"Come and See"

What is the most effective method of Christian witness? For nearly two thousand years the followers of Christ have been polishing their evangelistic skills. They have become experts in the use of logical persuasion, unassailable proof, apt illustration and eloquent appeal. Every new advance in the science of communication has expanded their area of witness. Modern crusades attract audiences in the hundreds of thousands; radio and television provide the potential for total coverage.

Yet, for maximum effectiveness, the method first used for bringing people to Christ has never been excelled. We can call it the “come and see” approach, as described in the first chapter of John.

At the very beginning of Jesus’ ministry, just after His baptism, two young men followed Him. Note the dialogue between these two and Jesus:

JESUS: What seek ye?

YOUNG MEN: “Rabbi, where dwellest thou?”

JESUS: “Come and see.”

According to the record, the next day Jesus called another young man named Philip to be a disciple. Philip immediately set out to recruit his friend, Nathaniel. Here is their conversation:

PHILIP: “We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

NATHANIEL: “Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?”

PHILIP: “Come and see.”

Even today we cannot improve on this invitation as an effective approach. It is more appealing than argument, more persuasive than eloquence. It recognizes that personal conviction requires more than knowledge or mere mental assent. Inviting someone to “come and see” means giving him a personal introduction to the One who said, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.”

Do you...

live in a “come and see” home?

work in a “come and see” situation?

spend your leisure in a “come and see” environment?

belong to a “come and see” church?

If your answer is “yes,” your credentials are impeccable, your credibility is guaranteed, your duty is clear, and your efforts cannot fail.

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President
Mrs. Honorata G. Miraflorres became a widow in 1927 when her husband was killed in an accident. A train loading sugar and sand crashed with a passenger bus at the crossing on the national highway in Negros Occidental. Seventeen passengers on the bus were killed, one of whom was Donato Miraflorres, a faithful layman in HBG.

The mother worked, and prayed, and managed to keep all of her ten children with her. Although she did not own any property, the God of widows and orphans had compassion on this family. The children studied in church school, West Visayan Academy in Iloilo, and then one by one eight received a degree from Philippine Union College. Four hold Master's degrees. The mother encouraged her children to secure a Christian education. Nearly all became teachers and have married teachers or ministers.

Workers for God

Today, eight of the children are workers in the cause of God. One other was before her death two years ago, and the tenth one, Porfirio is executive secretary of the YMCA for Southeast Asia and a professor at Arellano University.

Soledad is the daughter who died. Her husband is now retired. Pastor Macasino has been a teacher, a Sabbath school secretary of the Negros Mission and has held other important posts.

Mansueta Flores is still teaching at Philippine Union College although her husband, former head of the history department, is retired.

Mamerta Nebres, another girl, is also a teacher. Her husband, former auditor of Western Mindanao Mission, lost his life in an airplane crash ten years ago.

Another daughter, Modesta, also has a husband entitled to retirement. Pastor Duriquiz has been a teacher, secretary of education, and president of a mission.

A son, Salvador, principal of seven academies, and a missionary to Thailand for five years, is at present editor at the Philippine Publishing House. His wife is an English teacher at Philippine Union College.

Wife of the stewardship secretary of Negros mission is Marcelita, another teacher in the family.

Now dean of women in Mountain View College School of Nursing connected with Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital is Nena. She and another sister, Leah, who is currently teaching in Pasay City Academy, are still single.

Rachel was born six months after her father's death. She is teaching in the Imelda Elementary School.

Blessed in health

The mother of all is eight-four years of age. God has blessed her with physical health so she can enjoy having her children return for annual family reunions in BAColod City. What a happy group gather when these children return bringing 18 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Five ministers are in the house at one time! Mrs. Miraflorres once was proclaimed "Mother of the Year," in the West Visayan Mission. She is happy to have given all but one of her children to the Lord as workers. Her words of encouragement extend even unto the fourth generation whom she asks to dedicate their lives also in service for God and His church.—Marion S. Simmons

Mother Miraflorres quietly fell asleep in the Blessed Hope since this article was written.

Sabbatical in FED

July 30 marked the end of a four-month sabbatical for Professor Lucile Lewis of Loma Linda University. She had spent this time in teaching, conducting workshops and inservice education for nurses in Far Eastern Division hospitals. The highlight of her visit was the six-weeks summer session class in Advanced Clinical Nursing offered under the auspices of Philippine Union College and Loma Linda University.

It was open to graduate nurses throughout the Division and could be taken for graduate or undergraduate credit or audit, depending on the background of the student. A total of 44 enrolled for the course, 16 of whom were from outside the Philippines. Nine additional nurses attended the lectures only.
Loma Linda University Professor of Nursing Lucile Lewis recently spent her sabbatical leave conducting an upgrading program for nurses in Adventist hospitals of the Far Eastern Division.

