size to care for the many souls interested in the truth in this part of Makassar.

The Origin and Dedication of the Sukoredjo Church

By S. Ritonga

IDA BAGUS AGUNG and family were the first Adventists in Sukoredjo, a very small town in East Java. This was in 1951. M. H. Wauran, who was then church leader at Lawang, occasionally visited this small group of believers. After two years of strenuous work,

a Sabbath School was organized. The meeting place was in the home of Brother Ida Bagus. The members worked hard and more souls were won to the truth until there were twenty members. In 1956 this Sabbath School was organized into a church. Workers from Lawang faithfully supported this nucleus of believers. The meeting place soon became too small and benches had to be set outside under a cherry tree. In time Brother Sulaiman provided his new home for the clinic and meeting place. The membership grew to fifty-four.

The problem now was how to provide a church building large enough to take care of this group. A meeting was called and it was decided to build although they had but 80,000 rupiahs on hand. The project started the very next day. On January 24, 1964, the dedication service for the new building was held. The building and orphanage had cost 2,000,000 rupiahs. How was the project completed so soon? By faith and sacrifice. Brother E. Sulaiman donated the land and the church members and friends provided the necessary funds.

Sukoredjo Church Dedicated

The dedication service took place on January 24, 1964, and it was well attended by visitors from the Surabaya, Malang, Pasuruan, Lawang and Djember churches. Representatives were also present from the religious and social departments of the civil government of Sukoredjo. The ribbon-cutting for the orphanage and church was done by ladies of the church and Pastor Ritonga. The dedication sermon was delivered by Pastor D. A. Dompas of Malang. The prayer was offered by Pastor E. Hutapea and Pastor Ritonga spoke words of welcome. The history of the Sukoredjo church was read by Brother Sukarno and the choirs from Malang and Surabaya churches provided the special music.

Following the dedication service, all were invited to the first floor for refreshments. The civil district leader made a speech and he expressed the hope that the members of this church would be light-bearers to all of his people.

The erection of the church and orphanage was largely the results of the untiring efforts of Brother Ida Bagus Agung who operates a private clinic.

West Indonesia

After 60 Years An Awakening

By D. Batoebara, President North Sumatra Mission

"BROTHER WAHID, because of your faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, I now baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

This baptismal service took place in Padang on April 18, 1964, in the sea right in front of the compound where Elder R. W. Munson began to preach the Advent message more than 60 years ago. How he must have longed to perform such a service more than 60 years ago! But the time had not yet come for the fanatical Minangkabauers. On this baptismal day many Minangkabauers came to the church to witness the rite and to observe the service of the Lord's Supper following the baptism. Several expressed their desire to study further and then to join the church later by the same rite.

Brother Wahid is the first result of what we hope to be an awakening in Padang among the Muslim inhabitants of this area. It started late last year with the arrival of two zealous laymen who were on fire for the message. Brother S. Muchtar, a lieutenant in the Military Police Corps, a devout Minangkabauer of Islam, accepted the Advent message while he was hospitalized at the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital. Late in 1963 he was transferred to his home town and he started to teach the message to his own people. About the same time, Brother P. Manurung, also an army man, was transferred to Padang and the two became an excellent team. At first they met great opposition but being very familiar with Islamic doctrines and practice, Brother Muchtar was able to prove many inconsistencies in Islamic practices contrary to the teachings of both the Quran and the Hadiths, resulting in arousing interests for the Advent message.

These brethren are requesting a worker to help them. Because of a worker shortage and the fact that Padang was a difficult and un-

fruitful field, the mission had withdrawn our worker from this field a few years ago. Resident colporteurs have been in charge of the church and the few members that are left. But with the present awakening, a young and capable worker is urgently needed to foster the work there. Brethren Muchtar and Manurung are unable to meet all of the demands for they have to perform their military duties also.

Pray that we may soon find a suitable man and the necessary funds for the harvesting of the souls in Padang. A golden opportunity has opened before us.

Bandung Youth Respond to the Challenge

By Demmy E. Hutubessy, Assistant Chaplain, Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital

A GROUP of enthusiastic young people of the North Bandung church responded to the appeal by MV Secretary B. Malingkas to face the challenge of "MV Target 3000." Under the leadership of Robin J. Manueke, leader of the North Bandung MV Society, and Tulus E. Mangunsong, MV secretary of the West Java Mission, this first group of young people in the union mission participated in the youth evangelism crusade. Money to finance the effort came from the church members and friends—a total of Rp. 100,000.

Beginning on March 15, meetings were held four times each week, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, until April 19. Forty percent of the attendance at the first meeting were children and ninety percent of the audience were Muslims. After the first meeting, there were separate meetings for the children under the direction of Mrs. Jess Holm, Mrs. L. Barber, and Misses Leeta Hemme and Netty Hendrik. One of the hospital nurses, Ida Sumarna, translated into the Soudanese dialect. Stanley Holm operated the projector.

Forty young people attended every meeting for they wanted to win the award of a Holy Bible. They were anxious to read for themselves the texts heard at the meetings. The Muslim children learned many songs and heard stories about living clean lives and being obedient to parents. Since the



Doctors, ministers and nurses who were the speakers at the Youth Evangelism Crusade. Back row, left to right: Dr. Benjamin Supit, R. Manueke, T. Mangusong, C. L. Shankel, Dr. Jess Holm, and A. Kainde. Front row: S. Simatupang, Dora Djagia, E. Lodo, O. Walean, P. Dotulang, S. Tamba, and Rifai Burhanuddin.



The young people with smiling faces who joined the baptismal class. Eight were formerly Muslims and 18 came from other Christian denominations.

Voice of Youth meetings, as you go about the area around the hospital, you will hear "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I know" coming from the homes of the children and youth.

One of the most attractive features of our meetings was the question and answer period. Questions were asked about our Adventist doctrines, church history, physical problems, the comparison between the Muslim and Christian faiths, etc.

