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## 1961 is Spirit of Prophecy Year

May 20 is Spirit of Prophecy day in all our churches throughout the world. Since the year 1961 has also been designated Spirit of Prophecy year by the General Conference, it seems fitting that we devote a large share of the space in this issue of the MESSENGER to a discussion of Facts and Comments about the Spirit of Prophecy.—Editors.

### Spirit of Prophecy

Ellen G. White belongs not just to America, or to Australia where she spent nine years, but to the world.

How this shy girl, born in a remote New England village, came to exert an influence felt around the world, is the amazing consequence of her inspired vision.

Her spiritual messages rose above national boundaries and racial differences and spoke to the universal need of the human heart. She would not give place to national prejudices or jealousies. While on her two-year sojourn in Europe she said that she "tried to present the danger of building up separate interests between different nationalities." — "Historical Sketches" p. 173.

### The World Church

There was nothing narrow or provincial in her teaching. Before the "one world" idea became so widely discussed in our time, this clear-thinking spokeswoman for God was describing how this one message of truth was to develop one church, unified throughout the one world.

Ellen G. White spent one in seven of her seventy years of labor overseas. Her practice was to set up a base of operations over there, and then she would continue to pour forth a stream of letters and manuscripts addressed to many



parts of the world, a total of nearly 2,500 during her eleven overseas years.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is international today to a great degree because of the expansive vision held before it in the Spirit of Prophecy. Even before the first worker was sent overseas in 1874 Mrs. White wrote: "Every opportunity should be improved to extend the truth to other nations." "Life Sketches" p. 206.

"I seemed to be in a large gathering," she wrote. "One of authority was addressing the company, before whom was spread out a map of the world. He said the map pictured God's vineyard, which must be cultivated." Testimonies Vol. 9 p. 28. "Your light must not be put under a bushel or under a bed, but on a candlestick, that it may give light to all that are in the house. Your house is the world." "Life Sketches," p. 209.

When she talked back there about a great worldwide work her statements must have seemed visionary, and in fact they were. Before she ever stepped foot outside America she saw in vision, buildings, institutions, meeting halls

in foreign lands, buildings that did not yet exist. Later when she visited some of these places she recognized the institutions and gave messages to the people who worked in them.

All parts of the work everywhere benefited from the messages Ellen G. White delivered. She called attention to the great cities to be evangelized. She brought courage to the timid and fearful, inspiring them to do the things people said were impossible. She helped dedicate the first SDA Church building overseas and attended the first overseas camp meeting. She taught faithfulness in Sabbath keeping even in countries where habits and practices made it seem almost hopeless. She largely laid out the patterns for our school system in a foreign land, Australia.

She had the vision to say: "Talk it, pray it, sing it, fill the world with the message of His truth, and keep pressing on into the regions beyond." "Testimonies," vol. 9, p. 30.

### Bible Tests of a Prophet

Seventh-day Adventists are often asked, "Do you believe Mrs. Ellen G. White had the prophetic gift?" Yes, Seventh-day Adventists believe that Mrs. Ellen G. White had the prophetic gift. They believe that God revealed Himself to her in visions and dreams, and that through her He sent divinely-inspired messages to His Church. They feel they have sound and solid reasons for so believing. She met all the Bible test of a True prophet.

Four Bible Tests of a Prophet:

1. "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. 7:20.

From A. G. Daniels, for long years President of the General Conference, who worked with Mrs. White for 25 years, and for 20 years after her death had opportunity for reflection upon her life we have these words:

"It is my deep conviction that Mrs. White's life far transcends the life of anyone I have ever known or with whom I have been associated. She was uniformly pleasant, cheerful, and courageous. She was never careless, flippant, or in any way cheap in conversation or manner of life. She was the personification of serious earnestness regarding the things of the kingdom. I never once heard her boast of the gracious gift God had bestowed upon her, or of the marvelous results of her endeavors."—The Abiding Gift of Prophecy, p. 368.

2. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to his word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8:20.

Let Mrs. White speak on this point:

"The Holy Scriptures are to be accepted as an authoritative, infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the revealer of doctrines, and the test of experience." The Great Controversy, Introduction, p. vii.

