

## CURRENT EVENTS

*Colin Adair*

March 22 — I hope you won't mind if I talk about something personal in this issue. Many of you have heard of the accident Andrew had a few weeks ago. I want to tell you about it because I think you will be inspired and hopefully strengthened in faith when you hear what happened.

Life can be pretty routine, until the unusual happens. The unusual happened to us on a Friday morning in early March. I had taken Andrew round to the Kindergarten school a little earlier than usual as I had an appointment at home and needed to be back. It wasn't long after I was

with my visitor when the phone rang and my wife shouted to me that it was the school. Something had happened to Andrew, they said, and could we come quickly.

As you can guess, on the way round in the car (fortunately it was only a few minutes drive) all kind of thoughts were going through my head. What would I find? Thankfully, when I rushed into the school's office I found Andrew lying on a couch crying sorrowfully but with no visible sign of injury. It was a few minutes before I noticed his left arm was out of line at the elbow. Apparently he had jumped



Andrew Adair

sideways from a two-foot high wall, lost his balance and fallen on his arm.

We managed to get him into the car and drove swiftly to the Makati Medical Center where he was given an X-ray. To our dismay his left arm was completely (Please turn to page 8)

## 24TH PT LECTURE HELD IN MANILA

Quoting Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, "The uppermost thing in God's mind today is the establishment of God's government on this earth," so said Mr. Colin Adair Saturday evening, March 12 at the 2nd Plain Truth lecture held at the GSP auditorium in Padre Faura.

A half-hour film on "The Hunger Bomb" was first shown to the audience at 7 o'clock. It presented the grim facts and realities of the very unfortunate living conditions of the suffering people in this world. A portion of the color movie also showed Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's first Plain Truth campaign in the Philippines sometime in 1974.

This free-admission lecture which Mr. Adair conducted again in Manila was attended by 68 new

people who came to hear him for the first time. Among those who were new to this unique lecture was a "good-looking local movie actor."

The evening's guest-of-honor gave the audience a good message of the real hope of a future world tomorrow — something that is hard-to-believe, nevertheless is absolutely sure to happen. He showed the way to solving man's common problems and forewarned his listeners, for their sakes, to believe that what he said was true.

Immediately after Mr. Adair had said his last words, an elderly man who was seated behind this writer said aloud, "I enjoyed it! I wish I could have a mimeographed copy of this (lecture)."

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## DAVAO PT LECTURE WELL-ATTENDED

By Mario S. Dulguime

The 25 PT Lecture in Davao City on March 19 at the Ambelau Hall, Maguindanao Hotel, proved successful beyond expectations. Coinciding with the lecture was the Pepsi-Cola-sponsored live program featuring popular movie and TV personality Jeanne Young. There were two other city-wide live shows, which made many of the brethren skeptical of the outcome of the attendance in the lecture. However, to the amazement of the brethren, 255 people, of whom 200 were non-members, turned up to listen to the message of Mr. Colin Adair, entitled "A PREVIEW OF TOMORROW." The audience listen-

ed intently to the speaker as he dissected the bad news of today. The audience were later on asked, "How would you like to live in a beautiful Philippines", and the speaker further described that beautiful Philippines and eventually the whole world ushered in by the birth of the Kingdom of God. Before that lecture began, the "HWA" and "Hunger-Bomb" films were shown. The lecture was taped and later (Sunday) aired over DPI radio and DXUM. Other stations also planned to play the lecture.

The following day the Bible Seminar was held at the Projection Room of the University of Mindanao, and 96 people came, 55 of whom were

non-members. Before the lecture commenced the GTA Film Sermon on the subject, "What is a Real Christian", was shown. After the film showing and snacks there was an open forum and many interesting Bible questions were asked. One of the interesting questions asked was, "Is there a Church of God in Davao City?"

Mr. Edmond Macaraeg and party welcomed Mr. Adair at the Davao Airport on his arrival Thursday morning. In the afternoon Mr. Adair spoke on the subject, "Modern Dating" before Junior and Senior high school students of the University of Mindanao at its Social Science Hall, attended by 230 students (Please turn to page 5)

## DAVAO LECTURES GET WIDE EXPOSURE

by Edmond Macaraeg

DAVAO CITY, Mar. 22 — The latest PT Lecture of Mr. Colin Adair in Davao City is believed to have had the biggest exposure in terms of media coverage.

On Wednesday, the day before his arrival, a news release introducing him, his coming and itinerary was broadcast over DPI Radio and DXUM on their regular news programs.

On Thursday, the day of his arrival, a 13-column inch article (including headline and photograph) about him and his itinerary in Davao City entitled, "Colin Adair to Lecture in Davao City" appeared in the Mindanao Times issue of that day. In the afternoon, after the lecture at the University of Mindanao, the people of Davao saw on TV-13 the film, "Herbert V. Armstrong — Ambassador for World Peace" and the "Hunger Bomb", a documentary by Garner Ted Armstrong. Meanwhile, 10,000 leaflets advertising the lecture started to be distributed that day and the succeeding day — making people aware of the coming lecture. The speaker in front of Maguindanao Hotel announcing the PT Lecture had been waving for about a week by then.

On Friday morning a radio press interview was hosted by

DPI-Radio and attended by other major radio station representatives in the City including a PNA correspondent. The hour-long interview was aired by DPI radio early in the afternoon and later for the second time plugged in the "Pulong-Pulong..." program when all radio stations in the City hooked up with the government-owned DPI Radio.

Meanwhile, another newspaper, the Mindanao Daily Mirror issue of that day, carried the press release appearing in another newspaper the previous day, complete with Mr. Adair's photograph.

At about 5:30 that Friday afternoon, Mr. Adair was in a live TV interview over channel 13 in the "Sikat 77" Program where the activities of Ambassador College were discussed. Back-up material was prepared in advance with a display board showing our educational booklets and the Correspondence Course. Also distinctly printed on another display board was Ambassador College Agency's address and this writer's address in Davao City. All along, at the background of Mr. Adair in full view of the televiewers, was the PT Lecture meeting place and time in bold print.

On Saturday two more issues (Please turn to page 5)



Mr. Adair gives a "Preview of Tomorrow" before Davao audience





Right: POT-HITTING Contest — one of the most exciting contests YAC "B" prepared for the less-fortunate children at Hospicio de San Jose.

Below: YAC "B" members pose for a souvenir picture with the orphans at Hospicio de San Jose after the program.



## A DREAM TURNS INTO REALITY

by Benito P. Yadao Jr.

One outstanding characteristic of youth is that they dream. The members of YAC "B" (Young Ambassadors Club "B") are no exception. And part of their dream is to share the joy made possible by being in the club.

Thus Project *Handog* (literally, "gift") was conceived to fulfill that dream — a dream to reach out, to share joy, to make people out there in this harsh world (especially the less fortunate and the afflicted) feel that there are still some who *care*.