Two hospitals were used for clinical experience. Approximately half the class stayed at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital with Marietta Deming of the North Philippine Union as clinical instructor. The other half went with Miss Lewis to Ospital Ng Maynila, a nearby government hospital, for their clinical work. All met together for classroom lectures and discussion.

A total of seven distinct languages were represented by the nurses, a few of whom had a limited knowledge of English. Communication became a major problem on some occasions, but with the willing cooperation of those who did understand, the worst of the language barriers were eventually broken down. It was interesting to watch the voluntary segregation into separate language groups gradually dissolve until by the end of the session there was just one large group involving the whole class.

This was the first opportunity for many in the class to take any professional work beyond what had been offered in the basic program in nursing. Their enthusiastic acceptance of this opportunity was gratifying. Those who enrolled represented all levels of nursing from directors of nursing service to staff nurses, from new graduates to those with many years of experience, but they all worked together in solving nursing problems and in learning new approaches and new concepts of nursing care. The unanimous reaction was, "This is great! When will the next course be offered?"

Workshops, three to four days in length, were conducted in Taipei, Bangkok and Singapore. In-service programs in other hospitals varied in length from a one-hour lecture to a full day, sometimes involving graduate nurses only, other times including students as well.

When Miss Lewis was asked for her reaction of the past four months, she replied, "I can say it in two works, challenging and interesting." The reactions in the Division to her visit cannot be expressed quite so succinctly, but it has meant personal enrichment and growth and a widening of professional horizons to many nurses which, we trust, will be reflected in the patient care given in our hospitals. Our thanks to Miss Lewis and to Loma Linda University for this opportunity.—Maxine Atteberry

Accident victim

Former teacher in the Far Eastern Division, and wife of the former president of both Mountain View College and the North Philippine Union Mission, Jean Murdoch was killed instantly in an automobile accident in Pearblossom, California, July 29, 1973.

The T. C. Murdochs were on assignment to return to the Philippines at the time the accident occurred.

Born in Scotland on May 7, 1914, Jean MacLaren was adopted by Elder and Mrs. David Morrison. She completed the Bible workers' course at Newbold in England, and was married to Todd Murdoch in 1935. The couple moved to Canada in 1947.

They were called to Mountain View College in 1915, where Elder Murdoch served as college president for eight years, and then later as president of the North Philippine Union Mission for eight years.

Jean Murdoch taught in the church school on the Pasay compound, and while in the Philippines, earned a Master degree in education from Philippine Union College.

The Murdochs had three children, Jane (Mrs. David Igler of Angwin, California) Dr. Malcom, of Gainesville, Florida, and Todd of Grand Terrace, California.

After 16 years in the Philippines, T. C. and Jean Murdoch worked in Canada. They moved to Loma Linda, California, last April and were preparing to return to the Philippines where he would be director of development for Philippine Union College.

A memorial service for Mrs. Murdoch was held in Loma Linda on August 2.
Mission institute

Eight missionaries to the Far Eastern Division were among the newly appointed and returning missionaries who attended the Institute of World Mission held at Andrews University this summer. Left to right are Elder R. L. Staples, director of the institute; Elder W. R. Beach, vice president of the General Conference; Murray Robinson, coordinator of the institute; Miss Deanna Glindmeyer; Miss Marilyn Follett; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shigley; and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith. Not pictured are Dr. and Mrs. Neal Spiva.

Bible escaped bomb

The Bible that miraculously escaped a World War II bombing was recently donated to the Seventh-day Adventist Museum of the Far East in Singapore.

When bombs hit the little frame Adventist church in Menggatal, Sabah, East Malaysia, a Malay Bible was the only item protected from destruction. While the church structure and all its contents, including the table in which the Bible was stored, were blasted three feet into the earth, the Bible was thrown into a road some 200 feet away from the demolished church. Though fully exposed, it was far enough away from the bombed area to be safe.

A passerby noticed the Book, and although not a Christian himself, he recognized it as a precious religious item of his Adventist neighbors, so he picked it up and delivered it to the church pastor, Majangan Benggon.

After serving as guardian of the Bible for 29 years, he has turned it over to the denomination's museum in Singapore.

Yellowed, watermarked, and missing only a few pages, today the fragile sheets are held together with ribbon for the cover and binding are completely gone. Protected in a glass case, now the Bible that escaped the bomb is one display as a monument of God's protection of His Word through the threats of Satan's devices of destruction.

—Jane Allen
MEMORIES
of early work
in the
Philippines
by L. V. Finster

Unbearable heat and the babble of a strange tongue made our arrival in Manila on December 17, 1908, an unforgettable day. No one was at the boat to meet us, for at that time there was not a single Seventh-day Adventist among the 12-million inhabitants of the Philippines.