3. A prophet foretells the future..

"When the world of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him." Jer. 28:9.

a. In 1890, years before "modern" warfare and our two World Wars, she predicted the results of such gigantic conflicts. (Messages to Young People, pp. 89, 90).

b. In the days when tobacco was seldom used by women and not too many men smoked she warned, "Tobacco is a slow, insidious, but most malignant poison." "Ministry of Healing," p. 327. Recent scientific tests show that tobacco is a cancer producing agent.

4. A true prophet glorifies Christ.

"Because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God." 1 John 4:1, 2. Did Ellen G. White exalt Jesus Christ and direct men and women to Him as Lord and Saviour?

From her pen we find—

a. "The crucified Messiah is the central point of all Christianity." "Counsels to Teachers, pp. 23, 24.

b. "We are believers in Christ, . . . in His divinity and in His pre-existence." Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 58.

c. Christ is God. (See Desire of Ages pp. 19, 23, 24, 111, 207, 296).

d. We are saved by Christ. (See Desire of Ages, pp. 175, 806).

Has her life exemplified the Saviour? Have people been helped by these writings? Are her writings and her life Christ centered? The honest answers to these questions will help to decide Mrs. Ellen G. White's validity.

### Testimony of the Public Press

God does not depend upon men and women of the world to approve the credentials of his messengers, but some assurance is gained when those, with other denominational ties, publicly express the inspiration they share with Seventh-day Adventists in observing the life and work of Ellen G. White.

Kenneth Dole, church editor of the Washington, D.C., Post, spent several weeks researching the life work of Mrs. White. Deeply moved, he declared, "Mrs. White is one of the greatest women America has ever produced, and the public should know more about her!"

Edith Dean, in a 1959 book published by Harper and Brothers, Great Women of the Christian Faith, says of Ellen G. White, "Certainly she was a spokesman for God. Like the prophets of old, her life was marked by humility, simplicity, austerity, divine learning, and devotion. And like them, she turned to God for healing and help."

In a recent review of the book, Education, Dr. Florence Stratemeyer, professor of education at Teacher's College, Columbia University, expresses surprise that this volume "more than fifty years ahead of its times" was written by one with but three years of schooling. "The breadth and depth of its philosophy amazed me," she declared.

At Mrs. White's death, a journal called the Independent summarized a lengthy article on Mrs. White's life in words that have often been quoted through the years:

"Did she really receive divine

visions, and was she really chosen by the Holy Spirit to be endued with the charism of Prophecy? Or was she the victim of an excited imagination? Why should we answer? One's doctrine of the Bible may affect the conclusion.

At any rate, she was absolutely honest in her belief in her revelations. Her life was worthy of them. She showed no spiritual pride and she sought no filthy lucre. She lived the life and did the work of a worthy prophetess." Independent, Aug. 23, 1915.

### A Miracle of Transformation

The Bible, together with the writings of Ellen G. White, have continually served as media through which God has guided and helped the youth to grow in Christian grace and understanding.

At one time a close friend of mine was taken by attacks of depression so deep that he could not fulfill any of the normal functions of everyday living. It became impossible for him to sleep more than an hour or two at a time. He dropped out of medical school, where he had been making outstanding grades. He sought counsel from ministers and medical men, but still could not find a way out of his confusion and depression. He was a Christian and read his Bible regularly, and in his need he now read it more than ever. Then he began to read the Spirit of Prophecy books also, hour after hour during the long periods of the night, when he could not sleep. After about two months of almost constant reading of these wonderful devotional books he began to regain his former confidence and buoyancy of mind and spirit. Within six months his life, which had appeared headed for certain ruin, was again full of bright prospects. He finished his medical course and has served now for many years with outstanding distinction, both as a physician and as a Christian leader.

The spiritual fruit engendered by the Spirit of Prophecy is such as to convince me completely that its source is of God, and with full confidence in its validity, I have determined to bring my own personal life and the conduct of my work into harmony with its counsel.

(Compiled from the leaflet "Facts and Comments About the Spirit of Prophecy")

## Far Eastern Youth Congress in Retrospect

By R. H. Wentland, Jr.