Hospicio de San Jose, an orphanage located in the midst of the Pasig River but accessible through Ayala Bridge, helped realize that dream in the afternoon of February 27.

Project *Handog*, a package of entertainment numbers, games, prizes and surprises for orphans 12 years and below reeled off with YAC "B" President Ave Matriano's brief opening remarks

(mostly in Pilipino). He conveyed the club's feeling of happiness for the opportunity to spend the afternoon with the 110 children present and share whatever talents the members individually and collectively had to offer.

Thereafter the club gave out songs ("Getting to Know You" and "Top of the World"), games, doll dance, *palayok*-hitting (pot-hitting), banana eating contests and refreshments. These were followed by some more games, dances and skit. Some of the children reciprocated with their own songs and doll dance.

Sor Teresita Montañano, the youthful and affable in-charge of the children gave the closing remarks. She expressed her appreciation and led a group of children in singing "What a Beautiful Country," in which a line runs like this: "If only we can share and care enough, no one's gonna be sad."

The affair was emceed by Gil Llana and Marilou Talon.

Thus Project *Handog* turned from a dream to reality. "We felt a sense of accomplishment for having had an opportunity to share some joy to those unfortunate but promising children", Gerry Morena (whom the club fondly refers to as "Work" Director) remarked later when he recollected the event.

YAC "B" hopes that Hospicio de San Jose is just the beginning of succeeding outreach projects.

Certainly, a precedent has been established. Greater service is being planned in the future. Anybody can get involved in this humanitarian cause by supporting the fund-raising drives now being initiated to raise adequate finances to implement coming outreach projects. And, of course, the club will not refuse donations — they are most welcome.

## COORDINATING UPDATE UPDATE UPDATE CENTER

**Public exposure.** As a matter of interest, we'd like to give you an idea of how far our Regional Director, Mr. Colin Adair, has reached the public since January 1976 up to March 1977. Within that 15-month period, Mr. Adair:

- Paid courtesy calls on two cabinet personnel (the Dept. of Social Services' secretary and the Dept. of Education and Culture under-secretary), 11 city mayors, five provincial governors, and the President's mother, Mrs. Josefa Edralin Marcos.

- Spoke before 6,250 school superintendents, supervisors, principals and faculty of the DEC on the subjects "Key to Teaching Moral Values" and "Missing Dimension in Education."

- Lectured on subjects like "Art of Modern Dating", "Principles of Leadership" and "Happy Marriage" before college audiences totalling some 3,700 people on 11 occasions, as well as before Rotary and Lions Clubs on three occasions.

- Was interviewed over 25 radio and two television stations on the work of Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God. He also spoke on the same subject before three city councils and two provincial councils.

- Conducted 15 PLAIN TRUTH lectures in key cities, with a combined attendance of almost 3,000 (all, except one, were covered live by radio). In relation to the lectures, some 100,000 leaflets promoting either the PT or Correspondence Course were distributed.

**Radio/TV programs in South.** A dearth of television programs in Davao City, plus a unique exchange deal, has helped the *Garner Ted Armstrong* tele-

vision program to get a weekly spot on Channel 13, Mr. Edmond Macaraeg, pastor of the Church there, disclosed. A member who services the station's air-conditioning units was able to negotiate with the manager to air the program free in exchange for his services.

The radio version of the program is also going out weekly from Davao. It will soon be on a Cebu and an Iloilo station weekly, according to Mr. George Hood, pastor in the area. Be sure to watch for details in the Radio Log in the PLAIN TRUTH. QUEST/77. We have received various inquiries regarding AICF membership and subscription to *Quest/77*. As mentioned by Mr. Adair in his column in last month's CONTACT, AICF membership is not available outside the U.S. and Canada "for legal and operational reasons."

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Women's Club C Holds

# "NOCHE DE LOS HOMBRES"

Noche de los Hombres, that's Spanish for Men's Night, was tendered by Women's Club C on Sunday, March 13 at 24 Paseo de Roxas.

Opting to conduct the occasion in a Spanish theme, the club changed its usual format. The speeches and handy hints portions were omitted except for the table topics which was ably handled by Joie Medina to give the men an idea what "women talk" is like. Of course, participation of the invited guests was most welcome. Interesting questions elicited philosophical and funny answers. The question "Must the creation of a good impression be a result of natural acts or conscious/exerted effort?" "Somebody had the opinion that conscious or exerted effort would create a good impression as it can be done naturally, anyway. "Are you afraid of making mistakes? was answered "Yes, because in my profession as electro-technician, one mistake could mean death by electrocution."

Noche de los Hombres was meant for the enjoyment of the gentlemen so they were treated to a sumptuous dinner, amid a nearly authentic Spanish setting. Games were introduced but were simply complicated, nobody got them perfect. At the end of the party, two best dressed persons were chosen by surprise. They were Athos Parane and Mel Argallon. The short entertainment portion

was appreciated especially that 2 club members celebrated their singing debut, one in a vocal solo, the other in a trio. They proved to be a revelation just as the other talents were. A Latin-American dance number was introduced, but to the disappointment of the audience and the performers, the record broke at the middle of the dance. The number was most applauded, though. Athos Parane and Janet Boone were at their best in the Flamenco dance, which capped the entertainment.

Soon the atmosphere was more informal but tiring towards the end of the evening when it was time for everybody to dance. Even the ladies took time to really enjoy themselves after all the weeks of preparation and planning, and almost a whole day of preparing the food, decorating and setting up the "Club Room." It was the concerted effort of all that led to the success of the evening. With the able leadership of Club Directress, Mrs. Margaret Adair and the coordination of President Precy Cardona, Secretary Ludy Madrid, Treasurer Flor Tan, the various committees, not to mention the servers from Clubs A and B plus guitarist Ed Saboren, Noche de los Hombres would very well go down the annals of Women's Club C as its first successful Men's Night.

- Carol P. Layug

Dance portion, Women's Club C Noche de los Hombres (Men's Night).



## ON THE COMMUNICATION PROCESS

by Florencio S. Sebastian

A film presentation on the Communication Process was shown at the seminar room of the Ambascos office, 12th floor, RM Center last, February 27, at 10:30 a.m. Members of Spokesman Clubs "A" and "B" attended the gathering.

President of Spokesman Club B Albert Cataga made the necessary arrangement with US AID through Ms. Emilda Parayno — head librarian, for the showing of the film.

Ideas and other elaborations brought up on the first-half of the show aimed to answer the question: "Is There Communication When You Speak?" — which was also the title of the first film.

The objective of the discussion on the film was to show how to effectively transfer an idea of a speaker to the mind of the audience. This was amply demonstrated by a group of student speakers involved in a classroom discussion. (Filming took place at the State University of Iowa.) A professor who took charge of the lecture acted as guide for the students. He pointed out to them the faults and the corresponding remedy. The good points were also analyzed. How to organize a speech was also taken up in the exhibition.