Soon I discovered that the islands were shrouded in darkness and superstition. For years the people had been afraid to own a Bible lest they be put in prison or be otherwise severely punished. This knowledge of their spiritual condition made me all the more determined to give all I had to the task of bringing the three angels' messages to the Filipino people.

I realized I was helpless in not being able to speak their language, so I searched for a teacher. I was blessed in finding Senor Caldon who had translated the Bible into the Tagalog language. After a few lessons, I secured some copies of the Gospels and went out among the people to sell them, using the few Tagalog words I had learned.

My next ambition was to get some literature translated into the Tagalog language. Senor Caldon kindly translated many of our tracts, the first literature being the opening chapter of the book, Steps to Christ, "God's Love for Man."

Shortly after arriving in Manila, I had become acquainted with some young men who were attending high school. After they learned that I was a Bible teacher, they invited me to their home in Santa Ana to have some studies with them. Of course their idea was to improve their English, but I had another idea. It gave me just the chance I had been longing for.

Soon they became very much interested in the things I read them from the Bible, and in a few months their parents wanted to come and see the man who was telling their boys the wonderful things of the Bible which they had never before heard. How gladly I welcomed the older people.

One evening Bibiano Panis, one of the young men, said, "Mr. Finster, these older people are very anxious to know what you are telling us. If you don't mind, I will be glad to tell them in Tagalog."

This was an answer to prayer. We continued weekly studies for several months, with the attendance growing as I progressed in language study. In due time we started a Sabbath school, and lessons were prepared on our principal truths. We typed these lessons with the texts, and these they were able to find in their Tagalog Bible which now they were allowed to own.

Our Sabbath school was held in the afternoon because they were still working on Sabbath morning. One Sabbath afternoon as our Sabbath school was about finished, a man came into the room whom I recognized as an American pastor of another denomination. He began speaking in Tagalog to the people.

Then he came over to me and asked in English, "Why are you preaching in this part of the city? Don't you know this is not your territory, and you have no right to preach here?"

I told him that these young men had invited me to this part of the city and that Mrs. Panis had asked me to her home for Bible studies. Did not a man have the right to preach wherever he was invited?

He then explained that the different Protestant churches had come together and had agreed that they would not enter each other's territory. When I asked him what part had been given to Seventh-day Adventists, he said, "Oh, you were not here when we divided the territory. You do not have any. You had better go to China or India. We'll carry on here."

"We have a message that Jesus is soon to come back to earth again," I replied. "Therefore we cannot confine our work to any
This annoyed him very much, and he turned abruptly to Mrs. Panis and asked in Tagalog, "Why do you permit this man to come to your house to mix you all up?"

"Why, Pastor," she answered, "we're not mixed up. We know more about the Bible now than ever before. This man has explained the prophecies to us, and the Bible has become a new book. Pastor, we are not mixed up!"

To which he retorted, "But, Mrs. Panis, the Sabbath was made for the Jews only, and you are a Filipino and should not keep the Jewish Sabbath."

"The Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments, and it is called 'the Sabbath of the Lord thy God' and not 'the Jewish Sabbath.'"

"But the Ten Commandments were all nailed to the cross when Jesus died," the pastor declared.

Mrs. Panis came back with the question, "Then why did you sell me that chart of the Ten Commandments hanging on my wall if it was already nailed to the cross?"

The pastor could make no reply to this, and after she had quoted several other texts to him, he took his hat and left.

The following Sabbath when I went out to Santa Ana, Mrs. Panis met me at her door with the news, "We are all keeping the Sabbath today."

How my heart rejoiced. A new people and a new language had joined the host of others who sing praises for the knowledge of the three angels' messages.

Our work took on new impetus, and in a few days I received invitations to hold cottage meetings in many parts of Manila and in many homes. Our first baptism was in March of 1911 when a church of 18 was organized.

Lewis Victor Finster, a pioneer overseas missionary in the Philippines, celebrates his 100th birthday on October 12, 1973.

The fact that Pastor Finster is 100 years old is in itself worthy of note. But to those who have known him, there is more about this man that is of interest.

For example, he was called to the Philippine Islands in 1908 when there weren't any Filipino Seventh-day Adventists in the islands. Now there are some 146,000 Adventists in the Philippines.

Pastor Finster states that, "these people had not heard the third angel's message and I dedicated myself to helping them."

At the age of 12, Pastor Finster, along with his mother, accepted the truth and was baptized into the Adventist church in Obrien County, Iowa, where he was born in 1873. After accepting the Advent message, he felt a need for furthering his education, so attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, graduating in 1907 with a theology degree.

He recalls seeing Ellen G. White in 1900 on her return from Australia enroute to attend the 1901 General Conference in Battle Creek.