Words fail to describe the impressions and inspiration experienced by those who were privileged to attend this great Far Eastern Youth Congress. We can, however, outline a brief summary of the activities and events that were packed into the five days which we can never forget.

A few minutes before the Congress was opened the warmth of brotherly love was manifested as the various delegations from the different Unions marched down the aisle bearing their flags and then were seated in their designated sections. Every group was given a welcoming applause. As the Congress officials filed onto the huge platform of that newly completed Philippine Union College auditorium, the curtain pulled open and everybody joined in the song that expressed the theme of the Congress, "Christ our Guide." On the background of the platform was a giant painting of Christ pointing the way with His arm outstretched to the four young people painted to represent a cross section of the youth of this vast division. On a cloud appeared the bold letters "Christ Our Guide."

At that moment a fine young man came running down the auditorium aisle holding high a brightly burning torch. Nine other young men followed close behind him. Earlier these ten young men had left the first organized church in the Philippines after their torch was lit by three of the charter members of this first church. These three women are those who remain from that original group. With police escort these young men ran the distance of about 19 miles from that church to the college in time for the grand opening.

As the delegates were officially seated in the opening formalities, the flags from each country represented were planted on the platform. There were 21 flags in all. Seven of these were from our Southeast Asia Union. Yes, this was April 4 and the first meeting of the long awaited Congress.

The sun was bright at 6:00 each of the following mornings as the delegates congregated in the auditorium for the morning watch and prayer bands. There was such a large number of people



The Far Eastern Youth Congress delegates from Borneo, Sarawak, Malaya and Singapore a few minutes before departure to Manila.

that two immense circles four deep were formed in order to include everybody.

After the daily devotional hour the youth separated into four different workshops that met for intensified instruction. They were "Voice of Youth Public Evangelism," "Personal Evangelism," Pathfinder Leadership," and "MV Leadercraft." This was followed by the Youth Ideals Hour presented by several prominent speakers.

The first program in the afternoon was a panel discussion dealing with two problems pertinent to the youth of today. Then came the feature hour which was always packed with surprises and promotional material. The literature evangelists prepared a background depicting the various types of settings in which colporteurs find themselves when they go forth to sell books. This program was followed by the temperance departments presentation of Elder W. A. Scharffenberg. This department had made arrangements for the Navy band to play several vigorous numbers which they executed with great showmanship. The Voice of Youth Public Evangelism group featured a well prepared demonstration of organiza-

tion of the youth in the church to go forth in faith to preach the Gospel. On Friday of the Congress a Master Guide Investiture Service was conducted in which at least 93 received their pins and accepted the responsibility of being a Master Guide.

The night meetings always provided a climax for the day's busy program. On the second night of the Congress Mrs. Amy Sherrard was responsible for the inspiring presentation of the "Panorama of Youth and Advent Message in the Far East." This dramatically portrayed the penetration of the light into the darkness of these countries that did not know about God's message. While the progress seems gratifying we were also impressed with the fact that gross darkness still exists all about us. The entire congregation stood in rededication to go forth to let our lights shine brightly.

A long caravan of busses transported us across town to the Rizal Colosseum to hear Elder H. M. S. Richards extend "Christ's Call to us all." The following morning the busses again took us to the Colosseum where we spent the entire Sabbath. Elder McClure conducted an interesting Sabbath

School. We were impressed with how cosmopolitan our group was when over forty of our delegates, each representing a different dialect or language, gave a greeting in their language, then told in English when the Sabbath School was first organized in their tongue and how many members there are today. Our speaker for the morning worship hour was Elder Richards who spoke of "Christ's Message for Today."

After eating our sack lunches we listened to two musical programs and then came the trophy hour. From each Union was presented the story of either the trophy or the trophy winner who was present as a delegate. Our Southeast Asia Union featured the story of Anton's witnessing in Sarawak which resulted in the conversion of many souls for the kingdom. One of his first converts was Jipem whom we presented to the Congress with the challenge for him in turn to go to his people still in darkness that they might also become trophies for the Saviour.