The narrator said: "A good speaker must be able to formulate his ideas clearly. The message coming from him should serve to stimulate the audience who will in turn recreate the idea or concept in their mind. When there is a circular response — audience responding well to your speech, then you know that you have communicated well."

During the second-half of the presentation, a color film was shown dealing with "Memo, Meeting and Order," in relation to Communication.

Typical cases of communication breakdown were shown. As an example, three people would give three different meanings to one message. In another case, one asks for a name on the phone, and the receiver puts a different meaning to it.

The narrator mentioned: "Communication is simply the conveying of ideas and information."

To stress his point, he clarified that "meanings are in people. Meanings are not in the words that a person has said. Rather, it is the receiver (or audience) who



AN OPEN LETTER

## FROM A BACHELOR

Dear Kuya Nap,

Thank you for opening our eyes to the things we bachelors are missing out in life. You reminded us again of our *inadequacies*. You know what — it's oftentimes true that you hardly miss a thing you don't have. I can say this from experience. Your timely *urging*, therefore, made me aware — doubly aware — that bachelorhood is not the "single-blessedness" many claim it to be. Your poem "To A Bachelor" settled the whole thing.

"Her silent kiss... the sweet pleading... Alive, very much alive..."

Let me say one thing straight. You have totally sold me the idea of settling down *without delay*.

I'm 27 now. Mature enough, as you can see, to handle the responsibilities that go with marriage. And not only mature. But prepared also in the task of supporting a family of my own. As you already know, I'm with the Philippine National Bank.

Yes, I have found out that the loneliness and rigors of life can only be faced with a wife by your side: a helpmate, sweetheart, "morale booster" all rolled into one. For it is only within the framework of marriage that, as one writer aptly phrased it, "two people can create for themselves the security of peace and solitude and time — lifetime — by which they can accomplish that which is pivotal and central to all else, namely, total communion."

The question cannot be avoided — Why then am I still a bachelor up to now?

Before going further, I would like to mention in passing some lines from the "Weaver's Song" —

Now I am a bachelor  
I live by myself and I work

puts meaning to what the speaker is saying by picturing in his mind what he (the speaker) intends to impart."

at the evening trade  
And the only thing that I  
Ever did *wrong*  
Was to woo a fair young  
maid.

Admittedly, bachelorhood to some is a treasured thing. A status symbol even. A "gem" to be kept at all cost (which to me is really extreme). That's bordering on a deep-seated self-concern, don't you agree? After all, when you marry you share yourself, your time, your possessions, your "totality" with another. On the other hand, bachelorhood is the device invented by man to preserve his monopoly on himself.

"You go your way; I'll go mine," seems to sum up the philosophy of a bachelor. What else is it if it's not selfishness? "He who is able to give much is able also to love much" — as one saying goes. A bachelor hardly has that opportunity to "give much" nor "to love much".

Back to that question — why then remain a bachelor in the light of the above? Actually on my part it's not a case of wanting to remain a bachelor. It's more a case of a lack of opportunity to "disengage" from bachelorhood. To say goodbye to bachelor days. Get the distinction?

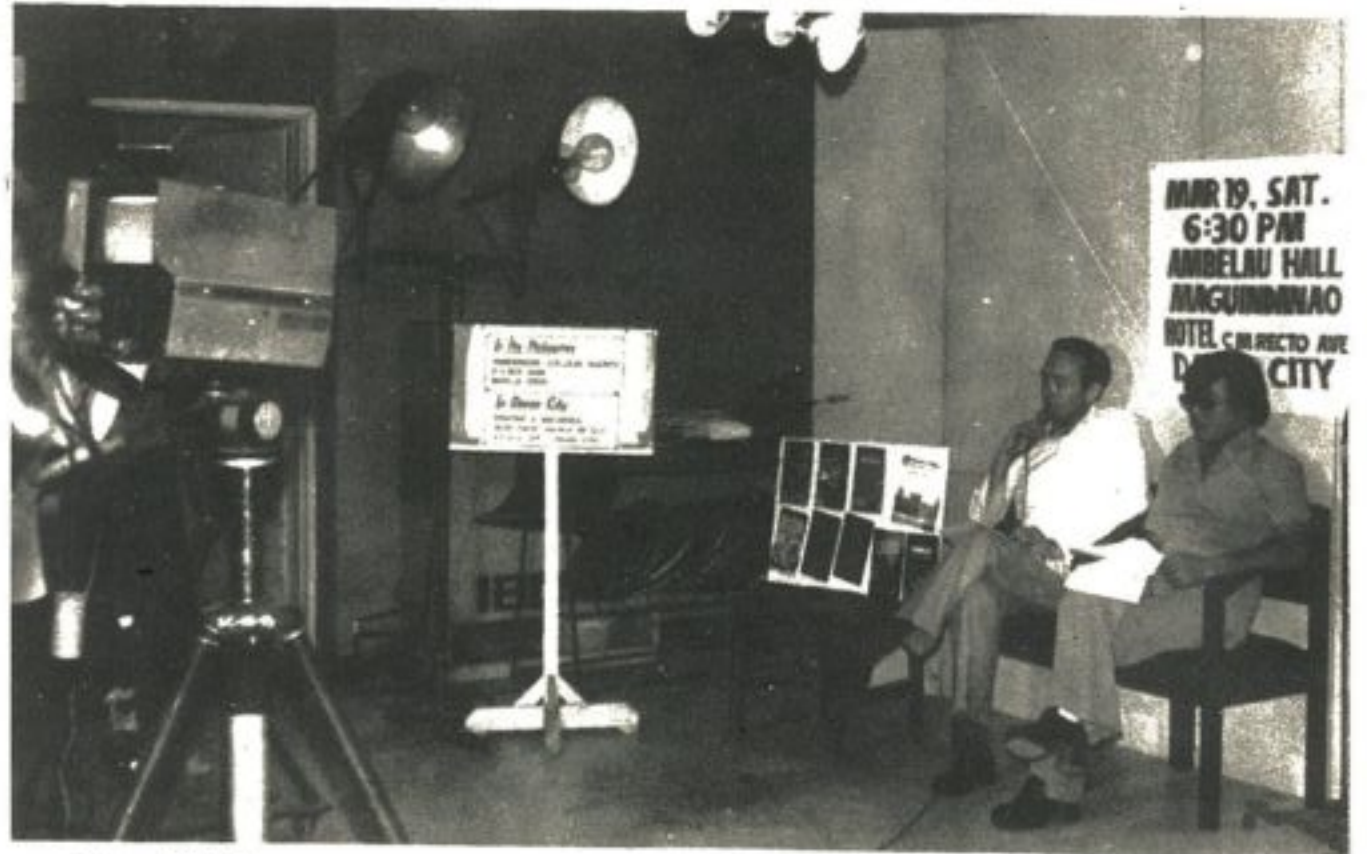
You know my situation. No need to elaborate on that. Not that I'm hesitant. One "problem" still remains, that's why. It's not easy to pick a wife in this area — when the picking is *scarce*. (I think this is true with other scattered bachelors — we're in the same boat.)