Married to his first wife in 1909, Pastor Finster spent much of his time in the Philippines. He also served as president of the Malaysian Union, which at that time included Indonesia, lay activities secretary of the Far Eastern Division, lay activities secretary of the Inter-American Division, and president of the Colombia-Venezuela Union.

He returned to America in 1941 due to the poor health of his wife. She died in 1954 after 55 years of marriage.

Pastor Finster married Lillian May Pasher in 1956 and they presently reside in Riverside, California.

Though he fathered no children, Pastor Finster has helped many young people through school and still continues to do so. Sale of his avocado ranch in the late 1950's enabled him to further continue his aid to young people's education, as he donated all the sale proceeds to this endeavor.

Pastor Finster performed his last baptism at the age of 91 in Mentone, California.

When asked what it feels like to be 100 years old, he replies, "Doesn't trouble me at all. I feel well and hope I can live till the Lord comes back."

Serving as an elder of the Norco, California, church, he believes in holding up the high standards of the denomination. He gives Bible studies and works in his garden two or three hours each morning, along with collecting bottles for recycling to enable children from his church to go to church school.

Asked what advice he would give to young people, he replies, "The highest ideal of a young man or a young woman today is to prepare for a foreign missionary job. It has the greatest reward!"
The East Visayan Mission recently concluded its second general session after eight years of existence as a separate local mission. Present were some 1,000 delegates and visitors from 125 churches and companies, including those from Central Philippine Union headquarters, Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, and Mountain View College.

Highlight of the session was the launching of TARGET 80, which included the short-range objectives of doubling church membership by 1976 and the goal for each church to plant another church during the same three-year period. Also approved was the financial plan of the proposed mission office building and the resolution of faithfulness in stewardship.

A comparative report showed that during the first five years covered by the first mission session, 1,293 souls were baptized, while during the last three-year period covered by the second session, 1,740 souls were won. Tithe income in the first five years was 354,552 pesos, while in the second period it reached 453,055 pesos. Last year all districts reached the centurion mark in baptisms.

During this school year there has been an increase of 150 percent in the number of church schools.

Two workers, V. S. Culibra and W. V. Solon, were ordained. The ordination sermon was given by J. H. Zachary of MVC; the charge by F. M. Arrogante, union president; and the welcome by L. E. Montana, mission president. Forty-six souls were baptized Sabbath afternoon by five ministers. The rest of the Sabbath afternoon's activities was a health lecture and open forum conducted by Dr. Manuel Tornilla, Jr., from Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, and the giving of recognition awards to the outstanding laymen, treasurers, districts, Sabbath school associations, district leaders, colporteurs, and churches.

The provincial and city governments sent their representatives to the opening night of the mission session.—L. E. Montana, president, East Visayan Mission
New church goes up

Construction of the Bacolod English Church is now well under way. This 250,000-peso two-story concrete church will be one of the most beautiful and largest Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Central Philippine Union. The ground floor will have eight rooms that can be used as classrooms for nurses and for the children's divisions on Sabbath. There is also a large fellowship hall which will seat 200 people, plus guest rooms, library and offices.

The main sanctuary on the second floor will have a seating capacity for 1000 sitting comfortably but could accommodate 1500 at large meetings. At the front will be a choir loft and elevated baptistry. At the rear will be the mezzanine floor and a foyer where visitors can be welcomed.

We are grateful to the Far Eastern Division for it has generously given 55,000 pesos for the construction of this church. The balance came from our faithful church members, donations from friends, and a large amount from the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital.

Construction is supervised by the church pastor and hospital chaplain, H. V. Gayares, with the help of Engineer Roca.—J. C. Solis, assistant chaplain

Anniversary

Miller Sanitarium and Hospital of Cebu City observed its 17th anniversary on May 13 with great rejoicing, having served 20,580 inpatients and 122,778 outpatients during this period. It was a day of great activity, with special services offered to the public such as free consultation for the first 50 patients who came in that day; free physiotherapy treatments to the first two men and two ladies; 20 percent discount on purchases of health foods; 10 percent discount on all laboratory fees to the first 50 patients; food and cooking demonstrations; and continuous showing of movie films on temperance and family planning.

A special gathering was also held on the eve of the anniversary in honor of those who had faithfully served the hospital for a number of years.

Miller Sanitarium and Hospital, named after Dr. Harry Miller, has a regular free medical clinic every Sunday afternoon where hundreds of indigents come for treatment. During the last six months (from December, 1972, to May, 1973) 4,647 pesos' worth of medicines have been given free. During this same period, 1,869 patients have received free treatments.—C. C. LaVilla, public relations officer

SOS for life belts

July 27 was the date for my itinerary to the Kairatu church on Ceram Island, three hours by speedboat north of Ambon. James Londa, Maluku Mission treasurer, planned to go with me so that he could audit church books.