On Sunday morning, April 9, after our morning meeting we boarded the busses again for a full day of sight seeing in and around Manila. Among the places we stopped were the Manila Evangelistic center, the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, the palace of the President of the Philippines and a long drive to the highlands south of Manila. Standing at the crest of a mountain ridge we gazed down on a beautiful lake that used to be a volcano pit. It was so cool there we didn't like to think of returning to the heat of the lowlands of Manila. The final feature of the Congress was a most colorful and well performed rendition of the "Queen Esther" Cantata.

The congress was over now, it was time to return to our respective homes. We could not forget this Congress experience. Especially could we not forget the appeal Elder L. A. Skinner, associate secretary of the MV department of the General Conference, made in the closing meeting of the Congress that Saturday night. He called for the youth of the Far East to pledge themselves to bring the Message to Millions. This is a work for every God fearing young person. The delegates from Southeast Asia Union pledged themselves to help inspire every member of the MV Society to become active in some phase of the soul winning

program so that by the end of 1961-1962 the young people of this Union would have been instrumental in increasing the membership of our Union by ten percent. This is a high goal. By the grace of God it can be reached, in fact much more will be accomplished than this if we as young people will yield ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit. God is calling each of you individually for this last closing work on earth. Won't you respond right now?

## Ordinations in Malaya Mission

By D. R. Guild

Pastor Wu Seng Tek and Pastor James Wah were recently ordained to the gospel ministry. The ordination services were appropriately conducted in the Penang Chinese Church where Wu Seng Tek is pastor, and in the Balestier Road English church where James Wah is associate pastor.

After Pastor T. C. Chin, president of the mission, gave the ordination charge to James Wah, Pastor W. L. Pascoe, treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, gave the following charge to the members of the Balestier Road Church.

"This is a happy and sacred occasion for the members of the Balestier Road Church.

"Our associate pastor has been ordained to the gospel ministry in our own church. New responsibilities, new burdens have been laid upon him through this sacred service.

"Now, Paul wrote to the early Christians, and this is good counsel for us today. 'Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.' Let us give our full support to Pastor Wah, and help to bear his burden. Let us support his program in the church with active, loyal and cheerful service.

"The Old Testament tells us of victory that came to God's people when the prophet's hands were held up. Let us hold up the hands of Pastor Wah at all times. Then we may be confident of victory and success in this place.

"Let us guard jealously the reputation of the one whom God has called this day to the sacred work of the ministry. 'Touch not the Lord's anointed.' May we uphold his reputation and his influence in the church and in the community.



Pastor Wu Seng Tek

"Let us all as members of this church pray earnestly and continually for a special measure of God's guidance and strength to be with our Pastor Wah, now and always."

Pastor Wah found the message through the Voice of Prophecy nine years ago. After working as a Bible Instructor in Penang Sanitarium and Hospital for three years, he attended and graduated from the English ministerial training course at Southeast Asia Union College. For the past four years, he has been the Associate Pastor of the Balestier Road Church where he has proved himself to be a faithful soul-winner and a faithful shepherd of the flock.



Pastor James Wah

Pastor Wu Seng Tek is a graduate of the Chinese ministerial training course of Southeast Asia Union College, his father is the Home Missionary and Publishing Secretary of the Malaya Mission. After graduation he served the Ipoh church for two years and has currently been serving the Penang church for two and one-half years. Pastor Wu has faithfully demonstrated his call to the ministry. His wife encouraged him to take up the ministry and is ever his faithful helper.

Those participating in one of these ordination services—Pastors T. K. Chong, E. H. Wu, W. Y. Chen, T. C. Chin, C. P. Sorensen, A. E. Gibb, W. A. Hilliard, W. L. Pascoe, R. A. Pohan, D. R. Guild.

## A Vegetarian Diet

By W. A. Hilliard

"I was again shown that the health reform is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord. It is as closely connected with the third angel's message as the hand is with the body . . .

"Men and women cannot violate natural law by indulging depraved appetite and lustful passions, and not violate the law of God. Therefore He has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us, that we may see our sin in violating the laws which He has established in our being. . . . To make plain natural law, and urge the obedience of it, is the work that accompanies the third angel's message to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord." Testimony Treasures, Vol. 1, p. 320.