As you see then, it's not a question of being choosy because to start with the bachelors here are already "empty-handed".

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Communication is successful when a transferring of a message from one individual to another has taken place.

# MR. ADAIR ...



... before TV-13

... at the Rotary



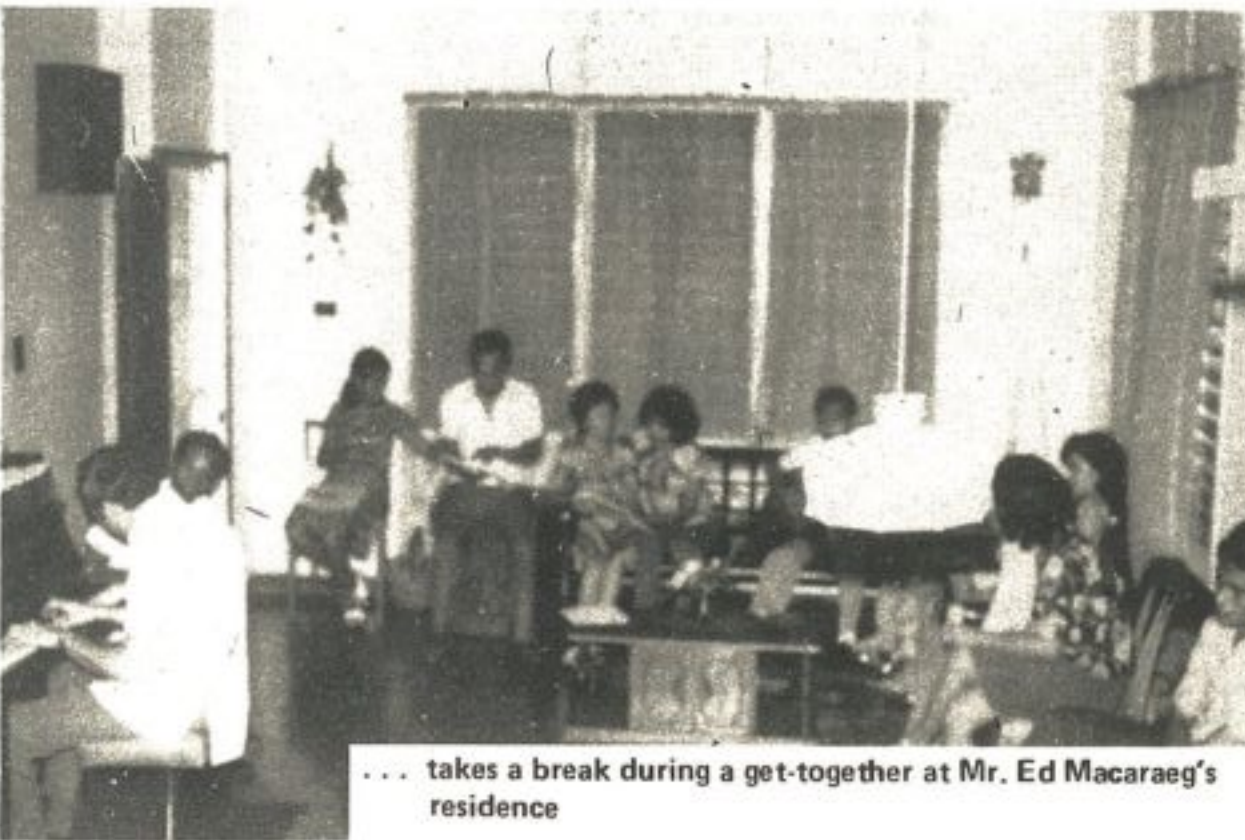
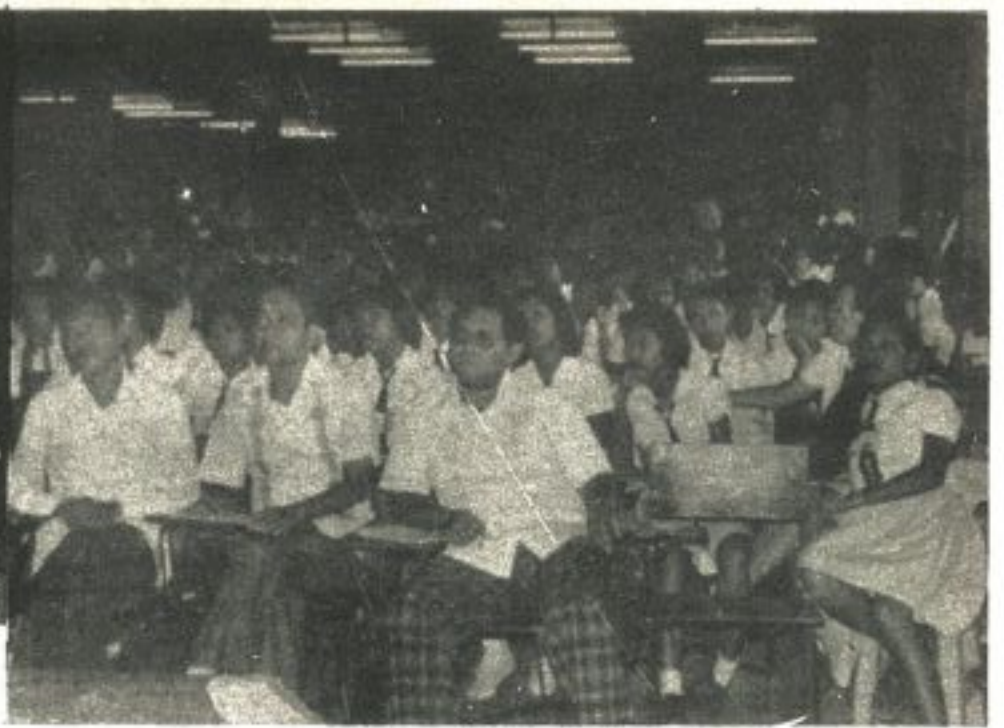
... during Radio - Press Conference



... at the Bible Seminar



... during Dating lectures at University of Mindanao (left); at Rizal Memorial College (right)



... takes a break during a get-together at Mr. Ed Macaraeg's residence



... presides over the Leadership Training Class

DAVAO PT LECTURE

## WELL-ATTENDED (from page 1)

who after the lecture asked many inquisitive questions. The following day the same lecture was given at the Rizal Memorial Colleges at the Social Science Hall. Around 300 high school and college students were present. Several provocative questions were asked by the enthusiastic students on the subject.

On Friday morning a radio and press conference was held at the La Taberna room, Imperial Hotel. The panel of interviewers was headed by local radio stations. Mr. Adair was able to explain the facets of the Work and its relevance to the objectives of the New Society clearly.