We went by taxi to Waai, the harbor where we were to board a small boat for the journey. The boat was there, but since one passenger hadn't come yet, we sat on the rocks to watch the rolling sea. As we looked at the waiting boat, a rather small craft eight meters long and three wide, our conversation was entirely natural.

"We have several workers who travel from island to island," I said to Mr. Londa, "and all of them have experienced at one time or another the boat in which they were riding going down." Gesturing toward the boat before us I added, "There are no life belts in the boat, and crossing the sea for several hours in such a boat takes courage. Do we have money to buy a life belt for each of our workers, Brother Treasurer?"

His answer came slowly.

"Well, I've been thinking," Mr. Londa began. "It would be nice to have a life belt for each worker in our mission. But each year our budget is short. I guess our life belt is our faith!" he concluded with a quiet smile.

After waiting for several hours, at last we were on board. About 30 persons with their baggage, plus a ton and a half of rice crowded onto the boat. All this weight brought the water line up to within ten inches of where the passengers were sitting. Finally, Mr. Londa and several others found places to sit on the roof.

"Isn't this a dangerous load for such a small boat," I asked uneasily of the person beside me.

"Well, this is the only way to go if we want to reach our destination," was his noncommittal answer.

We headed toward the open sea. One hour
passed, and a strong wind blew as the waves kept getting bigger and bigger. Would our 40 h.p. Johnson motor be able to keep us headed in the right direction? Every time the boat slid down a towering wave, water poured in upon us. Men tried to bail with an empty can. There was no pump. The process seemed useless.

Children began to cry. All the passengers longed to be on shore. Then the boat was able miraculously to turn about and head back for the harbor from which we had come. What a relief! When we reached home that night, I asked Mr. Londa, "Do you know how to swim?"

"No."

"Neither do I."

We decided then and there that ten life belts for our mission workers would be a good investment. The only problem was, Where would the money come from? — R. Wawondatu, president Maluku Mission

Witness of student missionaries

It was by observing the attitudes, activities, and deportment of the student missionaries at the Seoul English Language Center that Dr. Yong Jun Kim decided to become a Seventh-day Adventist, reports M. T. Bascom, director of the English language schools in Korea.

In addition to English classes, some students enroll in a Bible class which is a means of evangelistic outreach for the language school. But Dr. Kim did not join one of these classes. He simply observed the lives of the students missionaries as they went about their work, and he saw that they had something which he wished to have in his life.

Seeking that something for himself, Dr. Kim went to E. K. Lew, a member of the school staff, and requested Bible studies on an individual basis. Upon the completion of the studies, Dr. Kim and his family joined some 100 persons who have been baptized in the past year from the Seoul and Pusan language schools.

A third language school in Korea was recently opened in Kwanju, and Bascom reports that attendance at evangelistic meetings at this new school have been excellent. Future plans, according to Bascom, include evangelistic series in each language school every two months.

Return to Korea

Dr. and Mrs. George H. Rue's return to Korea on March 27 brought great rejoicing. After founding the Seoul Adventist Hospital in 1936, Dr. Rue continued his work in Korea, completing 40 years of service at the time of his retirement in 1968. Now he had returned for three months as a relief physician.

Not only were Dr. and Mrs. Rue warmly welcomed by their many friends in the Korean
Union, but friendships were renewed with numbers of influential people in the city of Seoul. One of these, the Minister of Home Affairs, presented Dr. Rue with a memorial plaque, dated June 3, which read:

“I hereby duly express my sincere appreciation to you for your outstanding contribution extended in relief work and medical treatment, and for your services rendered to our Korean nationals for the last 34 years, from 1927 to 1941 and again from 1947 to 1967 in spite of adverse circumstances. Your treasurable contribution rendered to our Korean people shall be remembered forever, and at the same time, in commemoration of your devotion, I wish to present this memorial plaque to you.”

While connected with the Seoul Adventist Hospital during previous years of service, Dr. Rue received many tokens of recognition honoring his dedication to the Korean people. While the mayor of Seoul, Minister Kim presented him with the city’s Key of Good Fortune. The preceding mayor had presented Dr. and Mrs. Rue with certificates of honorary Seoul citizenship. Two honorary doctorate degrees have been conferred on Dr. Rue by local universities.

Due to his deep interest in the completion of the new hospital building, Dr. Rue has agreed to return to Korea for one year on an SOS basis to head a solicitation program. We look forward to their continued help at the Seoul Adventist Hospital.—K. W. Lee, M.D., medical director

Angels at junior camp

“Angels of the Lord are very beautiful” was the comment of one of the little girls who saw the heavenly visitors that particular Friday afternoon. There were 89 junior youth at the camp in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, which was planned by church school teachers. A. A. Floresta, youth activities director of the South-Central Luzon Mission, served as camp director.