Seventh-day Adventists are interested in health reform and medical work. We believe that radiant health is vitally connected with getting ready to meet Jesus. For when bodies do not function properly, and minds are discouraged, the spiritual life suffers. The mind is very closely related to the stomach. How one lives has much to do with how he worships God.

A Seventh-day Adventist medical doctor with many years of service with the denomination recently wrote, "For fifty years I have . . . (been) watching with painful foreboding the progressive deterioration of the practice of health reform principles among our . . . people, with a corresponding mounting mortality from cancer, coronary attacks, and other fatal

maladies among our workers and church members.

"These are 'diseases of civilization,' due to disordered states of nutrition, the result of the manner in which people eat, drink and live; the very diseases our reform health message was designed to prevent. . . .

. . . "We do teach that if we 'as a people' had appreciated, loved, and lived the health reform message, cancer, the greatest plague, measured by any man's yardstick, which ever struck the earth, would have been as rare in an Adventist stomach, liver, colon, etc. as it is in an Adventist lung. See **Ministry of Healing**, p. 283. Why? Because 'cancer is a disease due to long continued errors in diet.' 'Because cancer is a disease of hyper-nutrition.' A disease of over-feeding, faulty diet, 'diseases of the so called civilized peoples.' Forty five years ago, Dr. W. J. Mayo of the famed Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, wrote, 'Cancer does not occur in sound tissues.' He was right. A suitable acid, body soil must be provided for the growth of the cancer virus, and this acid soil is the result of faulty diet."

As a result of following the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy on the matter of tobacco, Seventh-day Adventists have been almost entirely free from lung cancer. Had we followed other phases of the health message as closely, perhaps cancer would be a minus

among Seventh-day Adventists entirely.

God's original diet for man is outlined clearly at the beginning of Genesis. Fruits, grains, nuts and following sin, vegetables, were the original diet provided by the Creator. Only after the flood was meat allowed, and immediately the life span was greatly reduced. Through the writings of the Messenger to the Remnant, God has called His people back to the original diet.

"Flesh was never the best food; but its use is now doubly objectionable, since disease in animals is so rapidly increasing. Those who use flesh foods little know what they are eating. Often if they could see the animals when living and know the quality of the meat they eat, they would turn from it with loathing. People are continually eating flesh that is filled with tuberculous and cancerous germs. Tuberculosis, cancer, and other fatal diseases are thus communicated." Ministry of Healing, p. 313.

"Is it not time that all should aim to dispense with flesh foods? How can those who are seeking to become pure, refined, and holy, that they may have the companionship of heavenly angels, continue to use as food anything that has so harmful an effect on soul and body? **Ibid.**, p. 317.

"If we could be benefited by indulging the desire for flesh foods, I would not make this appeal to



Brother S. M. Hutapea, extreme right on the back row, is the Home Missionary Leader of the Singapore Malay Church and has been actively engaged in conducting cottage meetings with the happy result that two souls have been baptized into the truth. We fervently hope and pray that many more souls will take their stand soon as a result of this effort.

you: but I know that we cannot. Flesh foods are injurious to the physical well-being, and we should learn to do without them. Those who are in a position where it is possible to secure a vegetarian diet, but who chose to follow their own preferences in this matter, eating and drinking as they please, will gradually grow careless of the instruction the Lord has given regarding other phases of the present truth and will lose their perception of what is truth; they will surely reap as they have sown." Testimonies, Vol. 9, pp. 156, 157.

"If meat eating was ever healthful, it is not safe now. Cancers, tumors, and pulmonary diseases are largely caused by meat eating." Councils on Health, p. 133.

These statements by Mrs. Ellen G. White are familiar to most church members. It is interesting to note among prominent people of the world similar statements and the reasons for their belief and practice of vegetarianism.

Dr. Will Mayo, of the Rochester Clinic, while operating on a kidney lesion, said to another physician: "Practically all kidney lesions are due to meat eating." This is because the kidney has to do double duty carrying away animal and human body poisons. Further Dr. Will said, "No adult man should eat meat . . . Children need the elements that are found in meat, but they can get them all out of beans."

Shakespeare put these words into the mouth of Falstaff: "I am a great lover of meat; sometimes methinks 'tis that which makes me wits so dull."

