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# Deskside Chats



## Accolade for Joshua

WHEN famous men approach the end of their careers, there are many who will pay them tribute. Mistakes are forgotten; failures are overlooked; accomplishments take on a new lustre as they are described in glowing detail. It is one of the compensations for growing old.

Joshua had reached that position. He had been a great warrior and an intrepid leader. Unswerving in his loyalty, he had kept the people of Israel, long noted for their stubbornness, on a safe path of compliance with God's requirements. Now he was an old man, and it was appropriate that the record catalog his achievements.

A new land entered and subdued.

Thirty-one enemy kings destroyed.

Equitable land distribution accomplished.

Victorious troops busy enjoying the fruits of their conquests.

The record states: "As the Lord commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses." Joshua 11:15.

Four words in this tribute are Joshua's finest accolade: "He left nothing undone."

Most of us, however, when being introduced as guest speakers or being lauded at farewell parties feel a bit uncomfortable. While all the nice things are being said we are honestly reminiscing to ourselves. There are nagging memories of monumental frustrations, of countless noble projects that never were achieved. Few can claim to have "left nothing undone."

Can we change the picture?

Yes.

That answer is almost brutally simple, but God requires no less. He expects us to get things done. Ellen White says: "It is wrong to waste our time, wrong to waste our thoughts. We lose every moment that we devote to self-seeking. If every moment were valued and rightly employed, we should have time for everything that we need to do for ourselves or for the world."—Ministry of Healing, p. 208.

In the next Deskside Chat we will note some specific ways by which we may reach the goal of leaving nothing undone.

Cordially,

*P. H. Eldridge*

Paul H. Eldridge, President

## Bugema Adventist College to Receive Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow

WHEN the Seventh-day Adventist Church began preaching in East Africa nearly 60 years ago the work was conducted almost exclusively by overseas missionaries. The hardy pioneers who braved the dangers of Africa to tell of the love of Jesus soon found that this love can soften even the hardest hearts. Men and women began to be converted and lay off the shackles of sin and follow a new way.

In good Adventist tradition, as soon as the work was established, schools were built where first young men and later young women would be prepared for service. The missionaries established schools where national workers could be trained who would assist the missionary in introducing Jesus to those who were in darkness.

No record is available of the number of students who have entered the schools and graduated to enter the Master's service; but there is ample testimony of the work that has been done. From a very small beginning the membership has grown so that in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania there is now a combined membership of nearly 92,000.

A study of the working force reveals that there are today nearly 600 national workers, assisted by 60 overseas missionaries, carrying on the work of the church in these three countries. Many of the overseas workers are specialists in either the schools or hospitals, while the nationals are on the front lines of battle.

In 1948 a secondary school and evangelistic training center was established in Uganda, and named Bugema Missionary College. It was the intention that this institution should serve the church by

preparing evangelistic workers to swell the working force in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. This institution has recently been renamed Bugema Adventist College, but its part in finishing the work of the gospel is unchanged.

With the progress that has been made in developing Africa in recent years has come the urgent need for better-qualified workers who can meet the challenge of the 70's. Men are needed who can meet every man with a clear forceful presentation of the truths for these times. The evangelist training has thus far been on a secondary school level, but the college board took action early in 1969 to begin a junior college in 1970. Now with the organization of the Afro-Mideast Division at the 1970 General Conference, plans have been laid by the new division for Bugema Adventist College to become a full senior college immediately.

In order for this to become a reality there are many changes and improvements that must take place on the campus. Here are the most urgent:

1. A residence hall must be constructed for the men who will take the theology course.
2. A new cafeteria and kitchen must replace the one that is now inadequate for even the secondary school.
3. More classrooms must be built and adequately equipped with furniture and teaching materials.

The men who have been trained at Bugema over the years have done a stalwart job of promoting the work. Some have risen to high positions of responsibility where they are now valuable leaders of their own people. In establishing yet another senior college it is the hope that under the blessing of God another link will be forged in the chain that will reach from earth to heaven and hasten the second coming of Christ.

—James T. Bradfield, Principal



## Chinese Gather at California Camp Meeting

Chinese church members in California gathered for camp meeting last September 4 to 6 at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California. The camp meeting was under the direction of Pastor Wai Chou Leong and sponsored by the San Francisco and Los Angeles Chinese churches.

Speaker for the Sabbath worship hour was Pastor Leslie Hardinge of Pacific Union College. Sabbath afternoon activities included a sacred music festival, a panel discussion, and a program entitled, "Our Children's Destiny." A special discussion on Sunday morning was "Problems of Adaptation in American Society."

Among those present from the Far Eastern Division were T. C. Chin of Hoad Yai, Thailand, and Newlan Tan, W. S. Wu, W. T. Wu, and Sam Pau and his nine children, all from Singapore.



## To Ponder . . .

**I**N 1930 a worker from one of the missions in the Philippines pitched a tent in a small town and held an evangelistic effort. A father, mother, and four children attended the meetings. The baby girl was only a few months old, while the oldest child, a boy, was ten years of age.

When the meetings ended the father and mother were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church which was organized in that town. Where there had been no S.D.A.'s before, now there were 30.

A few years later another baby girl was born into this Christian home. She was given the lovely Bible name, Naomi. All the children were faithfully trained by the parents. They were taught the things of God. One by one as they grew older they chose to follow Jesus as their personal Saviour.

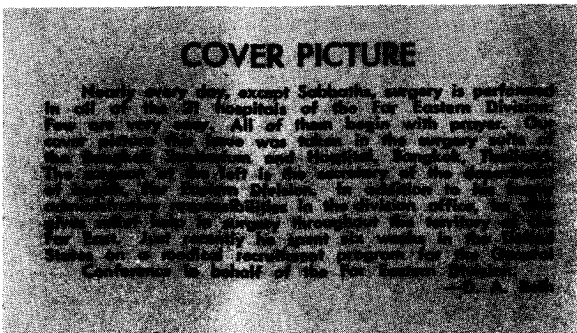
What a satisfaction comes to the heart and mind of father Arit as he sees all five of his children engaged in the work of God. What are they doing, you ask?

One son is Missionary Volunteer leader in the North Philippine Union. The other son is secretary of education in the Central Philippine Union. One girl is married to a church school teacher. Next to the youngest in the family is chairman of the music department at Mountain View College. The baby girl is now an efficient secretary in the Far Eastern Division office.