“Mayor, please give us night police protection at our camping site” was the request of the teachers to Mayor Lucio Suarez, Jr., of Roxas town.

“I am not only going to give you policemen,” he promised, “but I am going to be your night guard during the duration of your camp.”

The teachers thought he was only joking, but to the surprise of Pastor Floresta and his camp counselors, the mayor was there every night with two of his policemen.

When Mayor Suarez was asked why he had so much interest in the Pathfinder camp, he answered, “I believe in the way you teach children in your schools, and I would like to follow up this thing even to your camping program.”

As a result of his interest, the camping site became a temporary tourist spot for government officials, professionals, and well-known residents of the town. People came by jeeps and motorcycles every afternoon. The Pathfinder camp was the talk of the town because of its orderliness and cleanliness, spiritual and social atmosphere. In fact, Arnulfo Sison, the richest man in town, offered himself as a sponsor should there be another camp in Roxas.

One of the town councilors expressed his concern over the safety of the children because, according to him, the place was known to be snake infested. But to the surprise of both campers and parents, not a single snake was seen by the children in the vicinity, but instead they saw heavenly angels.

It was almost sunset on Friday, when three children were joined by white-robed people who sang with them. Their beautiful voices were heard by several children in an adjacent tent who ran to the place to see who the new singers were. They
were just in time to see the white-robed visitors bidding the children farewell and soon disappearing in the air.

This experience is another fulfillment of Psalm 34:7: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round them that fear him, and delivereth them". Indeed, God’s promises and protection are still the same today!—E. L. Dingoosen, public relations secretary, South-Central Luzon Mission

Membership in theological association

Word has been received that the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (Far East) of Philippine Union College was officially voted into membership in the Association of Theological Schools in Southeast Asia last May. This theological association, known as ATSSEA, is the second oldest theological association in the world and has its headquarters in Singapore.

The above announcement culminates several years of contact with the association with two visits by the executive director, Dr. Koseke Koyama, to the PUC campus within the last two years. During Dr. Koyama’s last visit he was accompanied by Dr. Paul Clasper, dean of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Berkeley, California, and together they made up the team which looked over the seminary program. Many hours of discussion were held with them, culminating in the last session with PUC board members present. At that time Dr. Koyama announced that he would be recommending the seminary for membership in the theological association.

The accreditation report states that the proposed B.D. degree program is eligible for accreditation when there will be six qualified teachers in it. It is stipulated that in order to qualify academically for teaching in the B.D. program (which is two full years beyond the M.A. degree) all professors should hold one degree higher, that is an M.Th. By 1975 there will be five men with a doctorate degree on the seminary faculty.

These are W. O. Comm, Doctor of Ministry from Andrews University; John Jones, Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University; H. L. Reyes, Doctor of Missiology from Fuller Seminary; A. V. Wallenkampf, Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles; and N. R. Gulley, Ph.D. from Edinburgh University. Also by 1975 G. Fernandez will be two-thirds of the way through a Doctor of Health Science degree from Loma Linda University.

The B.D. degree will have six major areas of study. They are: applied theology, Biblical, church history, health, missions, and theology. The above mentioned professors’ major contribution to this program will be as follows: W. O. Comm, applied theology and health; G. G. Fernandez, health; J. Jones, Biblical; H. L. Reyes, applied theology and missions; A. V. Wallenkampf, church history; and N. R. Gulley, theology.

It is hoped that this program will begin sometime in 1975. It is our understanding that when the B.D. degree is given, the M.S. degree, as the first third of the B.D. degree, will automatically be accredited by ATSSEA.—N.R. Gulley, Dean of the Seminary

Graduation

Nine nursing students and three technology students of Taiwan Adventist Hospital school of nursing participated in graduation exercises from June 8 to 10 at the Sung Shan church in Taipei. Three graduates received special awards for outstanding leadership, superior scholarship and nursing ability, and exceptional laboratory technology. Speakers for the graduation services included Helen Lee, D. M. Barnett, and E. E. Bietz.

Eight of the graduates will remain to work in the hospital. One went to America to join her family and marry later this summer. One other will be married soon and settle in central Taiwan. Laboratory technology students will continue with a year of internship at Taiwan Adventist Hospital.—Paulene Barnett, public relations department

Voice of Youth

"Go ye therefore and teach," Jesus’ command to His disciples rang in the ears of 16 MV members and ten Pathfinders of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Hong Kong. How could they respond?

Beginning on August 18, these enthusiastic young people held seven Voice of Youth meetings. To their great joy 69 non-Adventist friends attended, 30 of these coming each evening. The opening topic on the second coming of Jesus met with an
excellent response. Twenty-six remained for the Bible study.