Decision evening came on April 19. Pastor Clinton L. Shankel was the speaker for the last three meet-

ings. He appealed to those who loved Jesus to come to the front of the church signifying that they wished to accept Jesus as their Saviour and be baptized after due instruction. One by one the young people found their way to the front until a group of 28 young ladies and young men testified to the audience their acceptance of Jesus as their Saviour. Of this group, eight were Muslims and 18 came from other Christian denominations. The group is now studying with the chaplains of the hospital and all eagerly anticipate the day when they can be baptized.

The Lost Is Found

By Chaplain Rifai Burhanu'ddin

DEAR "OUTLOOK" Readers, Muchtar Samah again wants to visit with you through the pages of the **Outlook**. He is a policeman in the Indonesian Army. He has a kind wife, a daughter seventeen years of age and two little sons, three and two years old. Last year on March 20 this family was buried in baptism by Pastor Rifai Burhanu'ddin, the chaplain at the Bandung Rumah Sakit Advent (Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital).

Muchtar was one of Dr. R. F. Hann's patients and he suffered from asthma. The doctor advised him to move to a warmer climate. Muchtar knew this would be the only way to save his life so he appealed to the chief officer of the army and told him what the doctor had advised. He was told that he could not choose where he wanted to go for he could only be transferred if there were a vacancy in the work he was doing. He was told that the only place he could go would be Padang. The climate is warmer there and he might improve his health condition. This was very satisfying to Muchtar for Padang is his native city and he had not even had a furlough to visit his relatives.

More than ninety percent of the people of Padang are fanatical Muslims. However, in this city the first Seventh-day Adventist church was organized many years ago. There had been very little activity there for years and few souls won. However, new hope came to Padang when Muchtar and his family arrived.

Back in Bandung, weeks and months went by and no word from Muchtar. The doctors and hospital family wondered what had happened to the Muchtar family. R. M. Sujatno, the church elder at the Bendungan Hilir church, reported that in September, 1963, Muchtar Suman and family faithfully attended said church while waiting for a boat for Padang. From then on nothing was heard from the family. The months passed by one after the other but no word.

Many thoughts passed through the minds of friends back in Bandung. Could it be that the Muchtar family had been overcome by

the fanatical Muslims, many of whom were their relatives. If such were the case, there was only one thing to do and that was to pray for that family around the family circle every day.

On a bright morning last April, an envelope came to Dr. Hann's desk. Eagerly he opened the letter and it was from Muchtar Samah! The lost family had been found! God had answered prayers. The letter contained the beautiful story of Muchtar's leadership in home missionary work in the church at Padang. Many of the fanatic Muslims, relatives and friends of Muchtar, came to him with the question as to why he had accepted this unclean new religion. This gave Muchtar a good chance to answer their questions. As explanations multiplied, knowledge increased. Finally many of his relatives and friends joined the Sabbath School and baptismal class.

Pastor A. M. Sitompul recently visited Padang and he brought back a good report of the work being done by Muchtar Samah. Though he is still busy with his duties as a policeman, he is also busy working for the salvation of others. The church at Padang is looking forward to a bright future under the leadership of Muchtar Samah. God has many ways and means for the finishing of His work. He is still looking for workers to spread the gospel invitation to the Muslim communities where are men and women who must be told of the way to eternal life.

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People cannot be expected to see at once the advantage of the truth over the error they have cherished. The best way to expose the fallacy of error is to present the evidences of truth.—Evangelism pp. 576, 577.

Irian Barat Mission

The picture below was received too late to appear with C. G. Oliver's story of the ordination at the Irian Barat mission session. L. A. Smith, C. P. Sorensen and C. G. Oliver are pictured with the two candidates for ordination, namely Chris Dompas, with his wife and two children and V. Hutabarat and wife.



Central Philippines

A Baptism Every Month

By A. Z. Roda, Ministerial Secretary, Central Philippine Union Mission

THE CEBU CITY church is unique in that it aims to have a baptism every month. So far they have made good on this goal since the start of the year. Last March the writer had the privilege of baptizing four souls following the Week of Prayer services.

Under the leadership of the officers of the church who are doctors and nurses at the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, and business men, the entire church membership is harnessed into active participation in the different missionary activities—Vacation Bible Schools, Branch Sabbath Schools, Prison Work, Bible Marking and Temperance work. This is one of the best churches in our union mission.

Last year the church had a goal of a baptism every quarter. They succeeded! Now the goal is a baptism every month. All indications are that they will make it. Possibly the next goal will be a baptism every week. Who knows? The Spirit of Prophecy goes even farther—"Thousands will be converted in a day!" Nothing is impossible with God once the church is imbued with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. To this end let us work, hope and pray.

South Philippines

Now There Is a Light

By D. A. Brion, Pastor-Evangelist

LAST FEBRUARY 9, the writer and J. A. Layon began a 45-night-series of evangelistic meetings in Baliangao. This is or was the "darkest" and one of the oldest towns in the province of Misamis Occidental in the Western Mindanao Mission. In years past the Spaniards settled here and naturally the Roman Catholic faith is very strong. We did not have a single Seventh-day Adventist in the town. When I arrived at Baliangao, I felt that the task was going to be too heavy for me. But day by day the Lord gave me strength and courage to work for Him.

There are only two religious organizations in this town, Catholic and Protestant. One day I visited the Protestant minister and, after I had introduced myself, he said, "The harvest in this place is plentiful but the laborers are few." He invited me to their church services and introduced me to his members. This was my opportunity to invite them to attend our meetings.

After hearing my sermons, three Protestant families were converted to the Sabbath truths. This became a problem for the pastor for he could not defend Sunday observance from the Bible. Two hoodlums who were at first our enemies became converted and they assured me that they would not fight anymore but love one another for they wanted a place in God's kingdom. At the close of the meetings, we had 10 families interested in our truths, including the municipal treasurer. When we organized our group he was elected as treasurer.

We built a house for an old man who lived under a tree with his old delapidated bed with paper cartons for covers. This brought us good publicity for there are many rich people and civic organizations in the city but they did not see the needs of this old man.

Last April 26, I baptized eight precious souls and another group will be ready for the next baptism. The building we used for our meetings, is now our church property. Pray for this new group of believers.