The character building program in that home has returned big dividends. Today we pay tribute to Brother Arit, whose wife sleeps in Jesus. We salute thousands of other families in this vast Far Eastern Division who likewise are preparing their children for a place in God's work and for an inheritance in the heavenly home.

*Marion S. Simmons*

## TO STRENGTHEN THE HOME



## Southern Asia Film Available for Purchase

**"A**FTER the Monsoon," a 1,440-foot documentary on the Southern Asia Division which premiered at the General Conference session in Atlantic City, is now available for sale. The film, written and photographed by Eric Were after a three-month itinerary in the division, represents the finest in photography and interest as it colorfully tells a story of the fascinating mission advance of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern Asia. The film also includes scenic spots, including the Taj Mahal, some of the tallest mountains in the world and some of the festivals characteristic of the people in this part of the world. The film is exceptionally well documented and, running approximately 40 minutes, would make an ideal program in connection with a church, school, or evangelistic function.

The Southern Asia Division wishes to announce that the film is available for purchase at US\$160 through the General Conference Audio Visual Service, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012.

## An Opportunity to Express Your Concern

**D**EVASTATING earthquakes, hurricanes, and floods currently racking the planet are inevitably followed by unparalleled human misery and suffering. Disaster follows disaster in rapid succession.

On May 31, 1970, an area of 80,000 square kilometers in Peru containing 1,700,000 people was shaken by an earthquake lasting 40 seconds. As a result, cities, towns, and villages were wiped out leaving 60,000 known dead, 20,000 missing, 200,000 injured, 20,000 children orphaned, and 700,000 homeless.

In November of that same year a killer-storm struck East Pakistan. The greatest disaster of the century, if not of all time, left hundreds of thousands dead and one million persons homeless and hungering as a result of the tidal waves.

How does one measure the pain, grief, and sorrow associated with such tragedies? We read about these catastrophes, view the scenes on television, and listen to the radio reports, but we do not feel the actual anguish and heartache which prevails on the scene. We thank God that the disaster was not greater than it was, but we cannot sense the numbing and shattering despair that settles down on the survivors who suddenly sense that they have lost everything worthwhile—loved ones and home.

Here is where our Christian compassion and concern can extend a helping hand. As in other catastrophes, Seventh-day Adventists around the world reacted immediately when the news of the Peru and East Pakistan disasters reached our SAWS office in Washington, D.C. Tents, blankets, food, clothes, and medicines were rushed immediately by plane to

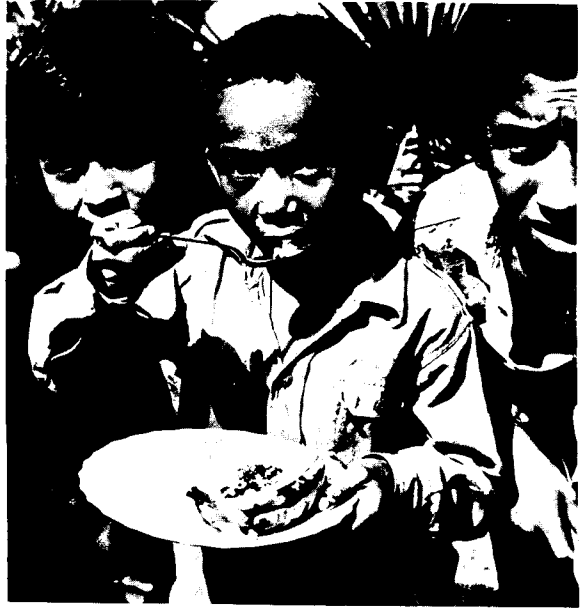
the stricken areas. In this organized service of mercy we all have a part.

Although we personally may not feel the pain of the victims, we do feel a sense of compassion and concern. This compassion and concern when translated into deeds of mercy and the sharing of our means to alleviate suffering and pain wherever it may occur is our Christian duty.

God's people have always supplied the SAWS treasury with ample means to meet these tragic emergencies. Due to the heavy drain on available funds entailed by rapidly recurring disasters, there is an urgent need to replenish the SAWS treasury, for no one knows where or when disaster will strike again.

On Sabbath, May 8, 1971, all of us will have an opportunity to express our heartfelt concern and compassion for disaster victims. When giving, keep in mind the words of the Master, "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40.

—Theodore Carcich



GIVING. Following the earthquake in Peru in May of 1970, Seventh-day Adventist relief workers distribute food at Casma.

BREAD. OFASA workers distribute bread baked at Inca Union College to residents of Casma, one of the cities devastated by the Peru earthquake.





Felicia Wu



Evelyn Yuen



Chile Caspe



Nerie Bocala


## COMING—

**T**WO young ladies from Singapore, both members of the 1971 graduating class of Southeast Asia Union College, became secretaries in the Far Eastern Division office on March 1.

Felicia Wu Sook Ying, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wu Han Kong, is working in the education department. Evelyn Yuen Kam Hoe, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yung Peng Kong, is working in the department of health. Both young ladies have gone to school at Southeast Asia Union College for 12 years, completing the secretarial course in February. We welcome them to the division staff.

## —AND GOING

**T**WO Filipino missionaries left February 25 for Africa. Chile Caspe, left, former research assistant in the Philippine Union College biology laboratory, is now with Bugema Missionary College as college teacher and teacher of overseas children, while Nerie Bocala, former medical technologist of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, is now connected with the Nairobi Clinic in Kenya. This is Miss Caspe's second term. From 1966 to 1968 she served as teacher in the Kamagambu Secondary School in Kenya, thus becoming the first Filipino Adventist missionary teacher in Africa.



# NEWS *from the* UNIONS



## JAPAN

### Japan Missionary College News Notes

\* **T**HE board, during its January meeting, decided to employ Miss F. Yamaji as a junior high school English teacher. Miss Yamaji went to the United States with the Choral Arts Society and completed her master's degree in education at Andrews University.

\* Miss M. Kabahara, who attended the Osaka English Language School and who is now a student

in the Christian studies department here, has been voted to serve as the president's secretary.

\* The college extension division, Saniku Gakuin Academy of Continuing Studies in Chiba, is laying plans to offer courses in religious studies and business English.

\* The college English department is planning to conduct an extension course at Osaka, June 8 to 19, for student missionaries in the teaching of English as a foreign language. College staff and experts from the Seido Language Institute in Kobe will conduct the classes.

\* Students in the Christian studies department are planning to participate in a field school of evangelism to be conducted in Hokkaido under the leadership of Pastors T. Iwahashi, W. I. Hilliard, Watanabe, and Dr. R. M. Spangler.