A modern play-wright, George B. Shaw wrote this: "I became a vegetarian in 1881; the enormity of eating scorched, defunct animals becomes impossible the moment it becomes a conscious act, for on such a diet a man cannot do the finest work of which he is capable."

Henry Ward Beecher, the famous Boston pastor said, "Many a man might answer his own prayers by giving up butcher's meat." And John Wesley wrote, "Thank God, since I gave up the eating of the flesh of animals I have bidden adieu to all the ills my flesh was heir to."

This should remind us that while Israel were living on the diet provided by God in the wilderness wanderings, there was not a sick one among them. And the health

message has been given that modern Israel, while passing through their wilderness experience before the entrance into the heavenly Canaan, could be in perfect health if they were following explicitly God's health message.

Many excuse themselves that it is difficult and not adapted to their bodies' needs. It is interesting in this connection to note the experience of Sister White when the health reform vision came to her. She writes about it in Testimonies for the Church, Volume 2, pages 371 and 372. Though the vision presented a program just opposite to what she had been accustomed she stepped out immediately to follow. She left off meat and butter and began on two meals a day right away without slacking off on the work she was doing. "I suffered keen hunger. I was a great meat eater. But when faint, I placed my arms across my

very best condition of health, that I might glorify God in my body and spirit, which are His."

In nearly all areas of the Far East today there is an abundance of fruits, vegetables, grains, legumes and nuts. What excuse can we have if we continue to follow the old way? Jesus is coming soon. Should we not step out in faith to follow the clear counsel He has given?

"Among those who are waiting for the coming of the Lord, meat eating will eventually be done away; flesh will cease to form a part of their diet. We should ever keep this end in view, and endeavor to work steadily toward it . . . If we move from principle in these things, if we as Christian reformers educate our own taste, and bring our diet to God's plan, then we may exert an influence upon others in this matter, which will be pleasing to God." Coun-



Fifteen Master Guides who were invested at Ubon.

stomach and said: 'I will not taste a morsel. I will eat simple food, or I will not eat at all.' Bread was distasteful to me. . . . When I made these changes I had a special battle to fight. The first two or three meals, I could not eat. I said to my stomach: 'You wait until you can eat bread.' In a little while I could eat bread and graham bread too. This I could not eat before; but now it tastes good, and I have had no loss of appetite."

Sister White continues to tell how greatly she was improved in health and strength by following the counsel given her in vision. She tells of the great amount of work she was able to do. She gives her reasons: "I moved out from principle, not from impulse. I moved because I believed Heaven would approve of the course I was taking to bring myself into the

sels on Diet and Foods, pp. 381, 382.

**Note:** the February and March issues of "Life and Health" carry a helpful series on vegetarianism by Dr. Owen S. Parrett, "Why I Don't Eat Meat."

## Does Evangelism Pay?

By Daniel R. Guild,  
Ministerial Secretary

The other day one of our pastors was concerned over his church members losing interest in evangelism. "Suppose we hold an effort and we don't get a crowd?" he said. "Then the church members will lose interest in evangelism."

In evangelism we do not preach for a crowd. We preach for decisions for Christ and His last day message. Getting a crowd is important. Our objective after getting a crowd is not keeping a

crowd, but getting decisions and baptisms from that crowd. It is universally true around the world that the crowds get smaller and smaller the longer the efforts continue. And why not, what we desire is decisions from an effort, not just good crowds to remember.

I recently made a survey of the results from public evangelism in our two city churches in Singapore. The records of the Thomson Road church show that there have been six evangelistic efforts in the past ten years. In the four years when there were no efforts the baptisms averaged 11 per year, in the six years when there were efforts the baptisms averaged 24 per year. Thus there were more than double the baptisms in the years when public efforts were held.

The records of the Balestier Road English church show that there have been seven evangelistic efforts in the past twelve years. In the five years when there were no efforts the baptisms averaged 10 per year, in the six years when there were efforts the baptisms averaged 28 per year. Thus there were nearly triple the baptisms in the years when public efforts were held.

Does evangelism pay? If there had been but one to save, Jesus would have come to die on Calvary. If we can double and even triple our baptism through public evangelism, should we ever allow a year to pass in our churches without holding a public evangelistic campaign?