Parents Complete Course in Character Building

By Mrs. D. P. Ancheta, Secretary Parent-Home Education, Western Mindanao Mission

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK would have been observed last February 15-22 had it not been for the recommendation made at the union mission biennial session that



said week be observed in conjunction with the national Parents' Week, the first week in December. Accordingly our well-laid plans were postponed

until that time. However, there was one event which we had planned that we felt we could not postpone. The parents who had completed the course in **Character Building** felt that they wanted to culminate their studies with a graduation before beginning another course.

Graduation exercises were scheduled for Saturday night, February 15. Mrs. C. C. Liaguno, our union mission parent and home education secretary, was to be present for this program. However, due to heavy rains, the airfield was slippery and muddy and the planes were not permitted to land. So our union

The officers of the Ozamis City "Home Makers of To-morrow Club."

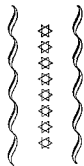


secretary was a victim of circumstances and could not be present when we longed for and needed her presence. But God has a way of turning disappointments into joy for the sake of His children.

Sabbath, February 15, was also Temperance Rally Day for the Ozamis City church and the union mission temperance secretary, Pastor A. A. Villarin, was present for this occasion. He accepted the challenge of the hour and became our guest speaker for the graduation exercises. Present also for the occasion was our new union mission treasurer and auditor, P. T. Reyes. As a union representative, he presented the certificates of graduation to the class, assisted by the local mission educational secretary, V. J. Socong.

ferred in our Parent-Home Education work. The certificate is but secondary to the application of what has been learned in the classes.

Joy beamed from each face of the graduates as they received their certificates of achievement. It is the earnest desire of the writer that the inspiration these brethren and sisters received from this initial graduation in 1964 will induce them to study more of the remaining courses of the Parent-Home Education series.



Alejandro Yabres, the man on the right with a big smile, and the Dulay family he brought into the truth.



P. T. Reyes, secretary-treasurer of the South Philippine Union, shakes hands with Attorney Jose Fabriga, elder of the Ozamis City church, as he receives his certificate.

The program was simple but significant. Twenty-seven parents, members of the Home and School Association of the Ozamis City church, eight members of the Jimenez Association and seven youthful members of the Home Makers of Tomorrow Club of Ozamis City, composed the graduating class. Before the parents were awarded their certificates, Pastor A. A. Villarin stressed the point that in order to minimize delinquency even in our Christian homes, the principles learned from the **Character Building** course must be put into practical use in the homes. This is the main objective of the courses of-

North Philippines

The Joy in Soul Winning

By J. O. Bautista

IT HAPPENED while I was in attendance at the Northern Luzon general meeting which was held in Artacho, Sison, Pangasinan, recently.

Alejandro Yabres, veteran literature evangelist, was all smiles as he approached me to introduce his soul winning trophy.

"Meet Brother Juan Dulay," he began. "He accepted the Advent message through reading the books which I sold to him about four years ago." He then related the circumstances which finally led to the conversion of his customer.

It was in 1960 when Brother Yabres and a companion went to sell our truth-filled books in San Juan, a barrio of Aringay, La Union. Mr. Dulay bought a Bible and a copy of **Light for Today** in Ilocano. In his study of the Bible with the aid of the book he found the light on the Sabbath truth. Convinced at last that the seventh day is the right day to keep as the Sabbath, he started observing it. He thought in doing so that he stood all alone, never realizing that some fifteen kilometers away from his place is to be found quite a big group of Sabbathkeepers.

In May, 1963, Mrs. Andres Garcia, a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in the neighboring town of Agoo, made a visit to the barrio of San Juan selling medicines. It was then she learned of Mr. Dulay and his experience. Imagine his surprise when he learned that God's commandment-keeping people constitute a big movement that has encircled the globe. He was invited to attend Sabbath services and was prepared with his wife and elder child for baptism which took place on August 30 of that same year.

Now back to the soul winner. I can very well remember the day some sixteen years ago when Ale-

jandro Yabres came to see me at the mission headquarters of the newly established Northeast Luzon Mission at Santiago, Isabela. A literature evangelist institute was being planned for and he came to request that he be allowed to attend said institute. With tears in his eyes, he pleaded that he be accepted in spite of the fact that he had only a year of schooling. Noticing the apparent sincerity and dedication of his life, we decided to give him a chance.

To the surprise of all, this humble, unschooled but consecrated child of God was blessed in his work so that for some time he was the top man in delivery sales among all the literature evangelists in the Philippines. And above that he was used mightily by God in the winning of souls, and was instrumental in raising several groups of believers which eventually became organized churches.

To each one of God's followers, as to Brother Yabres, is given the distinct and most precious privilege of being a coworker of His. And nothing is comparable to the joy that comes from seeing souls accepting the truth as a result of one's labors. God has planned it so for a noble purpose. "God could have reached His object in saving sinners without our aid; but in order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work. In order to enter into His joy,—the joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice,—we must participate in His labors for their redemption." —D. A. p. 142.

True, soul winning has its priceless rewards in this life, but a far greater joy awaits the soul winner in the earth made new. He may not in his lifetime see the fruits of his labors in this earth, but if faithful to his trust and task, he may be surprised someday to be approached by someone in that better land with the words, "It was because of your efforts that I am here with you!"

"Tell Crusade" in Mt. Province Mission

By J. C. Medina, President

HE WAS an old pagan priest walking to the "Tell Crusade" in Tabuk, Mt. Province. It was baptismal day and he was to be

baptized a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. But the enemy prevailed as the old man approached the Center. His wife, still a hardened pagan, and stronger of body, began beating him and would not allow him to enter for the Sabbath School. It was a pathetic scene but indicative of the tremendous hold the enemy has upon men and women in this mountainous area.



The old pagan priest whose wife (seated) prohibited him from being baptized. She persecuted him severely.

Nevertheless, the mighty power of God has been demonstrated in Tabuk in a wonderful way. A strong evangelistic team composed of Pastor J. C. Medina, newly-elected president of the mission, who was the speaker; and E. L. Dingoasen, VOP regional director, as associate speaker and gospel singer; T. A. Atiteo, district pastor; and Miss Nena Zarate, Bible instructor, opened the Crusade in the heart of Tabuk on February 26 with more than 700 people in attendance.