—R. E. Klimes, President



## Parent-Home Seminars Convene in Central Visaya

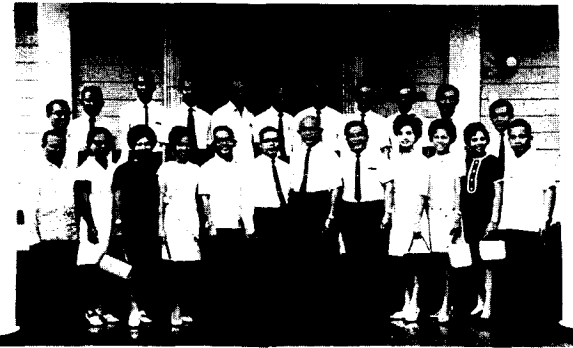
**T**WO parent-home seminars were held in Tagbilaran City, Bohol, last November, and in Lapulapu City, Cebu, during December and early January of this year. More than 400 church members attended these seminars.

Seminar instructors from the Central Philippine Union were: Pastor B. R. Arit, education secretary; F. P. Penola, union auditor; and Mrs. A. F. de Angel, union parent-home secretary. Instructors from the Central Visayan Mission were: Pastor F. G. Pangca, Sabbath School and lay activities secretary; D. S. Albite, education and MV secretary; Mrs. F. S. Dicen, parent-home secretary; Mrs. N. U. Moralde, mission nurse; R. P. Moralde, district leader; A. M. Manatad, district leader; and the writer.

Lectures were given on many interesting subjects, including interior decoration, home nursing, hydrotherapy treatments, family budgets, child care and training, worship in the home, and discipline in the home.

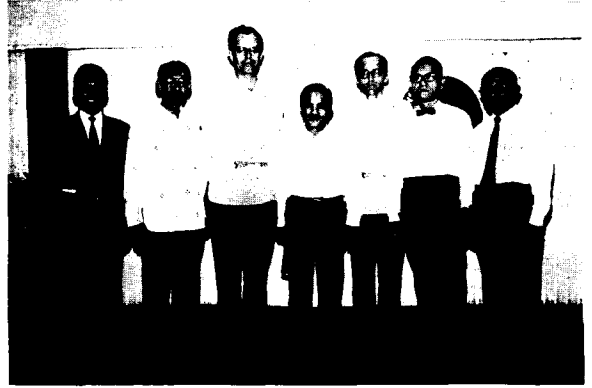
The devotional period every morning set the tone for the day. Sermons were given in the evening. The seminars ended with a child dedication on Sabbath morning and graduation Sabbath evening.

—**J. R. Obregon, PR Secretary,  
Central Visayan Mission**



## Council Held at Headquarters

These were the delegates to the publishing council at the Central Philippine Union headquarters in Cebu City last November. It was at this council that the vision for a "Million Peso Sales for 1971" was caught, and the delegates unanimously voted it as the publishing department goal for 1971. This council was the first of its kind to be held in the Central Philippines since the union was organized in 1964.



**LEADERS.** Contributing to the success of the Five-Day Plan held at Cebu City in January are Pastor V. F. Bocala, C.P.U.M. temperance secretary; Pastor P. C. Banaag, Temperance Association of the Philippines executive secretary; Pastor R. H. Woolsey, Philippine Publishing House editor; Bart Carillo, Cebu Rotary Club president; Dr. Elton Morel, Manila Sanitarium and Hospital medical director; Pastor B. G. Mary, Far Eastern Division temperance secretary; and Pastor E. A. Capobres, C.P.U.M. president.

## Rotary Club Sponsors Five-Day Plan

**T**HE Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking held at the Filipino Club House, Cebu City, during January, made a great impact on the minds of business executives who faithfully attended the meetings to "kick the habit."

Forty-one enrollees, mostly managers and executives of big business firms, enjoyed the lectures of Dr. Elton Morel, medical director of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, and Pastor R. H. Woolsey, editor of the Philippine Publishing House.

It was inspiring to hear people who had been enslaved by Lady Nicotine, some for more than four decades, describe how they struggled against the habit of smoking.

"After being able to stop smoking," declared Mr. Felipe Tiongko, "I found out that I enjoy my food very well, sleep well, and live happier."

Mrs. Charlotte Martin, an American woman who had been smoking for the past 40 years, said on the second night of the meeting, "My first day of not smoking was terrible. I ached all over. My head seemed about to break. And I just wanted to have a puff of that cigarette. The urge was so great in the afternoon that I failed; I smoked one. I am not permanently defeated, however. I still hope to be able to stop smoking," she concluded.

The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was realized through the energetic leadership of Pastor V. F. Bocala, the Central Philippine Union's temperance secretary, who was able to secure the cooperation of the Cebu Rotary Club, which in turn provided for radio, TV, and newspaper publicity.

A pilot seminar on the Five-Day Plan was concurrently held at the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital conference room. The 25 delegates were temperance secretaries, parent-home secretaries, and selected district leaders of local missions. The seminar included lectures on diet and food, as well as counsel by

Dr. C. B. Habaradas of the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital on family planning.

The purpose of the seminar was to help the workers learn how to hold Five-Day Plans and was conducted by Dr. Morel, Pastors R. H. Woolsey, P. C. Banaag, and B. G. Mary, with the cooperation of Mrs. L. D. Condez and Miss N. C. Alabado, dietitian and nutritionist respectively of Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, and Dr. Habaradas.

—D. J. Generato, Jr.,  
Public Relations Officer



WORKOUT. Five-Day Plan enrollees do deep breathing exercises.



PEDRO. Pastor R. H. Woolsey shows how the "lungs" of Puffing Pedro are severely affected after smoking two cigarettes. With him is Dr. Elton Morel of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital.

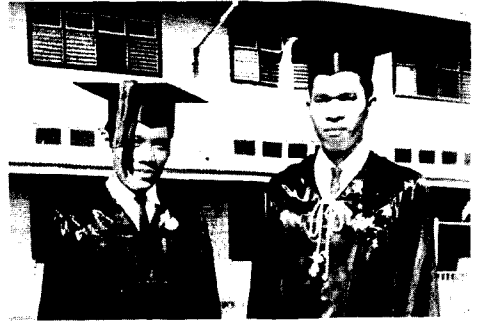
## Colporteurs Meet at Capitol Center

A week-long institute, attended by 40 colporteurs, convened at the Capitol Center last December. Instructors from the union during the institute were Pastor E. N. Dicen, publishing secretary; S. G. Paulino, assistant publishing secretary; F. P. Penola, auditor; and Pastor B. R. Arit, education secretary. Mission instructors were W. D. Chavit, B.P.A. manager; A. L. Franco, assistant B.P.A. manager; F. G. Pangca, lay activities and Sabbath School secretary; and the writer.