At lunchtime Mr. Adair was guest speaker of the West Davao Rotary Club at the Apo View Hotel, in its regular weekly meeting. His speech was very timely most especially in this age of skepticism. Fast changes of governments and their leaders are recurrent and so the speaker spoke on the subject, "Crisis in

Leadership." He explained well the qualities of a good leader, backed up with examples.

In the evening Mr. Adair was interviewed by Jimmy Torres in the "Sikat 77" program of IBC, TV-13. The interview was very lively considering that there were entertainment personalities presented before and after the interview. In this interview, the purpose and goal of Ambassador College was fully explained to the viewers.

As usual during the Sabbath day, the Bible Study and Services were held in the morning at the Projection Room of the University of Mindanao. Highlight of the services was the ordination of a long-time leader of the Church, Mr. Marciano Moning, as deacon for the Davao del Norte Church. In the afternoon the Christian Living Class was formally opened; many questions were brought up by the brethren.

In the afternoon of Sunday the

Leadership Training Class was formally launched. Most of those attending were members of the Davao City Spokesman Club. Mr. Adair gave an orientation of what the class is all about and its advantages to the members concerned and to the whole community where they live.

The "HWA" and "Hunger Bomb" films were telecast over TV-13 twice during the stay of Mr. Adair here. Aside from this, the PT lecture write-ups were also published in the Mindanao Mirror, Mindanao Times and Mindanao Mail several times and also plugged over some radio stations here.

In the evening of Sunday, Mr. Adair was feted by the brethren in the residence of Mr. Edmond Macaraeg. There were some brethren present and the affair was made very lively as the honored guest gave some vocal renditions accompanied on the piano by Mr. Macaraeg and on the guitar by Jorge Reyes. The brethren joined in the sing-along portion until ten o'clock in the evening.

## DISTRICT XI SO FAR

by Noly Merida

One year ago there was virtually no recognized church in this part of the Philippines. Things changed rapidly with the coming of Mr. Edmond Macaraeg to take charge of God's work here. And now District XI can boast of three officially recognized churches and one outlying bible study.

The Davao City church was inaugurated with 37 people attending. But the average attendance has shot up to the present average of seventy. Of these, though, only eighteen are baptized members and together with their dependents make up half of the attendance. Three regularly commute from North Cotabato. The rest come from the three Davao provinces.

Another church, the Davao del Norte church, meets in Tagum and the average turnout is also seventy. The third church in the district is the Davao Oriental

church and meets in Manikling. Here the attendance averages sixty people. One peculiar situation common to the three churches is that a big part of the attendance are people from the other church areas. Although Mr. Macaraeg gives the same message to his three-church circuit, some of the brethren usually attend two if not all of the churches. They do this to get more fellowship and perhaps to clear up something which they may have missed in the other church meeting. Mr. Macaraeg is working hard at his Cebuano to attain fluency in as short a time as possible. In Tagum and Manikling the brethren are mostly Cebuano-speaking and Mr. Macaraeg has found it more effective to speak mostly in Cebuano. This way the language barrier which may cause misunderstanding is neutralized.

A sure sign of a growing church is the Spokesman Club. (Please turn to next page)

## Davao Lectures GET WIDE EXPOSURE

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of the local papers carried articles about Mr. Adair. It was Mindanao Mail's turn to carry also what the other two newspapers previously carried, and in addition, the Mindanao Daily Mirror carried an even longer article, "Colin Adair to Speak on Man's Future World". Meanwhile that day, DXUM had been plugging the PT Lecture every 30 minutes in a 45-second advertisement. The PT Lecture that evening had a better than expected turn-out, considering the relatively lower circulation figures here and the stiff competition for other live programs that evening.

But that was not the end of Mr. Adair's talk to the people. He is expected to keep talking about that subject enthusiastically for about a week more to all of Davao! This is how that was made possible: DPI Radio taped the message, "A Preview of Tomorrow". At 5:00-6:00 P.M. the following day, Sunday, they aired it. About two hours after that, DXUM had its turn of broadcasting it 7:00-8:00 P.M. Next DXRA played it 6:00-7:00 P.M., Tuesday. DXUL will play the tape Wednesday, and then DXRH will play it Thursday.

Still, that is not the end of our exposure. This writer (with permission from Mr. Adair) plans to continue to "exploit" some more of the freedoms we enjoy in the media. On the last airing of Mr. Adair's PT Lecture on Thursday, or exactly a week after his arrival here, the three major newspapers here (Mindanao Times, Mindanao Daily Mirror, and Mindanao Mail)

will again carry another article entitled, "Colin Adair Bares Free Educational Programs". Each newspaper will carry it successively on Thursday, Friday and Saturday respectively. This latest article will focus people's awareness this time on the booklets and the Correspondence Course that are offered free by Ambassador College Educational Extension Program. Hopefully, by knowing about it, they will write in and that, we hope, will start their involvement in God's Work — as God calls them.

As a summary of our recent exposure therefore, all radio stations in Davao (numbering about a dozen) carried the radio press interview; the PT Lecture was aired over five of the major radio stations successively, and as a starter for now three major newspapers have and will carry articles about this Work in seven issues. These are aside from the three TV exposures we enjoyed, two University Lectures and a Rotary Club Luncheon Speech, among others.

Yet, this is not the end of our work here. The Work of God in Davao will continue to get the exposure through the establishment of the World Tomorrow broadcast back on the air. DXUM presently carries it every Sunday at 6:30-7:00 A.M. while the World Tomorrow on Television is on IBC, TV-13 at 4:30-5:00 P.M. every Sunday also. This is the Work of God and the result of all our collective prayers.

## MEMBER'S "DEAL" GETS GTA-TV ON LOCAL STATION

By Edmond D. Macaraeg  
Pastor, Davao City Church

DAVAO CITY, Mar. 22 — What would it take to put a regular television program on the air? Wealth, political power and influence, great personality and prestige? Yes, but in one particular case, absolutely NONE of these!

At a time when other local Churches in the Philippines are even finding difficulty in locally funding the World Tomorrow broadcast in their area, the matter of beginning to think about sponsoring a television program would be far-fetched and unthinkable. But not with one member who was inspired to put God's Kingdom first and also to set out to use what he had — in terms of "talents".

Having been inspired by the ability of the Davao City Church to sponsor for the first time the World Tomorrow broadcast on a weekly basis, he began to think of an idea to also cause the television program to be established in this City. So, he began to take stock of his resources.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Reyes, both baptized and active members operate a refrigeration and air conditioning business and shop in this city. One of their satisfied customers is the IBC Television Network in this city. From the beginning, Fidelity Service Center (name of their firm) and IBC, TV-13 operate purely on an "exchange deal" basis. No amount of money ever passed between them.