After 46 nights of preaching God's everlasting gospel, the Crusade came to a thrilling climax on April 11 when 33 lives united with Christ by the sacred rite of baptism. Pagan worldly ways were cast aside and the Master became their new way of life.

PUC Launches Church Fund Campaign

By B. B. Alsaybar, PRO

IT WAS VICTOR HUGO who said that there is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come.

The faculty members and church members of Philippine Union College believe that the time of a powerful idea, the idea of having a church building on the campus, has at last come.

J. C. Medina (back row, third from the left) and the group of workers who were associated with him in the Tabuk crusade as a result of which thirty-three souls were baptized.



First, we had the old chapel in the present academy building. It used to be ample for both college and academy students. Then we had the gymnasium. First it was too big for the college family. Then it was became too small for both religious and recreational purposes, not to mention the non-religious aspects of the building.

Now we have the college auditorium. True, it is more than adequate in point of space. The 1961 Division Youth Congress and the Central Luzon Mission general meetings seem to have given this building more than ample justification.

But then we have to admit there seems to be something lacking, some void somewhere, that religious and sanctuary atmosphere which so many people especially those of other faiths are privileged to enjoy.

Faculty backing is as usual enthusiastic and one hundred percent. For if they gave willingly at least one month's salary some eight years ago for the college auditorium, why would they not do the same for a church building.

Alumni here and abroad will be contacted. As in the past we know that they will not fail their Alma Mater. Then, too, numerous friends and patrons of PUC and every student—all will be counted upon to help.

And so the ball has starting rolling!

The great objective is: ground breaking ceremony during the Golden Jubilee of PUC in 1967 for the biggest and boldest project in PUC's history—a 300,000 peso church building.

As in the days of Nehemiah, "Let us arise and build." We build characters for eternity. We are building a church that will be an enduring monument for God on the PUC campus.

Publishing Council for the Philippines

By A. N. Santiago, Publishing Secretary, North Philippine Union

THE FIRST publishing council to be held in the Philippines since the field was divided into three unions, was held at the Magellan Hotel in Cebu City, April 8-10, 1964. The three unions represented were the North Philippine Union (Luzon Islands), Central Philippine Union (Visayan Islands) and the South Philippine Union (Mindanao and Sulu Islands). Thirty-two publishing leaders were in attendance.

This council sponsored by the Philippine Publishing House proved to be very helpful indeed. Many items pertaining to sales promotion were discussed. Pastors E. A. Brodeur, Division publishing secretary, and J. T. Mason, assistant publishing secretary of the Division, gave direction to the overall program. Union Mission publishing department leaders present were: A. N. Santiago and Mrs. R. N. Emralino, NPUM, Sabino M. Moreno, CPUM, and Felix D. Lao, SPUM.

Officers of the Philippine Publishing House in attendance were: W. D. Jemson, manager; E. L. Villanueva, treasurer; L. E. Gonzaga, assistant editor; Mrs. Norma Roda, secretary to the manager.

As a result of this get-together, we are anticipating a much larger increase in sales this year, and many more souls won for Christ.

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It's a Girl Again

THIS IS not a birth announcement. Rather, it was the exclamation on everyone's lips when, during the last temperance oratorical program at Northern Luzon Academy last month, a girl was adjudged winner.



Miss Josephine Romua

In the three-year history of the temperance chapter in Northern Luzon Academy, the first prize winner has always been a girl!

First it was Luz Lapena, in 1962, a junior student. Then in 1963 it was Merlinda Lapena, a sophomore, Luz' younger sister. And this year it was Josephine Romua, a 17-year old senior.

Her prize winning oration bore the rather harmless title, "The Word to Seek." Urbano Pulido, Jr.'s "The Critic's View of His Canvass—Alcoholism," got second prize. Ildelfonso Adangas' "Why Drink Your Curse," got third prize.

Mayor Arturo M. Padua of Sison, Pangasinan, who calls himself

Thirty-two publishing leaders, representing the three Philippine Union Missions, attended the council held in Cebu City April 8-10, 1964. Division and Union publishing leaders directed the program of the council.



a non-smoker and non-drinker, was the chairman of the board of judges. He commended the school's stand on temperance and admonished the youth to live up to the school's lofty ideals.

Yes, it seems that when it comes to temperance oratory, the Northern Luzon Academy is a woman's world!

—F. D. Brillantes
Dean of Girls.

Weak but Strong

By B. G. Pangan, MV Secretary
Southern Luzon Mission

CRISTINO MALUYA is his name. He is a young man in his early thirties and he resides in Kipotol, Claveria, on the island of Burias. "Maluya" is a Bicol word meaning weak but Brother Maluya is not what his name might indicate. He is a strong and powerful instrument for God. In spite of his limited education, he does his best to bring the gospel to the people in his community.

Not very long ago a group of people was discovered in Kilapad, a barrio near Maluya's barrio. Brother B. C. Guevarra, district leader for the island, was at that time holding an effort in San Ramon, some twelve kilometers away. Because of the great distance, and with no other means of transportation than walking, it was impossible for Brother Guevarra to go there every day to look after the interest. He solicited the help of this lay brother, Cristino Maluya, who readily accepted the challenge and helped greatly in caring for the interest by giving regular Bible studies. His visitation from house to house meant walking several kilometers every day, braving the heat and rain. He served the interested ones just as a regular paid worker would do. He taught them by precept and example.

How comforting to know that as a result God blessed his consecrated efforts with twenty precious souls who were buried with 13 others in the waterv grave at San Ramon on Sabbath, March 14. Thank God for using this brother mightily in His work.

Mountain Province Mission Ordination

By R. C. Williams, Ministerial
Secretary, North Philippine Union
Mission

SABBATH, MAY 16, was a special high day for the delegates assembled in Baguio City for the fourth biennial session of the Mountain Province Mission. On that day, E. L. Dingoasen and A. B. Smith were ordained to the ministry.

Pastor Dingoasen has served in the field as a successful evangelist and at present is the home missionary and Sabbath School secretary for the mission. Pastor Smith has labored faithfully in various districts of the mission as pastor-evangelist. We believe that the Lord will continue to use these consecrated men to help finish the work quickly in this mountainous territory.