Varied subjects were presented, such as how to improve one's personality, how to meet customer objections, B.P.A. policies, how to build up colporteur deposits, and the colporteur's relation to the church.

The institute ended with a day-long picnic at the seashore of Danao City.

—J. R. Obregon, PR Secretary,  
Central Visayan Mission



## Graduating to New Jobs

Pio Partoza and Rufino Urboda will graduate in April from Mountain View College. They will be joining the work in the East Visayan Mission after their graduation, according to F. M. Arrogante, mission president.



## P.U.C. Students Conduct Voice of Youth Crusades

THREE teams of missionary minded Philippine Union College students conducted two Voice of Youth crusades and revival meetings during the two-week Christmas vacation. Their combined efforts with the laymen resulted in the baptism of 25 souls, the graduation of 21 students from the Voice of Prophecy Explorer Bible course, and 37 boys and girls finishing the Vacation Bible School. The venture was under the auspices of the ministerial and student associations of the college, the college church, and the North Philippine Union.

The first team composed of nine members went to Salcedo, Ilocos Sur, and their evangelistic effort was crowned with the baptism of nine souls and 21 students receiving Voice of Prophecy Bible Explorer diplomas.

The members of this team were: Peregrine Ilacas, speaker and leader of the team; Priscilo Santiago, team coordinator; Arden Perdon, Voice of Prophecy instructor; Remy Pulido, child evangelist; Shirley Garalde, children's story teller; Daniel Pamintuan, music director; Daniel Barizo, Bible custodian and instructor; Nehemias Pulido, maintenance manager. The last four with Raymund Barizo compose the Messengers' Quintet, which not only rendered songs during the nightly meetings but also sang at the inaugural program of Attorney Eduardo Ma. Guirnalda, delegate-elect to the Constitutional Convention.

The second team went to Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya and conducted a Voice of Youth crusade



which resulted in 11 decisions. One of these individuals was the daughter of the municipal judge. Their Vacation Bible School graduated 37 boys and girls.

Composing this team were Pedro Peralta, main speaker; Jeremias Umagat, Bible marking class director; the Gospel Quartet made up of Reuben Tobola, Juanito Afenir III, Reuben Penaflorida, and Juvenal Tuplano; the Vacation Bible School staffers Luivina Macaraeg, Dinah Zabala, and May Garcia, all Manila Sanitarium and Hospital interns; and Primitivo Mercado, Jr., coordinator.

The Gospel Quartet was privileged to sing at one of the services of the Methodist Church. Their other singing engagements, aside from the nightly appointment at the crusade, were in Malasin Plaza, Sierra Clan, and at the house of Judge Gambunia.

The third team was the Evangelical Quartet composed of Nehemias Legaspi, first tenor; Jimmy Acosta, second tenor; Demetrio Robles, baritone; and Ephraim Balagtas, bass. It conducted revival meetings both in Occidental and Oriental Mindoro. From San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, the quartet traveled south, going to the Oriental side visiting churches and inspiring the members with gospel songs. Through the assistance of the district pastor, the singing group visited Bulalacao, Mansalay, Roxas, and Pinamalayan churches.

—Mrs. Luz Tangalin

## Philippine Union College News Notes

\* A midweek prayer meeting is now a regular part of the college program. Starting with 40 people in attendance during the first meeting in December, the attendance now averages more than 150. At the close of each meeting, selected ones pray for those listed on the prayer scroll while the rest pray by two's. Testimonies regarding answered prayers are increasing.

\* The latest faculty ranking by the school board added new professors of three categories and instructors as follows:

Full Professor: J. J. Blanco, R. A. Figuhr, M. C. Tumangday.

Associate Professor: B. M. Donato, W. O. Comm, Mrs. W. O. Comm, M. N. Fauni, L. E. Gensolin, R. R. Senson.

Assistant Professor: Mrs. E. C. Corpus, E. A. Gutierrez, Mrs. R. H. Imperio, Mrs. M. G. Jereos, S. A. Ladion, T. S. Pallasa, Mrs. P. G. Poblete, Mrs. I. G. Talangbayan, Mrs. L. C. Tangalin.

Instructor: B. A. Coe, Cora Enciso, N. F. Fadri, Jesse Imperio, Elmore Jornada, Aldine Malones, Ruby Ordonez, Louise Quines, Alice Ramos, Willie Tortal.

\* Dr. J. J. Blanco has been designated assistant to the president.

—B. B. Alsaybar

## News Notes

\* "THAT the World May Know" was the theme of the nineteenth biennial session of the Central Luzon Mission, largest local mission in the Far Eastern Division. Its membership now stands at 16,485. B. A. Martin is the president.

\* Mrs. Josefa Edralin-Marcos, mother of the president of the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos, was guest speaker at the Parents' Day celebration at Philippine Union College in December.

\* Permanent returns have been voted for Pastor R. H. Woolsey, editor of the Philippine Publishing House, and Dr. E. S. Morel, medical director of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital.



FAMILY. Because Democrito Brillon, left, attended a Vacation Bible School, his entire family joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Entire Family Accepts Advent Message

DEMOCRITO Brillon, eldest boy in his family, was invited to attend a Vacation Bible School conducted by the church in Lucban, Quezon. He was much impressed by the stories he heard and in turn related these to his father, Dionisio, a barber.

Now it seems that it was customary for the elder of our church in Lucban, Gilbert Abcede, to have his hair cut in this barber shop. One day during a haircut, their conversation turned to Biblical topics. Learning of the interest of Dionisio, which started from the stories of his son, Democrito, Brother Abcede offered him Bible Says lessons. The barber studied these lessons diligently, with great interest, for more than a month.

As a result of the truth he learned from these Bible Says lessons, Mr. Brillon, his wife, and two of their children, Gaudencio and Potenciana, were baptized last September. Democrito had been baptized a few weeks earlier. The entire family is now rejoicing in the saving power of our Lord as a result of a Vacation Bible School and the Gift Bible plan.

—E. J. Tangunan,  
Lay Activities Secretary,  
North Philippine Union

## P.U.C. Enlarges to Naga View Campus

**T**O lessen overcrowding at Philippine Union College, a new campus is being established at what is now Naga View Academy. Present enrollment in the collegiate department is more than 1,600. "Too many for this Baesa campus," acknowledges Dr. O. C. Edwards, P.U.C. president.