Their firm would regularly service all the air-conditioning units of the TV station and do all repair and maintenance jobs needed and in turn the TV station would advertise Mr. Reyes' business firm a specified number of times daily. This arrangement has been going on until after the latest Feast of Tabernacles when Mr. Reyes decided not to continue advertising his business for some reasons. Besides, he had his hands full with enough business to handle and is not prepared to go into expansion at the moment. However, he still continues to service the TV stations air conditioning units.

When the local Church got the World Tomorrow on radio the idea came into his mind of also getting into TV which would be far more effective. Since his side of the "exchange deal" was not being used, he approached the manager asking how much they would charge him to sponsor a 30-minute TV program. Of course, the figure begins from P500.00 (\$80.00) up. He tried to bargain it down. After some haggling, the manager finally said, "Look, why don't you just put it in your side of our exchange deal?" — which was exactly what Mr. Reyes was hoping it would get into as no money would be involved. So, they agreed that the equivalent would be two 30-minute programs per month or every other week.

But when the first program was telecast as agreed, Mr. Reyes was so impressed by it that he felt having a gap of one week before the next one would be too long and cumbersome. So, he began to think of another idea to get the program on a weekly basis.

He totally renovated the whole air conditioning structure of the TV Studio and improved the panelings which impressed the manager because such was beyond what was called for in their agreement. Also, he volunteered to take care of all other electrical jobs and maintenance of all studio lights. When he got these additional jobs he approached the manager again and asked if he saw the TV program. The manager seemed to be impressed with it! So, on sizing up of the manager's attitude, he began his "salestalk". He said that his TV audience would be looking for that program next week and would be quite disappointed when they did not find it on his station. Besides, he said, it is educational and informative — with no "religious gospel singing", or "sanctimonious prayers" in it whatever. Therefore, being what it is, it has a very good audience appeal and has the potential of making his TV station even more popular! The manager agreed to buy his "arguments" for putting the GTA program on a regular weekly basis.

And so, the deal was made and the contract signed: "DAVAO CITY, IBC TV-13, 4:30-5:00 P.M. every Sunday — Garner Ted Armstrong Television Program."

## FIRST PHILIPPINE MEMBER DIES

San Fernando, La Union, Mar. 1 — Mr. Bernardo M. Boado, the first individual ever to be converted through the PLAIN TRUTH and be baptized into the Philadelphia Era of the Church of God in the Philippines, died peacefully in his home at Barrio San Isidro, Agoo, La Union at dawn Sunday, February 27, after a lingering lung ailment.

Mr. Boado came in contact with God's Work through the PLAIN TRUTH magazine advertised in the now-defunct *Philippines Free Press* back in mid 1962. After learning of the existence of an office of the Work in Manila, he immediately went and requested baptism. He was baptized May 7, 1963 by Pedro S. Ortiguero assisted by Guy L. Ames, who was then managing the newly-established Philippine Office. (Mr. Ortiguero was actually the first Filipino to be affiliated with the Philadelphia era of the Church of God, then called Radio Church of God, but he was already a member of God's Church in the Sardis era). Also, Mr. Ortiguero actually baptised earlier a few others into this era of God's Church but they were not fruits of the PLAIN TRUTH or the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast but converts from the Sardis era.)

Even before his baptism, Mr. Boado had already the beginnings of his lung ailment. It grew worse and worse as the years went by and had been the subject of the brethren's prayers now and then. It was not until sometime in 1973 when he became so ill that he was practically bed-ridden since then and was at death's door a number of times.

Having no other source of income (he was a carpenter by occupation) the Church pitched in to help him and his family financially.

Mr. Ortiguero visited them last December 26. Mr. Boado was then in such a critical condition that it was felt that unless God would decide otherwise, it was just a matter of time before the end would come. Since then he was virtually walking "in the valley of the shadow of death". Yet, as the Psalmist also said that he feared no evil, Mr. Boado's faith, trust and hope in God and allegiance to His Church remained steadfastly anchored.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Adair, accompanied by this writer, dropped by to personally visit and



Bernardo M. Boado (taken only about a year ago).

encourage Mr. Boado and his family last January 31 while they were on their way home to Manila from the San Fernando, La Union campaign activities. (The previous

foreign ministers, Messrs. Arthur Docken and Guy Ames with their wives, also were able to visit the Boados in their home during the period of their respective assignments in the Philippines.)

Those who have personally known of Mr. Boado's sufferings met the news of his death with mixed emotions of sadness and great relief: sad that a faithful brother had passed away and relieved that God finally, mercifully granted Mr. Boado a long-sought relief from what seemed to be unbearable physical, mental, as well as emotional sufferings. Mr. Boado himself had been pleading God to please end his sufferings even by death if in His great wisdom it was best that he be not healed in this life. "It is not our wish that you die now," sobbed his wife when this writer visited them a few days before his death, "but if you will go on suffering that way, we couldn't bear to see you suffer much longer."

## SECOND BIBLE SEMINAR IN ILOILO

by Jun Caligan

Iloilo City — Forty Six (46) non-members showed up for the second series of the Iloilo Bible Seminar last February 27 at the YMCA Forum Hall.

A total of seventy people attended — thirty of whom were members. Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong's film, "What Is A Real Christian?" was shown, followed by the open forum where Mr. George Hood invited the audience to turn in questions on matters uppermost in their minds.

The film started a little late due to some technical problems with the projector. But by 10:45 AM we finally got going. The open forum lasted past 1:00 PM, again going overtime because of the numerous questions from the audience.

After the film show, Mr. Hood spoke briefly on Ambassador College, the Educational Extension Program (of which the Correspondence Course is a vital part) and the Worldwide Church of God. "You can believe it or disbelieve it," he said referring to Mr. GTA's message. Continuing, he said, "We are here not to gain converts but to present the truth to you."

The first question asked was actually a request for some elaboration on the five points raised by Mr. Armstrong as to what makes a real Christian. In greater detail and for the benefit of everybody Mr. Hood amplified what a real

Christian is, citing several scriptures along the way.

Some questions asked were on the Ten Commandments — when were they given; "Does the Devil reproduce?" and one on where and how did Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong get the true gospel. In answer to the last question, Mr. Hood mentioned events in the life of Mr. Armstrong, especially the ones centering on his search for the truth, his conversion and his ordination to the ministry. That's "how" Mr. Armstrong came into the knowledge of the true gospel. As to the "where" — the source — Mr. Hood emphasized that the Bible has always been Mr. Armstrong's source.

Many of the non-members who attended were young people, some of them students. One young lady showed up wearing a T-shirt with the words, "Chemical Engineering Four." Another lady had a green-colored Gideon's New Testament which she opened every time Mr. Hood cited verses for proof. After the open forum, one young man stayed for counselling with Mr. Hood.

It was also announced that The World Tomorrow radio program will now be heard in Iloilo City every Sunday evening, 8:00 — 8:30, over station DYRI. This news was gladly received by everybody. This broadcast in Iloilo City is made possible through the contributions of the

Mr. Boado was nearing 45 when he died. He was born September 10, 1932. He is survived by his wife, Isabel who faithfully and patiently nursed him all those

years, along with 9 living children (5 boys and 4 girls) the oldest of whom (Elvira) is 22 and the youngest, a boy, is 3. — (BIEN MACARAEG, JR.)