PUC Newsbits

MISS MARGARITA S. Arreola, second grade supervisor with 37 years of teaching experience, and Pastor Benito G. Mary, the new educational secretary of the North Philippine Union Mission, received the Master's degree during the April 12 college commencement exercises. Pastor T. C. Murdoch was the commencement speaker and he performed the hood ceremony of Pastor Mary, having served as the latter's president at Mountain View College.

The newly ordained ministers, E. L. Dingoasen and A. B. Smith with their wives, and the participantes in the ordination service. Left to right, R. C. Williams, T. C. Murdoch, H. M. Baldwin and J. C. Medina.



Miss Margarita S. Arreola

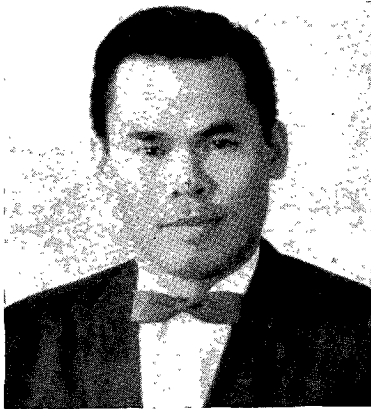
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Col. Luman, head of ROTC units for Manila and suburbs, was guest of honor at the fellowship supper attended by faculty members, union officers and their ladies, and MCC men who were present for the seminar held in the College auditorium on April 23. The occasion was also a welcome for Professor A. P. Roda, a send-off for Dr. and Mrs. Quirante, and a congratulatory affair for Dr. Conrado M. Jimenez, college physician, who had just passed successfully the medical board examination.

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New officers for the PUC Alumni Association were elected at the time of the annual banquet at the gymnasium on graduation day. They are: B. B. Alsaybar, president; B. E. Bandiola, vice-president; F. S. Hechanova, secretary; Herminigilda Luna, assistant secretary; F. P. Penola, treasurer; Villardo Almonte, assistant treasurer; G. D. Brion, auditor; and E. A. de Leon, executive committee member.





Professor A. P. Roda

Professor A. P. Roda arrived on April 15 from the United States. He was awarded the Bachelor of Divinity degree last January at Andrews University. He is the first Filipino with the B.D. degree on the faculty of P.U.C.

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A special faculty meeting attended by representatives from the General Conference, Division, Union, Central Luzon Mission and the Manila Sanitarium was held at the session hall on the night of April 27, to give fuller study to the matter of games and amusements for our youth. A trend toward no slackening was evident.

Forward in Northern Luzon

By J. O. Bautista

THE NINTH biennial session of the Northern Luzon Mission was held at the new academy auditorium, which is still under construction, April 14-18, 1964. A. J. Bangloy, mission president, gave the keynote address on the opening night. His subject was, "Let's Go Forward."

As has been the practice through the years, the closing exercises of the Northern Luzon Academy were held in conjunction with the session meetings. Fifty-three students finished the secondary course. T. C. Murdoch, president of the North Philippine Union Mission, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. Inspiring and timely messages were presented by members of the Union Mission staff and L. E. Gonzaga, acting editor of the Philippine Publishing House.

The reports given by the officers and the departmental secretaries revealed that the past biennium was a period of growth for this field. There were 555 baptisms in 1962 and in 1963 there were 417, making a total of 972 for the two-year period. The membership of the mission at the close of 1963 was 7,858, making this field second only to the Central Luzon Mission in point of membership. The latter has a membership of 11,000.

Other items as gleaned from the various reports given during the session follow:

A total of 65 evangelistic efforts were conducted, 45 by mission evangelists and 20 by laymen. In addition, 100 revival meetings were held which covered the entire field. The 80 lay preachers and other

church members helped in the winning of 266 souls. Four lay preachers' institutes were held.

More than 500 VOP Bible correspondence school certificates and 600 Vacation Bible School certificates were issued.

Ingathering receipts in 1962 which amounted to 19,819.08 pesos, rose to 22,349.55 pesos in 1963.

The mission operates two academies, one mission, five multigrade, two elementary and eight church schools.

In 1962 the book sales amounted to 116,487.32 pesos. This figure swelled to 144,079.83 in 1963.

The Cagayan Valley Sanitarium and Hospital continues to prosper materially as well as spiritually. The local church has grown in member-



Pastor T. C. Murdoch, right, delivering the baccalaureate sermon on Sabbath morning. B. G. Malqued translated for him.

The biennial session was held in the new auditorium of Northern Luzon Academy, which is still under construction. This picture was taken during the Sabbath School hour.



ship. A clinic was recently opened in Urdaneta, Pangasinan. This is operated by the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. Mrs. M. T. Carbajal, mission field nurse, reports a total of 1215 patients seen, 687 treatments given, 9 clinics held, and 11 nursing classes conducted.

An appreciable increase in tithes of 18,335.47 pesos was made from 140,888.19 pesos in 1962 to 159,223.66 pesos in 1963—a gain of 13 percent.

One change in the mission staff was effected. V. C. Cacho, a successful evangelist, was elected Sabbath School, home missionary, and VOP secretary to replace J. C. Medina who had been called to the presidency of the Mountain Province Mission.

Southeast Asia

They Did It Again!