Courses for college freshmen will be offered at Naga View at the start of the 1971-72 school year. From that time, the institution will be known not as Naga View Academy, but as P.U.C. Naga View Campus. It will be headed by a dean.

Sophomore classes will be offered the following school year. Presently only classes for the first two years of college are planned at Naga View.

As of May 1, administration of the institution will be by the P.U.C. board. Members of the college and Naga View Academy boards have already met together to prepare for a smooth transfer of administration.

Two concrete dormitories are presently under construction, made possible by a 198,000-peso appropriation from the Far Eastern Division. Since 1965, when the academy opened, the main building has also been used as a dormitory.

Also being constructed is a dam to harness the water of a nearby river for irrigation and possibly power. A small pump presently provides water for the school. Dr. W. C. Richli, the man who built the hydroelectric plant of Mountain View College, is now building the dam at Naga View.

"This is a most timely move," said Dr. Edwards. "With increasing problems in the cities like lawlessness, demonstrations, and consequent occasional disruptions of classes, it's time we followed more closely the blueprint of Christian education and got away from the cities."

Naga View Academy is 13 kilometers away



**GROUND BREAKING.** Two dormitories are presently under construction at Naga View Academy. Breaking the ground are V. N. Napod, Southern Luzon Mission president; O. C. Edwards, Philippine Union College president, and S. N. Napod, Naga View Academy business manager. M. G. Jereos, left, North Philippine Union secretary, looks on.

from Naga City. The school property at the foot of Mt. Isarog is 106 hectares, at an elevation of 850 feet. The climate is invigorating all year long.

The school is literally one where everybody works. Students are employed on the ranch, orchard, and farm.

—B. B. Alsaybar

## Adventist Doctor Becomes Diplomate in Internal Medicine

**D**R. Arturo V. Estuita passed the examination to become a diplomate in internal medicine and thereby received a signal distinction that few Seventh-day Adventist doctors experience.



Dr. Arturo Estuita

Given for the first time in the Philippines, it proved to be an examination that is very difficult even for those to whom it is available.

It is not as though this prized honor of being the first Filipino Adventist diplomate in internal medicine came by chance. Dr.

Estuita was a "conscientious, studious, and persistent" student. He still is. A product of Polillo Adventist Institute and Philippine Union College, Dr. Estuita finished his medical course at the Manila Central University, where he now is teaching in the college of medicine during his "spare time."

Recognition has come to the young doctor when he least expected it. He was class president when he finished a postgraduate course in internal medicine at the University of the Philippines and the Philippine General Hospital Medical Center; a grantee in hematology sponsored by the China Medical Board of New York; a fellow of the Philippine College of Physicians; a teacher in the Manila Central University college of medicine; and now, to cap it all, a diplomate in internal medicine.

Mrs. Estuita, the former Carmencita Pedrigue, also graduated in medicine from Southeastern University in Cebu City. Both doctors say they would like to pursue further training.

—Salvador G. Miraflores

## 5,000 Attend First Union-Wide Sabbath School Fellowship

**M**ORE than 5,000 Sabbath School members of the North Philippine Union Mission last December 19 attended the Sabbath meetings of the union-wide Sabbath School Fellowship which was held in the Philippine Union College auditorium. Pastor F. D. Retzer, General Conference Sabbath School secretary, was the worship hour speaker.

The fellowship was preceded by a Sabbath School Advisory Council. Pastor W. V. Clements,

Far Eastern Division Sabbath School secretary, and Pasor Retzer led out in the council. In attendance were mission Sabbath School secretaries, their assistants, and mission presidents.

Pastor F. L. Bland, vice-president of the General Conference, was the keynote speaker of the fellowship. The theme of the meeting was "So Little Time. Take the Spirit's Sword in Hand."

Three simultaneous meetings were held on Sabbath on the college campus to meet the needs of the children, the youth, and the adults. The basic Sabbath School objectives for the ensuing quinquennium as recommended by the Autumn Council were discussed by the visiting Sabbath School leaders from Washington and Singapore. The Sabbath School emphasis during the ensuing quinquennium will be on the Word of God. A mass graduation of some 800 Sabbath School members who finished the child evangelism, Sabbath School officers' training, and Sabbath School teachers' training courses climaxed the unionwide fellowship, a first in the history of the union. For a closing feature of the graduation program, the congregation formed a big circle in the college auditorium and sang "Blest Be the Tie" and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

—T. V. Barizo



### News Note

\* **T**O help them sell the newly printed vegetarian cookbook from the Philippine Publishing House, **Best Recipes for the Home**, colporteurs of the Davao Mission requested Mrs. C. C. Llaguno to demonstrate to prospective buyers how to follow some of these recipes. The demonstration was held for 135 students and teachers of the midwifery school in Davao City. As a result of Mrs. Llaguno's salesmanship, the colporteurs report the cookbooks sold "like hotcakes."



**BRAND NEW:** The Gingoog Community Hospital, a medical institution operated by the church, has just recently moved to its new location in the Cabuyo-an subdivision of Gingoog City. The building and lot cost Ps. 52,000.

## Gingoog Clinic Moves to New Location

**T**HE Gingoog Community Hospital, formerly known as a mission clinic, moved last September to its new location in Gingoog City's Cabuyo-an subdivision. The building and lot cost 52,000 pesos.

Because of its more strategic location, the Gingoog Community Hospital is expected to attract a wider clientele. In fact, alterations have been made so that the institution's facilities could care for 40 inpatients.

Originally the clinic was privately owned by Dr. Paterno Primero, a medical practitioner who later left for specialized training in the United States. Taken over by the denomination in 1962, the institution has grown until now there are two doctors and a registered nurse included in the total working force of 12. No doubt the staff will increase as patronage grows.

—C. P. Ranario, Secretary-Treasurer,  
Northern Mindanao Mission

## Nine Decide for Christ Following Student Effort

**T**HE first student evangelistic effort was held in Bangcud, Malaybalay, Bukidnon, during the first semester break last year by the ministerial seminar of Mountain View College under the leadership of R. Tabingo and Adriano Aguirre, Jr., Bible teachers. Pastor J. H. Zachary, Jr., the new theology department head, also assisted.

Ten ministerial students composed the team. David Saguan was chosen as the evangelist while S. Paypa was the health lecturer. Students taking the Bible instructor's course took charge of the story hour before the lectures.