God wants us to be fishers of men. Let our young people not be discouraged by seeming difficulties Satan puts in their way. If they rely on the Source of power, their efforts are sure to be blessed of heaven.—John Lai, PR secretary, MV society, Pioneer Memorial Church

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MVC plane

This Cessna 182 was a gift from The Quiet Hour radio broadcast to Mountain View College.

For years, Mountain View College has been praying for a much-needed light airplane to aid the outreach work students and faculty are carrying on in the southern part of the Philippines.

Their prayers were answered recently through listeners of The Quiet Hour radio broadcast, originating from Southern California, who contributed sufficient funds to buy a brand new four-seater, single-engine Cessna 182.

That was one hurdle over with, but there was another one. How to ferry the plane the 8,000 miles from its “showroom” in the U.S.A. to Mountain View College?

Here again, an answer to prayer. Through a series of divinely directed events, Pastor Bob Seamount, an experienced pilot from Texas, and Dale Tillay, a pilot and friend of Seamount from Walla Walla, Washington, agreed to fly the 8,000-mile stretch in the light aircraft. The trip was nothing unusual for Seamount and Tillay who have flown similar missions to Africa in the past few years.

After an uneventful trip across the Pacific, the two pilots landed the plane at the Manila airport for licensing and registration, after which the plane was flown to MVC.

However, there was one interesting twist to the story. While on a three-week tour of the Far East, L. E. Tucker, Quiet Hour director and speaker, and 20 of his listeners stopped at Mountain View College for the dedication of the plane.

Because of unexpected delays along the trans-Pacific route, the plane never arrived in time for the dedication, so it was dedicated “in absentia” via ham radio contact with the plane and its two pilots.—Dave Roth, communications intern, FED

He shall deliver thee

We were on our way home with my son Jun-jun from mission headquarters at Ozamis City to Malangas, Zamboanga del Sur, the new district assignment of my husband. It took us several days to make the journey for my son was sick with fever, and we were delayed for his treatment.

On Monday evening I prayed to the Lord that if it was His will He would heal my boy from his illness so that we could continue our journey and attend the Sabbath school association meeting at Malangas which would start the following day. Early the next day, the fever of my son had disappeared. Immediately we gave thanks to the Lord and prepared our things for the trip home.

At five o’clock that morning we took the first bus from Pagadi-an City to Malangas. Approximately two and one half hours later, a group of armed men fired on our bus. The vehicle’s tires exploded right away, and several of my fellow passengers were hit and died instantly. A mother at my right with a three-months-old babe had her head blown off. At my left a five-year boy’s skull was shattered, and he died. We were rained with bullets for almost half an hour.

The Lord’s unfailing promises of Psalms 23 and 91 were literally fulfilled to us during that experience. Yet though protected, I was not unscathed. He allowed nine bullets to leave marks upon my body. Of the nine, four simply grazed me. Five were direct hits, but they were just like balls that bounced, save one that penetrated an inch into my hip. My son was completely unhurt. Praise God for His protection.

During the attack, the power of the Lord sustained my spirit. After I prayed for deliverance, my fear disappeared. At the fourth attack, the rebels climbed upon the bus to see whether any people were still alive. When they saw my son and
me, they aimed their guns at us and made ready to fire.

"Please don't kill us," I pled with courage. "We are Sabadista missionaries."

Upon hearing the word Sabadista, their leader nodded his head, and they lowered their guns. They took my watch, eyeglasses, and wallet with a little money in it, also jewelry from the dead victims and left the bus.

I thought they would not come back any more, but when I glanced at the rear of the bus, the insurgents were grouped together with hunting knives in their hands. They all advanced toward our bus to massacre any survivors. Our bus could no longer move because the driver was already dead. So I prayed to the Lord to send us a vehicle to rescue us. A few seconds after my prayer, another passenger bus arrived from the opposite direction. Our assailants, instead of annihilating us, all ran after the other bus and attacked it.

Thus my son and I, together with those who were still alive, jumped out of the bus and ran for our lives. Of about 80 passengers, only one-fourth survived. Thank God for the thousand and one ways He has of saving His people—Norma Ramos Artigas, Western Mindanao Mission

New church

The Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital staff recently held a series of evangelistic meetings in Fuentes, Maria Cristina, a section of Iligan City, which resulted in the establishment of a church of 32 members. Of this number, 30 were newly baptized and two were Seventh-day Adventists living in the area.

The 30-night effort was a joint endeavor of MSH and Rudy Nermal, Lanao district worker. Also participating were students and teachers of the Mountain View College school of nursing and members of the Tibanga church.