By **Mrs. R. M. Milne, Principal Christian Training Center, Bangkok**

NOVEMBER 27, 28 and 29 were very special days for the youth of the Christian Training Center. For months now we have watched the progress being made in the building of our new Auditorium-Church. Last July a veritable forest of huge piling was sunk into the ground and then the building began to take shape on top of the piling. We have endured the noise of pile drivers, the hammering of carpenters making forms, etc., but the most welcome noise was the falling of the scaffolding as it was knocked down both inside and outside the building. With the inside scaffolding gone from the chapel, it seemed so

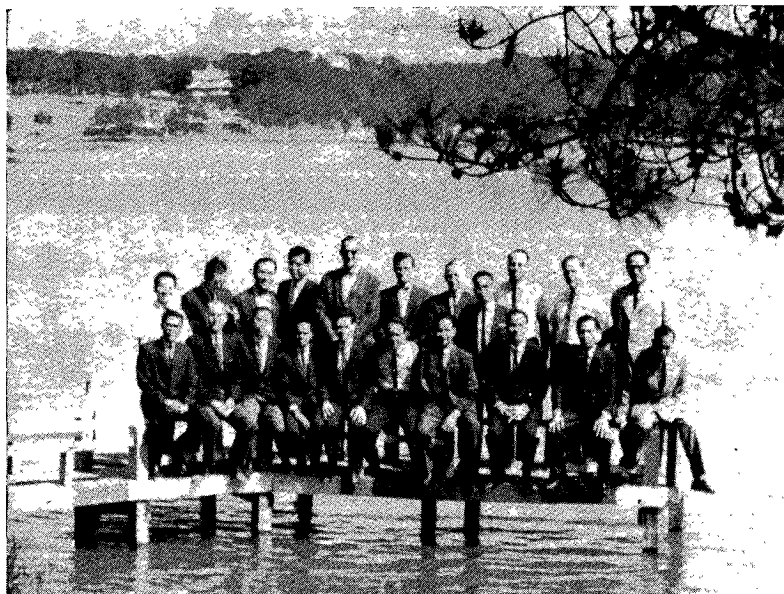
big and naked! Wires hung from the ceiling but the lights were not in yet; terrazo floors were not yet laid but we decided to have at least one chapel service in it to start off our book-selling campaign.

Immediately after flag raising on November 27, the students marched over to the new auditorium and sat down on the floor on pieces of newspapers, and then the room did not seem so bare. This was not the entire student body either for prathoms one, two, three and four were not expected to do actual selling on the streets. So they were not present.

Pastor John Bernet from Singapore was with us, also Pastors Wick, Chin and Wong. Present also were E. A. Pender from the Press, Edward Lim and Mrs. K. S. Wong. All could see the need for chapel chairs, furniture, etc. Pastor Bernet



The Vietnam Mission literature evangelists met in Saigon for their December, 1963, sales and souls convention. G. A. Huse, publishing secretary of the General Conference, was the guest speaker. Other guests present were E. A. Brodeur and J. T. Mason. Last year the 93 bookmen of Vietnam delivered more than 12 million pages of literature and were rewarded with the baptism of 53 precious souls from contacts they had made. This number is equal to forty percent of the total baptisms in that mission during 1963.



Publishing leaders in the Southeast Asia Union met at scenic Dalat, Vietnam, for their 1964 publishing council and leadership training school. Six different racial groups were represented at these meetings, namely Chinese, Indonesian, Indian, Vietnamese, Filipino and American. They are all men of vision and set their sales goal for 1964 at M\$621,000.00. They hope to have 112 baptisms from colporteur contacts.

showed the lovely silver cup that would be awarded to the class which made the biggest sales, and there were four transistor radios which would be awarded to the boys or girls in the English or Thai sections who sold the largest number of books. We sang our campaign song of last year, listened to demonstrations by Pastor Chin, and then went to the different classrooms to get books and last-minute instructions.

The next morning all gathered in front of the cafeteria and watched intently as reports came in from the various classes and these were placed on the blackboard. The highest report for the day came from the third and fourth grade girls who with their teacher, Mrs. M. K. Ee, reported sales amounting to 2,131.00 baht. The fifth grade boys were a close second for they reported 1,914.00 baht. Their teacher is Mrs. Chia. Sixth grade boys and girls reported 1,763.00 baht and 1,007.00 baht, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Lacson are their teachers. These positions were generally held throughout the three days of selling. At the end of the three-day campaign the sales totalled 61,479.00 baht.

The winners of the awards were as follows: the fourth grade girls were presented the silver cup; two of the transistor radios were presented to a fourth grade boy and a fourth grade girl, namely Suchart Goh and Lee Boon Tan, respectively. Two of the students in the Thai section each received a transistor radio, namely Benjama and Vira Chiasakul.



Lee Boon Tan, fourth grade girl, holding the silver cup she helped her class win.

For this measure of success we thank God. We thank Him for protecting our children from harm and danger for there were no accidents nor illnesses. Had we had one hundred percent participation by all capable of selling, we would have come nearer our goal of 75,000 baht. But we are thankful for having reached well over three-fourths of our goal. More is still coming in day by day.

A comparison of this year's sales with last year's shows an increase of 19,986.00 baht. The books that



Mrs. M. K. Ee (left) and her fourth grade (English section) who won the silver cup. They reported sales amounting to 2,131.00 baht.

were sold were message-filled children's books, health books, both in English, Chinese and Thai, and a few doctrinal books in all three languages. May the seed sown bear fruit for the heavenly kingdom.

A First in Johore, Malaysia

By Mrs. J. H. Lantry

MANY SEEMINGLY insurmountable circumstances were encountered as we laid plans for our first Vacation Bible School in Johore, Malaya, a Muslim state. Being Christians we could not secure the use of any of the public buildings. But God not only found a suitable place for us to hold the school but He also sent us more students than we could care for. In brief this is the story:

One day Mrs. Pauline Barnett, Mr. Chin Chow Khoon, the pastor, and the writer, were driving up and down the streets looking for a place to hold the school. Mr. Lim Teck Siang, one of our church members and a teacher at the English College, suggested that we try some public schools. He knew of a place in the outskirts of the city but for some reason the driver made the wrong turn and we found ourselves at a dead-end street. As we turned the car around, we noticed a sign which said, "Public English School." It was then not used as a school but a dwelling place and factory. We did not bother to even get out of the car. But as we were turning around, an Indian lady, the wife of the headmaster, came out and asked us what we were looking for. We explained to her our need. She asked just one question, "Are you going to teach the children the gospel story of Jesus Christ?"

"Yes," we answered, "along with crafts, games and other character building stories."

"Well, if that is your plan, you may have the use of our school free of charge and we will vacate it and clean it all ready for you." We were also told that the desks and benches were at our disposal.