The attendance averaged 200 and was about equally divided between adults and children. We were happy for the good attendance, but the enemy was not. He used drunks and prejudiced people to send stones and bottles flying into the meeting place the first three nights. We prayed to God for patience, love, and protection from the unruly people, and when they knew we were not afraid and did not retaliate, they stopped disturbing the lectures, and the people continued to come and listen.

Weekend meetings were continued for about a month after the close of the series. Following this, Bible studies were conducted for seven families. As a result, nine individuals took their stand and asked for baptism.

One of those who accepted baptism was Pacifico Pasukal, a chain smoker, a drunkard, and a vicious man before his conversion. His wife had suffered much because of his intemperate life. But the power of the gospel changed him, and now his wife testifies to the love and peace which has come into their once unhappy home. Because of this, the wife also is preparing for baptism.

—David Saguan

## Governor Permits Baptism of Men Sentenced to Life Imprisonment

**A** BRANCH Sabbath School conducted by members of the Malaybalay Church in the province of Bukidnon resulted in the baptism of 11 candidates, inmates of the provincial jail. Four of these had already been sentenced to life imprisonment, and one was taken out of solitary confinement for the service.

For the past few years, Bible studies had been conducted there intermittently. However, during the middle of last year, Jose Pimentel, lay activities leader of the Malaybalay Church, initiated a new series of Bible studies among the prisoners, with Miqueas Selgas as his companion and the one to give the Bible studies. This time the government officials, particularly the governor, were very sympathetic so that a permit was given. Immediately the work began.

Reaching the 200 inmates with different religious backgrounds was not easy, and often Brethren Pimentel and Selgas were beset with problems, especially the question of removing prejudice. After several weeks of meetings, a number of interests resulted, but unexpected tragedy came to the household of Brother Selgas when his wife died of cancer. Brother Pimentel was about to give up because he felt that he had no talent to preach, but the prisoners asked him to continue the work. Because of his love for these less fortunate people, he continued, and later on, members of the Malaybalay Sabbath School joined him until the interests were ready for baptism.

When the plan of baptism was mentioned, another problem arose. How could a permit be secured? Four of the 11 prisoners were already sentenced to life imprisonment, and one was still in solitary confinement. Because of the problem they were facing, the brethren had a season of prayer before appearing in the office of the governor to secure the permit. The writer and his wife requested the governor for a permit to bring out the prisoners to the place of baptism. This was granted, and what joy came to them! This experience was a great encouragement to all.

—A. A. Ellorin, District Leader,  
Northern Bukidnon II

## Mindanao Ministers Ordained

**D**URING the general meeting of the Western Mindanao Mission, three workers were ordained to the ministry, R. Baliton, A. Pangan, and D. Somoso. Ordained at the Northern Mindanao Mission general meeting were three more workers, Narciso Maxino, Urbano Negre, and Joel Pagunsan.

M. M. Claveria, South Philippine Union president, spoke at both of the services. Mission presidents L. D. Duriquez and B. P. Moralde were on hand to present their candidates for ordination.

## Davao Church Holds Child Evangelism Seminar

**T**HE Davao Central Church was the setting for one of the successful child evangelism seminars scheduled by the Sabbath School department of Davao Mission this year. This seminar was jointly sponsored by Pastor M. R. Cudanin and Mrs. Luz R. Villarin, Sabbath School and child evangelism secretaries, respectively. Instructor for this seminar was Mrs. C. C. Llaguno, child evangelism secretary of the South Philippine Union.

The seminar ended on Sabbath, January 16, with the inspiring morning sermon of Pastor M. M. Claveria, president of the South Philippine Union, and the afternoon presentation of completion certificates that featured 36 church members.

—S. L. Llaguno,  
PR Secretary

## Annual Meeting Highlights Progress in Davao Mission

**N**INE members of the Davao Mission executive committee, including one layman, attended the annual committee meetings that were held at Davao Mission headquarters, January 20 and 21.

Although Davao Mission suffered because of the recent typhoon that visited each territory during the last two months of 1970, God miraculously overruled so that His work progressed in practically every aspect. The Mission president reported 1,059 baptisms during the past year. Mission treasurer, B. L. Sullano, mentioned the faithfulness of our believers in giving tithes and offerings. The tithe income during 1970 was Ps.308,684.14, as compared to Ps.230,759.94 in 1969—an increase of Ps.77,924.20. This is the largest income ever reported since the birth of the Davao Mission, the treasurer said. Last year the mission operated two academies—one senior and one junior academy. There were 10 elementary and primary schools with 37 teachers and 818 students.

It is encouraging to note that Adventist churches have been built in practically all the towns of the provinces of Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur and Davao Oriental. Evangelizing these larger centers is giving greater opportunity to our field workers to reach the oft neglected wealthy and educated class.

With firm faith in the mighty power of God to lead in more soul-winning exploits than ever before, the committee accepted a baptismal goal of 1,200 for 1971.

South Philippine Union workers present during the annual meeting included Pastor M. M. Claveria, president; D. J. Celiz, auditor; Pastor E. A. Moreno, education secretary; and Pastor S. L. Llaguno, MV secretary.

## M.V.C. Students Combine Health and Gospel Messages

**N**INE souls made their decisions for baptism at the end of the 19-day Better Living Crusade held in Bangcud, Malaybalay, Bukidnon. They were: Anita Pasucal, Pacifico Pasucal, Teofila Tanio, Mrs. Balivado, Florinda Aporado, Berting Aporado, Mrs. Macaria Aporado, Mrs. V. C. Sinahon, and Dr. Asucena Sinahon. Another baptism is scheduled for others.

"While we look for a prospective lot to build a church," Adriano Aguirre, religion instructor and one of the sponsors, said, "church services will be held in the barrio hall where the group will meet for Branch Sabbath School and church every Sabbath."

The crusade was headed by Solomon Paypa and David Saguan, junior ministerial students. The former, who worked for six months in two Better Living Crusades in Davao, gave lectures on health, while the latter gave lectures on Bible doctrines. Those who assisted them were Mateo Aggabao, Luciano Nermal, Jr., Phylologo Dalguntas, Napoleon Saguan, Jr., Samuel Napigkit, Rolando Saguan, Elfren Dalupan, Rudy Nermal, and George Victoriano. Evelyn Gabutero and Ramona Gellado were in charge of the children's hour. Remelito Tabingo, history department head, and Adriano Aguirre were the faculty sponsors; Pastor J. H. Zachary, chairman of the theology department, was general sponsor.