Besides our own workers who gave lectures on family planning, home sanitation, child care, and temperance subjects, the city health officers and a few community leaders gave their full cooperation to "the community service project of MSH." On opening night, City Mayor Camilo Cabili spoke with appreciation of what Adventists are doing in communities where they live. A Baptist minister working for the youth of the city showed Billy Graham films that helped draw large crowds.—G. U. Ellacer, public relations officer

southeast asia

Missionary to Cambodia

Newly appointed missionary to Cambodia, Helton R. Fisher, returned at his post of duty in Phnom Penh on August 31. He first arrived in July, but because of uncertain political situations there, left on August 9. He has returned to Phnom Penh to oversee the denomination's work in Cambodia.

Mrs. Fisher and the three children, Frederick, 8, Elizabeth, 6, and Bruce, 3, are in Saigon where Frederick is attending church school.

The Fishers have served two terms in Africa, one in Malawi and one in Rhodesia. For the past two years he has been chaplain and personnel director of the Jay Memorial Hospital in Jay, Oklahoma

Wedding

Two childhood friends were recently married in the same church in Penang, Malaysia, where they met some 20 years ago.

Dr. Henry Yeo Kee Heng, physician in California, and his bride Doris Lim Poh Choo, flew back from America for their wedding in the Burmah Road Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This was the first time Dr. Yeo has been back to his hometown after some 14 years of study and work in America.

The bride is studying for her B. S. degree in nursing at Loma Linda University.

The couple returned to the United States after the wedding.
This is the way it looked in August. The US$182,000 addition to the Penang Adventist Hospital is expected to be completed March 1, 1974. The addition will increase the patient bed count by 19, bringing it to 135 beds.

Penang hospital addition

Physicians and staff members of the Penang Adventist Hospital have March 1, 1974, marked as a “red-letter day” on next year’s calendars. On that day, the US$182,000 new hospital addition is scheduled for completion, “if all goes according to plan,” says Administrator E. J. Heisler.

When completed, the two-story complex will house on the ground floor a clinical and pathological laboratory, an X-ray lab, the central supply storage, the purchasing department, a small commissary, a committee room, the hospital’s food service and a dining room seating 80 people.

The second story will accommodate the pediatric department, three isolation wards, seven patient rooms (double occupancy) and two patient wards.

“With the space and facility increase,” comments Heisler, “we’ll have to hire at least six more nurses to adequately man the additional beds and patients.”

According to Heisler, the new addition will greatly alleviate the space problems in the main hospital section. Office, storage and out-patient lobby areas will be enlarged following the move to the new section.

Of the three hospital and medical centers in Penang, the Penang Adventist Hospital is the second largest.—Dave Roth, communications intern, Far Eastern Division
Chef F. H. Hewitt, education secretary of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, enjoys getting his "hands in the pie" too.

Cooking school

The prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," made an appropriate beginning for a two-day cooking demonstration held at Ayer Manis School, Sarawak, in conjunction with recent home, health, and nutrition course directed by Marion Simmons, Far Eastern Division parent-home secretary. She was assisted by F. H. Hewitt, Southeast Asia Union educational secretary; Mrs. R. C. Hall, parent-home secretary, Sarawak Mission; Mrs. C. Goertzen, wife of the Ayer Manis School principal; and the writer, home economics teacher at the school.

A variety of vegetarian recipes prepared from locally available vegetables and protein products were shown to the group, which included several non-Adventist friends. After fulfilling the required twelve hours of instruction in two days, 50 individuals received certificates.

Prior to this cooking school, on Friday evening at the vesper hour and on Sabbath during divine service, the ideal home as pictured in the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy was presented in the Ayer Manis School auditorium to members from nearby churches. On Sabbath afternoon, a panel discussion suggested solutions to home problems. The Sabbath was closed with a presentation of a model worship at home.—Mrs. L. E. Keizer, public relations secretary

A healthy family means a happy family, according to Marion Simmons, FED Parent and Home Education secretary.

West Indonesia

Visitor from LLU

"Cleanliness should be strictly observed as a way to avoid Parasites that locate in the stomach of human beings," declared Dr. Cleo Barnard, president of the alumni association of Loma Linda University, who visited Jakarta recently. He also stated the need of having a proper diet and exercise to stabilize health.

Dr. Barnard is a specialist in public health and a member of an open-heart surgery team in the United States. His wife Marion and daughter Jo Ellen are also medical doctors.

They stopped in Indonesia, visiting Jakarta, Bandung, and Bali, and expressed an interest in helping the work at the Bandung Adventist Hospital and the government of Indonesia with open-heart surgery cases. Dr. Barnard said he would like to return to Indonesia with his team and the necessary surgical equipment for a period of time as can be arranged with the government.—J. R. Sumual, PR secretary