## THE SECOND CEBU BIBLE SEMINAR

by Julian R. Bahinting

Cebu City, March 7, 1977 — In spite of an unusual weather the second Bible Seminar, a follow-up from the previous one took place at the same YMCA last March 6, 1977, starting past ten o'clock. And perhaps, upset weather was one reason which dampened the spirit of most Bible Correspondence Course students.

Of the more than 80 that attended last February 19 for the first Cebu Seminar, this time, only 25 showed up. The brethren outnumbered the new ones.

Cebu City is presently expe-

riencing topsy-turvy weather. This season would normally have been a hot one, but the weather is erratic and unusually cool day and night, with gusty winds and drizzles.

There was more animated discussion this time, resulting in one of the students remaining behind with Mr. Hood to discuss some doctrinal matter.

As was announced after the seminar, the next one will be on the 20th of March. And it seems the success of it will depend largely on everyone's prayer, preparation and participation.

Iloilo Church members who willingly gave of their substance that this program be aired once again in Iloilo City and neighboring provinces.

When the forum ended, Mr. Hood placed his calling cards (containing his Cebu address) on the table for those who might wish to know more and wanted to write him. In a matter of minutes not a card was left. I had to ask Mr. Hood for another calling card because one fellow in the back was not fast enough and he was left emptyhanded.

(So far, as a matter of interest, one person has already showed up in our Sabbath service as a result of Mr. Adair's announcement in the first Bible Seminar last January 23 that we're having a service here. That's why in our Sabbath service last February 26 he was with us. And showing additional interest, he also attended our Leadership Training Class. In the open forum the next day, he was among the early arrivals).

It's happy to note that we had a bigger attendance in the second series (the open forum) than we had the first time. The increase was felt more in the number of non-members attending. While only 34 new people were present last January 23, a total of 46 showed up last February 27. As a result, some of the members had to stand up to provide seats for the non-members.

Indeed, the follow-up series had sparked greater interest. We're hoping for the same enthusiastic response to the third series of the Iloilo Bible Seminar on March 27.

## District XI So Far

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District XI has one that meets in Davao City. It draws members from the three churches. North Cotabato contributes two to the roster. There is no waiting list, you can be sure, because only a very few live near the city. But the same spirited meetings are evident like those in other older and more established clubs. In fact the Davao Spokesman Club may have something which the other clubs do not have. Two languages are used during the meeting — English and Cebuano. This was instituted in order to give training also to those who meet difficulty with spoken English. You should hear one of the members deliver his speech in Cebuano. He can match Demosthenes delivering his oration in his native tongue.

The PT subscription list of Davao City and surrounding areas is very short. This is largely as a result of very limited promotional effort in this place in the past. Plans are turning into actions to alter this situation. Mr. Macaraeg has started issuing press releases beginning with Mr. Adair's recent PT lecture. Who knows Mr. Macaraeg will have a regular column soon in one of the leading dailies here? We are eagerly prying into the possibility because important contacts with publishers have already been established.

For Mr. Adair's Davao PT lecture some ten thousand leaflets

A LIFE STORY

# "I WAS DROWNING"

by Song Hyungbok

Only white bubbles passing upward before my eyes and dark blue water was engulfing me — I was alarmed! My body was sinking. I was drowning! Suddenly a bamboo pole appeared right in front of me. I swam towards it, grabbed it. Only then did my sinking stop and I felt a move towards a different direction; I was separated from the dark blue water to the fresh air and sands where I stood on feet safely.

Yes, I was delivered! A middle-aged man plunged the pole into the water. A crowd gathered and watched anxiously from the bridge above.

It all happened when I was six years old, one summer noon in Japan. The bridge, I'll never forget, was called *Tama-chookoori-basi*, meaning, "Gem Making Bridge." Kids would gather to play or walk on a shallow, quite distant from the bridge. I seldom ventured in this place because of unfriendly kids. But on that fateful day, one of the big kids forced me to go farther and caused the accident.

We went to Japan after my father unwillingly turned over all his estates — rich rice paddies —

on mortgage for his elder brother (a chief executive then in Jinlaemium District who lost in a gamble). I was only 2 years when we transferred to Japan. My father got sick and died later on when I was five years old. My brothers and sisters and Mother were compelled to work. After breakfast till evening I was left alone.

I went through the Japanese primary and middle school and competed for top or 2nd honors with Japanese boys.

After WW II my mother and I returned to Korea and left 2 brothers and one sister behind. I was 16 then; worked hard in Uncle's farm (for whom the rich and largest farm in the village my father once possessed was mortgaged; he had since recovered his loss). Sometimes I wept secretly because of Uncle's coldheartedness.

Korean War broke out. I enlisted with the army and was in the service for 4 years until the signing of ceasefire. I was spared from 2 mortar rounds that exploded up front and behind me; the two men in front of and behind me were wounded. (Mother said she prayed for my safety every



Song Hyungbok

night; she was earlier introduced to a Christian denomination).

After the ceasefire I got married. I have three sons and 2 daughters — most of them are grown up and are either working or studying. We depend mainly on 1 hectare of rice paddies where sometimes I scored record high or low harvests. When crops dropped to bottom last year, I was forced to work in a stevedoring company as superintendent but did not last long in the job due to sabbath problems. I could not keep the sabbath off and was dismissed after 3 months.

I got in touch with the Church of God six years ago through the Reader's Digest. I intensified my study of the Bible, compared its teachings with Buddhism and Confucianism which have greatly influenced our Korean customs and mores.

The more I study the Bible in

were handed out. The attendance at the subsequent follow up bible study, where the correspondence course graduates were also invited, was highly encouraging. The brethren hope that somehow a portion of them will later show up at the services. It is as thrilling as watching the crops growing.

Sustained spiritual growth is also an essential process for the work in this district. Because of this Mr. Adair inaugurated the Christian Living Class in the afternoon of March 19. He outlined to those attending, the different subjects to be gone into. Each meeting, he said, will deal with an aspect of Christian life. This will be treated in detail and will apply to specific groups in the congregation such as the fathers or the mothers. In contrast the sermons are general in nature to cover the needs of the entire congregation.

Earlier by a week Mr. Macaraeg got the ball rolling for the Christian Living Class in Davao del Norte on March 12. The enthusiasm was such that the class broke up only when it was pitch dark. There is no electricity in that place or the class would have gone on.

Another good thing coming up for the district is the Leadership Training Class. Mr. Adair laid the

groundwork last March 20. Members of the Spokesman Club were automatically accepted into the course. Twenty people zealously took part in the organizational meeting and were briefed about the course. Manpower shortage has long been hindering the growth of God's Work and Church. Mr. Adair pointed out that God may just be waiting for more people to qualify as leaders. Bringing in more converts at this stage, when there are not enough men to lead them, is like adding more sheep to the care of an already overworked shepherd. The LTC will help create a solution.