Bangcud is known to be difficult territory, but the combined program of health and gospel messages drew a big crowd. Another secret of reaching the hearts of the people was the Cebuan songs translated by Mrs. C. Diaz, an M.V.C. education instructor, in cooperation with the music department.

When asked how they got along on their meager budget, the team commented, "We can hardly express our gratitude to Elder Zachary who unselfishly offered the services of his jeep at any call."

## Ministerial Students Pastor Ten Churches

**T**HE Bible department of Mountain View College has completed arrangements with the Northern Mindanao Mission to have the students of Adventist Ministry II class serve as student pastors in ten of the churches in the area surrounding the college. Pastor Nick Tumangday made the original plans during his service as acting chairman of the department.

Students will receive instruction and then go out two by two as the disciples of Jesus did. Following this, each week they will meet in class to discuss their new experiences.

Each student is required to make three-month plans for his church. All aspects of the church program will be studied and put into practical application in the various churches. The class is very conscious of the solemnity of their work. A sermon is not

thought of as a practice talk but rather as a time when the sacred Word of God is shared with the people. Students will visit in the homes of members, conduct baptismal classes, provide socials to save, lead out in a series of prayer meetings, attend church board meetings, visit former members, and, in some cases, conduct revival meetings. Study will be given to topics for sermons. Each student will learn how to prepare sermons in such areas as Christian stewardship, the Spirit of Prophecy, health, final events, and righteousness by faith.

Rudy Nermal, one of the student pastors, and his associate are planning a leadership training workshop for the elders and deacons in all the churches of the area to be held in his assigned church of Luragan.

The Northern Mindanao Mission has welcomed the innovation of this program in the territory surrounding Mountain View College. Because it is not uncommon for district leaders to have 20 or more churches to care for, the services of these student pastors should prove of real benefit to all.

—J. H. Zachary, Chairman,  
Bible Department, M.V.C.



SEMINAR. Young people of northern Mindanao attended a three-day MV officer seminar in November in Cagayan de Oro City.

## Three-Day Seminar Convenes in Cagayan de Oro City

**M**V officers numbering 104, from different societies of the Northern Mindanao Mission, attended a three-day seminar held in November at the Cagayan de Oro City church. The writer led out in the seminar.

Problems of society leadership, programming, reporting, and various phases of MV activities were studied. Pastor B. P. Moralde, president of the mission, was the closing guest speaker.

Participants who were given their certificates of attendance went home to their societies with great enthusiasm to work more for the Master.

—Martin Ligan,  
MV and PR Secretary,  
Northern Mindanao Mission

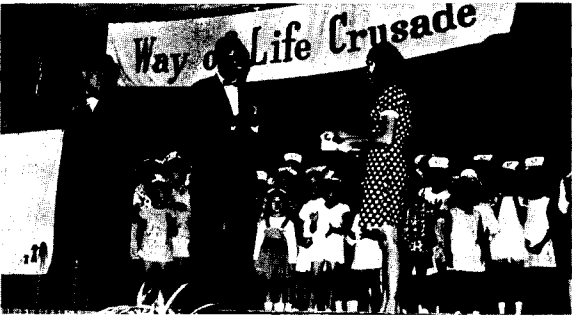


**SOUTHEAST ASIA**

**Rescue of Boy Highlights Sabah Vacation Bible School**



**STORY HOUR.** Youngsters sit entranced as they listen to a story at the Kuching Character Building School.



**GRADUATION.** Pastor Jonathan Ng, Kuching Church pastor; Pastor Ted Jones, crusade evangelist; and Miss Dorothy Lapan, mission assistant Sabbath School secretary for child evangelism, pass out over 100 certificates to children graduating from the Kuching Character Building School.

**Church Conducts Character Building School Along With Evangelistic Crusade**

**A** TOTAL of 100 certificates were issued to the graduates during two Character Building Schools conducted in Kuching last year in conjunction with the Way of Life evangelistic crusade.

The children had a wonderful time enjoying the stories, games, and crafts in the Character Building School while their parents were listening to the Bible lectures. On the final night of the crusade, an impressive program was presented by the children when the certificates were given out. Thus the gospel message reached both adults and children effectively during an evangelistic series.

The program of the Character Building School was directed by Miss Dorothy Lapan, assistant Sabbath School secretary for child evangelism of the Sarawak Mission.

—Jonathan Ng, Pastor,  
Kuching Church

**“W**E have never held a Vacation Bible School before, and we are afraid to have one,” was the feeling of the majority of the members in the Kiulu Church. However, plans went ahead for this Vacation Bible School in Sabah during November.

The children’s meetings were planned for the evening from 5:30 to 9:30 in conjunction with an evangelistic effort. Handbills distributed to neighboring schools resulted in an enrollment of 100 boys and girls. Each child was given a “hero” cap and a crown. Soon everyone joined in with the theme song, “Dare to Be a Hero,” led by Marcus Sirolou and Miss Staly Sikul. This captured the attention of the children. Interest never flagged as the program moved from songs and stories to films and Bible games. Handicraft time brought a new pitch of enthusiasm as boys and girls made Christmas balls, “hero” flags, and rice coloring, and did sewing.

On the evening of November 6, a miracle happened. With many others from the Vacation Bible School, a boy and a girl about the age of eight were returning home after a heavy downpour. A bridge they needed to cross was under water. As these two children were trying to wade through waist-deep water, they lost their balance and were swept away by the swift-flowing current. However, the girl managed to catch hold of tapioca roots and was saved by her friends. But the boy was swept helplessly onward by the swift current.

Panic-stricken, he was carried along until he reached a small bend in the river where there were many jagged rocks. Here he was stopped by a log. The swift current was furiously trying to free him, and as a result he was smashed against the rocks again and again. Then he began to sink. The last thing he knew before losing consciousness was that he was clinging to a log, and a warm presence was distinctly felt under him.

The next morning after he regained consciousness, he found himself lying several yards away from



**MIRACLE.** Those who know this little boy believe he was miraculously saved from death as he returned home from a Vacation Bible School in Sabah.

the spot where he had been the night before. He arose and went home safely. A search party had given up hope of finding him after a fruitless all-night search. Prayers for the boy had ascended to heaven all through the night.

When the Vacation Bible School was held on November 21, this boy came up and received his primary certificate from Mrs. E. Bartolome, wife of the former MV and education secretary of the Sabah Mission.