Twenty teachers and helpers a few weeks later greeted our first students. These teachers and helpers are students at Southeast Asia Union College. On enrollment day 34 children came but this number increased to 74 the first day of school. We had as high as 115 present and 100 kept coming each

day. Among these were about 50 teen-agers and they were extremely interested in the Word of God. Many of them knew nothing about the Bible and they even wondered if the stories about heaven were really true. They did excellent work in the various crafts. Mrs. R. H. Roderrick and Mrs. R. S. Guthrie were in charge of about 50 happy, wiggly kindergarteners. There were Chinese, Eurasians, Indians, British and American children and they sang lustily, "Jesus Loves All the Little Children."

At the closing exercises of this first Vacation Bible School in Johore, Malaysia, 120 certificates were presented. A Bible Marking class for teen-agers has been organized and between 35 and 40 are attending. There is a small branch Sabbath school for the smaller children. Other follow-up efforts in the planning are a Pathfinder Club and health lectures for the parents by Dr. R. S. Guthrie. The seed has been sown. We know that under the blessing of God there will be a bountiful harvest.



Mr. Lim Teck Siang, teacher in the English College in Johore Bahru, and a group of junior boys prepare a musical number for the closing program.

Mrs. J. H. Lantry and five juniors who presented a Bible acrostic at the Vacation Bible School.



Colonel Clark Smith Inspects Saigon MCC

**By Wilbur A. Burton
Company Commander**

SEPTEMBER, 1963, marked the beginning of the first Seventh-day Adventist Medical Cadet Corps in Vietnam. Six weeks after the Corps was organized, the local government was notified of its existence. I use the word notified because this was before the fall of the Diem regime and under that regime the government would not grant permission for such an enterprise. Therefore, knowing this we simply told them we had organized such a corps.

The officials were completely baffled. "You are asking permission to start a corps, right? Just make your request and come back in about two or three months and we will tell you what the decision is."

"Oh, no, Sir," we replied, "we are not requesting anything. We merely came to tell you about our training program which we have started in order to teach our boys how to be of the best possible service to their country while in the armed forces."

Interest showed on every face but not a word was said. Briefly we explained our doctrines which were involved. Then we proffered an invitation as follows: "We meet every Sunday afternoon for classes. It would be a great honor to us if you would come and observe what we are doing."

At this, the taut faces began to relax. We felt that the thinking must be, "This is highly irregular but if they invite and even urge us to come to visit them, then surely there is nothing that can be very bad about this program."

Actually, knowing the feeling of the Diem government and how suspicious they were of everybody, we had told them about our Cadet Corps so that if anyone saw us marching in our MCC uniforms, and then reported to the government officials that the Seventh-day Adventists were starting an army, the officials would be able to give a satisfied smile and nod and say, "Oh, yes, we already know what they are doing out there. It's fine."

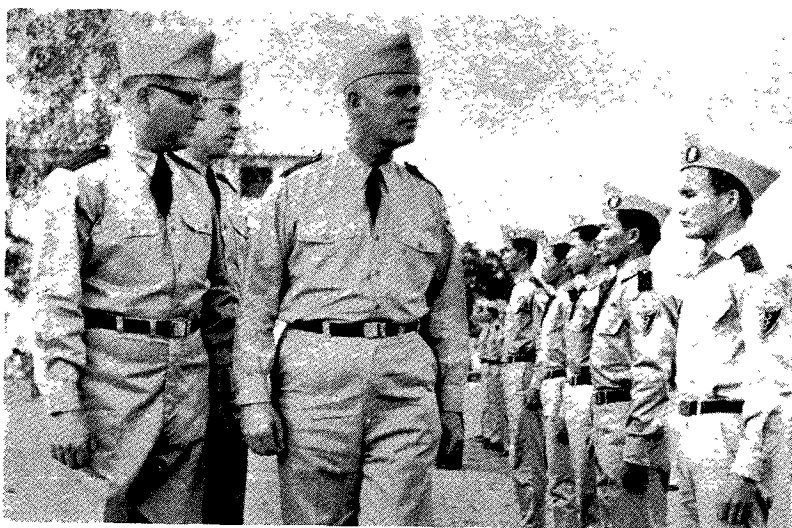
The government checked carefully our program and the official reaction surprised everyone! An order was issued two months later for all high schools in Vietnam. It stated that henceforth all high schools would be required to give a form of pre-induction military and medical training. The program was outlined and it was almost identical to that we were giving in our MCC.

When Colonel Clark Smith arrived in Saigon to give counsel and guidance to our program, he immediately went with us to visit the new government officials and US Army Advisors. The latter

are in sympathy with our program and they have already given us much aid and also materials.

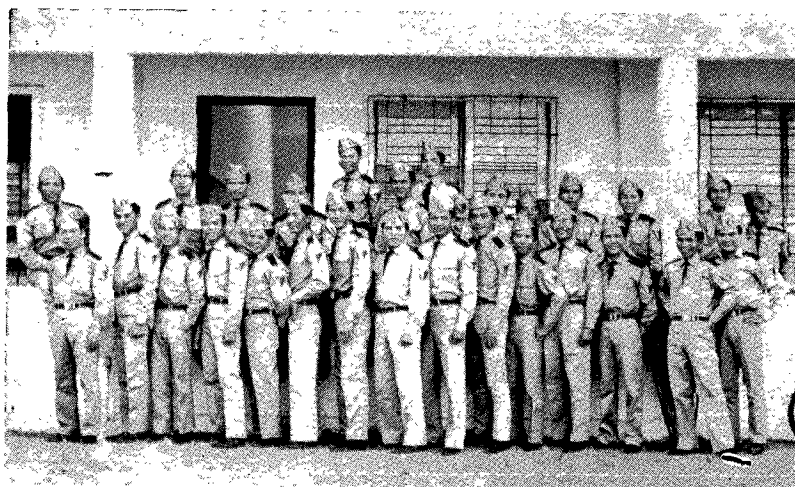
The results with the local government were an answer to prayer. Provision has been made for the first time for Seventh-day Adventists inductees, who have had MCC training, to be placed in the medical division of the armed forces.

Our regular MCC instructors include: Dr. A. A. Jones, who teaches first aid and bandaging, U. S. Army SFC R. L. Barker, who instructs in field drill and Pastor Le Huu is our chaplain. The writer is the company commander.