If our members would support evangelistic meetings by their attendance, their prayers, and by bringing people to the meetings we could hold even two and three evangelistic meetings a year with good results. God's admonition to His people is timely today: "My heart is often burdened because so many who might work are doing nothing. They are the sport of Satan's temptations. Every church-member who has a knowledge of the truth is expected to work while the day lasts; for the night cometh, wherein no man can work. . . ."

"Eternity stretches before us. The curtain is about to be lifted. What are we thinking of, that we cling to our selfish love of ease, while around us souls are perishing? Have our hearts become utterly callous? Can we not see and understand that we have a work to do in behalf of others?

My brethren and sisters, are you among those who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not? . . . Is it in vain that He has sent you warning after warning of the nearness of the end? Do you believe the declarations of His word concerning what is coming upon the world? Do you believe that God's judgments are hanging over the inhabitants of the earth? How, then can you sit at ease, care-

less and indifferent?" Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, pp. 26, 27.

"If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind. While men have slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us." *Ibid.*, p. 29.

Pictured is Brother Wu Tao Lian and his family. Brother Wu is a literature evangelist in Cambodia where during a recent month he sold *Riels* 21,294.00 worth of Seventh-day Adventist literature. As you can see from the picture the Wu family, is a happy family, because they are having a direct part in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ through the printed page. Why don't you become a literature evangelist and enjoy a happy experience witnessing for Jesus.



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John Bernet  
Publishing Secretary



Pastor C. D. Martin accepts the torch in behalf of the young people of the Far Eastern Division.

"If you lose confidence in the Testimonies, you will drift away from the Bible truth."

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"I have been shown that unbelief in the testimonies of warning, encouragement, and reproof, is shutting away light from God's people. Unbelief is closing their eyes, so that they are ignorant of their true condition."

"They think the testimony of the Spirit of God in reproof is

uncalled for, or that it does not mean them. Such are in the greatest need of the grace of God and spiritual discernment, that they may discover their deficiency in spiritual knowledge."

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"In many cases the Testimonies are fully received, the sin and indulgence broken off, and reformation at once commences in harmony with the light God has given.

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## News Items

● Elder and Mrs. H. M. S Richards of the Voice of Prophecy spent the week-end of April 15 in Singapore. He spoke on three occasions before going on to Indonesia.

● Dr. and Mrs. Gaylen Coffin and children Kathy and David, boarded ship April 4 to begin their furlough. They will land at Miami, Florida after their ship calls at Australia and a trip through the Panama Canal. Their many friends bade them farewell and a restful time in their homeland. They expect to return in January.

● Elder and Mrs. C. G. Oliver have left the North Borneo Mis-

● Mrs. Maxine Ordelheide and children spent Sabbath, April 1 in Singapore enroute to Penang from Saigon to join her husband, Dr. Walter Ordelheide who is temporarily located at the Penang hospital.

● Dr. and Mrs. James Webster and two sons, John and Jimmy, were in Singapore several days waiting for the ship that would take them home on furlough via Europe. We wish them a profitable holiday.

● Paul Tan and family boarded ship March 29 for Manila where Brother Tan will enroll in Philippine Union College to complete his B. A. degree. Let us pray for them as they better qualify themselves for the Master's service.



An up-to-date portrait of Pastor and Mrs. James Wong and family. Pastor Wong is principal of Sunny Hill School in Kuching.

sion for a well earned furlough. Elder Oliver and son, Ronald, met Mrs. Oliver in Bangkok on her return from the Far Eastern Youth Congress in Manila, and together began their journey.

● Jark Lau and Alice Wong were united in marriage at the Thomson Road Church in Singapore on Sunday, March 26. Jark, an instructor in engineering at the Politechnic, is an MV leader for the Balestier Road Church. Alice, a voice teacher in the government schools, is choir director of the church. We wish this young couple a life of happiness as they establish a Christian home.

● We welcome the return of Arthur Kong from the United States where he graduated from

Emmanuel Missionary College. After some post-graduate studies in the field of science he has qualified himself to join the teaching staff of Southeast Asia Union College.

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