With a heart-warming experience like this spurring them on, Adventists held Vacation Bible Schools in many villages. During the last quarter of 1970, 16 Vacation Bible Schools were held on the west coast of Sabah. A total of 890 boys and girls were enrolled, 230 of this number from non-Adventist homes. There were 817 certificates issued, 60 enrolled in Branch Sabbath Schools, 60 parents interested, 135 who joined the Pathfinder Club, and 9 baptized.

"We are glad that we had our Vacation Bible School last year in Kiulu and feel that God has many blessings in store for those who work and sacrifice for Him," said Nony Sha'ah, child evangelism secretary of the Sabah Mission.

## First Class Graduates From Saigon School of Nursing

**N**INE young ladies, the first ever to graduate from the Saigon Adventist Hospital School of Nursing, received their diplomas on January 23, during the Vietnamese New Year (TET).

Speaker for the consecration service on Friday evening, January 22, was the medical director of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, Dr. G. H. A. McLaren. Pastor LeCong Giao, assistant pastor of the Saigon Church and Bible teacher for the graduates during their three years of training, spoke at the baccalaureate on Sabbath morning. Commencement speaker was Ernest A. Pender, hospital manager.

Diplomas were presented by Miss Gail True, director of the School of Nursing. She was assisted by Miss Marilyn Bennett, who was director of the school during the graduates' first two years of training. Miss Bennett returned to Saigon for the grad-



**GRADUATES.** Proudly clutching their lamps of service are the nine graduates of the Saigon hospital's School of Nursing.



**DIPLOMAS.** Miss Gail True, director of the Saigon Adventist Hospital School of Nursing, presents diplomas to the graduates. She is assisted by Miss Marilyn Bennett, her predecessor.



**PACKED.** The small Adventist church in Saigon was filled with fellow nursing students and friends, all there to congratulate nine girls graduating in the first class of the Saigon hospital School of Nursing.

uation en route home to the United States from several months of volunteer nursing service in Borneo.

When the Saigon Adventist Hospital started as a clinic over 15 years ago, an on-the-job training program was begun for workers who assisted overseas nurses and doctors' wives. Later a more formal nurses training plan, introducing more theory and practice, was developed. Classes were held in homes and hospital offices.

In 1968 Dr. and Mrs. Jess Holm were inspired to start a regular school of nursing which would be recognized both by our denomination and by the Vietnamese department of health. A dormitory and classroom building was erected to accommodate 50 students, and a call was placed for a nurse to coordinate the nursing education program. Miss Bennett answered the call.

Besides working and training in the Saigon Adventist Hospital, the nursing students have had experience working in other Saigon hospitals, both private and government. These include mental, pediatric, women's, and general hospitals, all affiliated with the School of Nursing in order to give the students a complete training.

Although it has been necessary to accept some non-Christian girls as students, because the local churches cannot provide enough educationally qualified young ladies to fill the quota, all but two of the graduates are now baptized Seventh-day Adventists.



## SOUTH CHINA ISLAND

### Tai An Mission Holds Biennial Session

**F**OUR years of progress were immediately visible to more than 80 delegates who arrived at the Taiwan Mountain Bible School on January 6, for the Tai An Mission second biennial session. The barren plain of four years ago has now "blossomed as a rose" on the campus of the Mountain Bible School. From the large, attractive sign which marks the entrance to the school, the road is lined with well-kept banana groves and orchards and leads to the attractive school campus. All gave immediate outward evidence of real progress.

Delegates from 75 stations, representing 16 churches and 59 chapel or companies, filled the small chapel in the men's dormitory. A large motto in red and gold pictured an open Bible supporting a golden star of hope above. This was surrounded by the motto in Chinese and English, "Preach the Word."

Mission President J. E. Christensen presented his address with colored slides showing the progress of the work among the 3,000 and more tribal members. A tremendous challenge was presented in pictures to go forth and "Preach the Word" to many other tribes and villages.

Outstanding among the many good reports was that of the mountain school. The school choir, attractively dressed in spotless uniforms, presented not only outward progress, but evidence of very good training. Seventy-nine students (20 girls and 59 boys) make up the student body.

Session delegates were reminded again of progress and growth in the school when they joined the students at mealtime in their primitive dining room. Four tables can't begin to accommodate even students alone, so delegates joined them in the open air dining room using one upturned palm for the table on which to place their trays of hot, delicious food. This open air dining room welcomes a continued growth in the number of students; however, the growing pains are more severe when all stand out in the rain or cold to eat.

At an ordination service on Sabbath another tribal worker was ordained, making a total of five ordained mountain ministers.

—Paulene Barnett



## WEST INDONESIA

### Clinic Opens Way for Elementary School

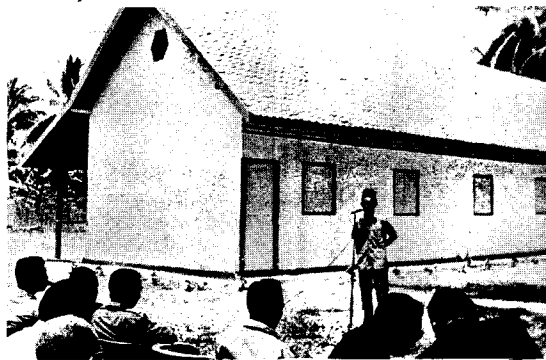
**F**OUR years ago last Christmas, the Tandjungkarang clinic was officially opened and began its work. F. J. Wuysang, Bandung Adventist Hospital graduate, was the clinic director. He worked diligently, ministering to the people physically as well as spiritually. From seven in the morning he worked at the clinic, and in the afternoon he went visiting and teaching heavenly truth.

In just a short time, this clinic in the South Sumatra Mission grew rapidly, and success became a reality. Clinic patients began to increase, and about 40 souls have been won to Christ. Furthermore, an elementary school was officially opened last January 25 with 100 students in attendance.

Pastor P. L. Tambunan, West Indonesia Union secretary, Pastor M. E. Thorman, union educational secretary, Pastor B. Malingkas and Hans F. Sakul of the union staff, and a government official from Lampung Province, South Sumatra, were present at the opening ceremony.

We thank God for the medical work and the dedicated clinic workers of the South Sumatra Mission. Their labors show that the medical work is indeed the right arm of the message.

—C. G. Manurung, President,  
South Sumatra Mission



OPENED. A new elementary school in the South Sumatra Mission was opened in January.



SNIP. Mahjuddin Alwi, right, a government official of Lampung Province, cuts the ribbon officially opening the new school. Pastor Manurung watches.