From left: Commander W. A. Burton, SFC R. L. Barker and Colonel Clark Smith review the Saigon Medical Cadet Corps.

The Saigon (Vietnam) Medical Cadet Corps which was recently honored by a visit from Colonel Clark Smith of the General Conference.



THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION WILL BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE
THIRTEENTH SABBATH OVERFLOW
OFFERING — SEPTEMBER 26, 1964.

SABBATH SEPTEMBER 26

A RED-LETTER DAY

BY CHRIS P. SORENSEN, PRESIDENT

IT IS GOOD to know that around the circle of the globe nearly two million Sabbath School members will each Sabbath of the third quarter of 1964 spend a few moments listening to reports of progress from the Far Eastern Division, as well as be made aware of some of our needs. We are indeed rejoicing over the prospect of again being the recipient of the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering. How we do appreciate these extra lifts! We experience these "lifts" every tenth or eleventh quarter. How we wish it might be oftener!

Our Far Eastern Division membership has increased fourfold since World War II, according to our first statistical report to the General Conference in 1946. Our needs have likewise increased fourfold. With three hundred million people in our territory, the medical needs and opportunities are tremendous. Since 1948 we have projected on the average one new hospital or

clinic each year. Three of these hospitals have benefited from overflow offerings.

We have eight publishing houses and of these only one has been assisted in its building program, the Thailand Press, a building which houses the Press, mission office and the VOP. A thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering made possible the completion and formal opening of this building in June, 1963.

**NORTH CELEBES TRAINING SCHOOL
KOREAN PUBLISHING HOUSE
HONG KONG HOSPITAL**

A fourfold increase in church membership without doubt also means that there has been a fourfold increase in the number of young people for whom we must provide a Christian education. Here is where the thirteenth Sabbath overflow offerings have truly come to our rescue. Ten of our union or local mission training schools have been assisted through these special overflow offerings. How grateful we are to all who have

helped make these appropriations possible! More than one-third of all the Adventist college students in our overseas divisions are enrolled for collegiate training in schools of the Far Eastern Division. These young people will be the leaders in our work in the years to come.

And now a word about the projects to be benefited by the next thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering. They are:

In future issues of the OUTLOOK you will read more about these special projects. Time is running out. There are cold and hot wars in many areas of our division. Some doors are closing. What we do must be done quickly. We do sincerely thank you for all past gifts of men and means and we now plead for a liberal offering on the next Thirteenth Sabbath, September 26.

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● Miss Norma Eldridge, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. P. H. Eldridge, arrived in Singapore on June 29. She recently was granted a Master's degree in Nursing Education at the Loma Linda University, and later responded to a call to serve as director of nurses at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital. We extend a cordial welcome to Norma!

● Pastor and Mrs. D. R. Guild and their two daughters have returned to Singapore following a year of furlough and study in the States. Pastor Guild is the Ministerial Association secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission. We are always happy to welcome returnees.

● We quote from an interesting letter from A. E. Krogstad, secretary-treasurer of the Far Eastern Island Mission, under date of June 19: "You will be interested to know that just last Tuesday we set what we believe is an all-time high record for our clinic by collecting in one day US\$1,239.50. More than half of this amount was old accounts and the remainder was for services rendered during that day." Dr. W. C. Thompson is the medical director.

● Sabbath, May 30, 1964, a baptismal service for 48 people was conducted in the city of Madiun, Java. Of this number, 40 were formerly of the Muslim faith. At least 50 more candidates are being prepared for baptism before the end of the year. There is an awakening among the Muslim people of Central Java.

● Dr. D. A. Brueske and family were scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong on June 28. Dr. Brueske will join the staff doctors of the new hospital in Tsuen Wan, Kowloon. While in the States on furlough, Dr. Brueske completed a residency in surgery. Friends and patrons of the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital cherish the memory of Dr. Brueske's efficient services when connected with that institution. Welcome back!

● We glean from the **Review** that Dr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Johannes of St. Helena, California, sailed on the **S. S. Oregon** from San Francisco, California, May 9, for

Okinawa. Dr. and Mrs. Johannes have served a number of years overseas, in both the Southern Asia and Northern European Divisions. Dr. Johannes has at this time responded to a call for service in the Adventist Medical Center in Okinawa.

● Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Edwards have been transferred from Philippine Union College to Mountain View College which serves the South and Central Philippine Unions. Mr. Edwards is the academic dean and Mrs. Edwards will teach the elementary school. Before going South, Mr. Edwards was the head of the department of English at Philippine Union College.

● James Wong, principal of the Sunny Hill School in Sarawak, writes that twenty-two persons were baptized on Sabbath, June 27, in the Sunny Hill church. Four of these candidates were won to the truth as the result of the Milton Lee evangelistic meetings; four from the Signs Bible Lectures and the rest were students of Sunny Hill School.

● The Milton Lee evangelistic meetings in Kuching closed on Friday night, June 19. More than 430 persons attended this final meeting and 28 signed cards signifying that they wished to continue to study the Bible truths. A total of 45 lectures were conducted during this series and the attendance has been very good, even on week nights.

● Dr. and Mrs. Neal C. Woods and family have returned to Tokyo after a prolonged furlough during which time Dr. Wood completed a residency in surgery. Dr. Wood is again one of the staff doctors at the Tokyo Sanitarium and Hospital.

● Word has come through to our office that A. I. Krautschick, presently with the General Conference ESDA services, has been appointed auditor for the Southern European Division. Brother and Sister Krautschick are well known in the Far Eastern Division, having given many years of service in the Indonesia and the Southeast Asia Unions.

● Pastor and Mrs. E. A. Brodeur left Singapore on June 28 for their furlough in the States. En route they will visit their son Larry who is with the US Army in Germany. Their second son is a student at Southern Missionary College.

Item of Interest

According to the One-Hundredth Annual Statistical Report of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination at the end of 1962 our world membership was 1,362,775. Of this number 351,048 were in North America; 1,011,727 were overseas. This is roughly one member in America for every three abroad.

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