Right now Mr. Macaraeg is overburdened by the physical affairs of the church. Many are needed to take this load from him so he can concentrate on the spiritual matters. In the sermonette side he is now assisted by Atty. Mario Dulguime and Mr. Marciano Moning. Mr. Moning has just been ordained to the office of deacon and will take charge of the physical aspects of the church in Davao del Norte. But more are needed to plan and organize social and feast activities, church welfare and other functions.

A small rondalla played for the first time last February 26. The Tagum church has a foot-

powered organ but the need for accompaniment in Davao City has long been felt. Now the rondalla directed by Mr. Julian Concepcion, a DEC general education supervisor, provides more vigor to the joyful noise. The rondalla also plays in Tagum because most of the members live nearby.

The policy to involve the local congregation more in the preaching of the good news has now taken roots in Davao and is growing fast. The members have contributed to a radio fund. Because of this the World Tomorrow is now heard every Sunday morning. But that is not all. The GTA telecast is now also on the airwaves over Channel 13 every Sunday afternoon.

The Christian Living Class, the Leadership Training Class, the radio and TV programs and, yes, the rondalla are new dimensions to God's Work and Church in this area of Mindanao. Hopefully this will cause more people to get in contact with the Work and those already in the church to be ready to serve these new people.

**Deadline**

for May CONTACT is  
Wednesday, April 20

comparison with them, the more I find it to be positive, realistic, reliable and stable.

I am now 47 years old, with declined health. Nevertheless, I am to work harder six days a week for my four children's tuition; I also need more hours digging treasures out of the Bible.

There is only one way for me, that is, to rely wholly upon our

Saviour Jesus Christ and keep His Word!

I need constant anxious watch which will deliver me like those assembled people on the "Gem Making Bridge". Who could be so but you brethren over there in the Philippines? Help me; encourage me and pray for me to overcome the dark blue water. I am the only one baptized here.

## ON BEING NEARSIGHTED

by Cecille Sotomil

Mine is not just a common nearsightedness. You might call it a serious one. My cousin who is an optometrist labeled it as a growing myopia and according to her it will just stop its growth when I reach the age of 25. The irony is: I'm already past that age!

But my being nearsighted remains. Yet, I'm glad I'm not blind. Although only one step to blindness. The present grade of my vision is 950 for my left and 750 for my right. One optician scared me when she told me that I will be automatically blind when I reach the 1,000th vision. "Don't believe it," another one advised me, "You'll never go blind." Thanks to her — she's my cousin's friend.

Being nearsighted has an advantage in the sense that being a Christian, one can overlook faults and defects. My sisters laugh at me sometimes because I consider uncomely things as nice and ugly things as beautiful. I can't see them clearly, that's why.

But the disadvantages overtake the advantages sometimes. One time, a friend got mad at me because when she smiled at me, I did not care to return the smile. I was not wearing my glasses then. I

usually take them off when I sleep and when I bathe, that's all. The rest of my life I hang them on my ears.

I first detected the defect when I was in grade three. My teacher's writing on the board was like a chalk being rubbed down on its side — so to me it was no writing at all except white.

I started wearing glasses after my graduation in elementary. So, I was late, the doctor said so — I never thought children should wear them since I only saw old people wearing eyeglasses and I was too young then.

This is a lesson to mothers. Consult your children when you find symptoms of myopia or any eye defect in them. Today I wear my fifth pair of eyeglasses. I stepped on my first pair. Next, I broke one glass when I cried after seeing a sad movie. My third I slept on it. I placed it on my side while sleeping. The fourth was sent to a brother (this was made possible thru the now defunct column — *Contact Point* of the *Contact*).

Without my glasses, my sister brought me one time to a movie. We saw "Alice in Wonderland." Know what I saw? "In Foggy-land."

## FROM A BACHELOR

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The solution? If you dipped your fishing line where there is hardly any fish, how could you expect to make a catch? Better transfer to the part with an abundance of fish. That would surely increase your chances, right?

Simple, isn't it?

"I do not want to be single again — never! ... Life is more meaningful this way."

I hope that I, too, can echo these words of yours — *sorqeday*.

Regards,  
A member

## Believe it Not



## Current Events

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broken just at the elbow and we were informed he would have to stay in and have it repaired.

The orthopaedic surgeon, who came to see him shortly after he was admitted to the hospital, was an elderly and kindly man about seventy years old. He informed us it was a very bad break, one of the worst kinds and couldn't have happened at a worse spot. That afternoon Andrew underwent a closed operation. This particular surgeon said he never opened the limbs unless it was absolutely necessary, but manipulated on the outside with the aid of X-ray television.

After almost an hour Andrew was wheeled out of the operating room. My wife and I were unhappy to see his left arm in traction which the doctor informed us would last from ten to fourteen days before they could put on a cast. The doctor kept shaking his head and saying it was a very bad break. If this didn't work, he said they might have to open the arm to fix it. There was the chance of a possible deformity if the bones didn't knit properly. The main problem was the break wasn't horizontal but diagonal, making it more difficult for the two ends to come together. And it was right at the elbow joint.

As Andrew slept in his room, my wife and I understood for the first time the anxieties of parenthood. However, even with his arm in traction and held over his head Andrew maintained his usual cheerful disposition as time passed, and never complained.

Three days later, Monday, the doctor decided to take another X-ray to see how the arm was progressing. On seeing the results he was amazed how well it was coming on. When another X-ray was taken the following Thursday, just six days since the accident, he was astonished. The bone ends had come together so well that he felt confident he could put the cast on the next day or at the latest the day following. He showed me the X-rays and the difference between the one taken on Monday and the

one taken Thursday. Even a layman like myself could see the vast difference. The doctor was so excited at the development that he showed the plates to the other doctors who were dumbfounded that the bones were healing so quickly.

In just one week the cast was put on the arm and next day, sabbath morning, Andrew was home again. Dr. Martinez commented that in all his experience of forty-some years, including many years as an army surgeon, Andrew's was the worst fracture case he had ever seen and yet it had healed the quickest — in almost half the time. I didn't bother to explain to him that there was another factor he hadn't considered — he might not have appreciated me telling him about the Greatest Healer of all!

Today, Andrew runs around with the cast on his left arm and it is a constant job for my wife and I to remind him not to be so boisterous. He seems to have adjusted to life without the use of his left arm and apart from a little difficulty eating meals, he manages to play quite happily. The cast will be on for six weeks so he will be travelling home with us like a wounded soldier! He graduated from kindergarten last week and fortunately was able to do so successfully, even giving the closing speech.

To us, brethren, this is just another proof that God is very much concerned with His people and does intervene on their behalf. Always remember this when you are in difficulties.

### Rumanian Earthquake

For those of you who do not attend church or receive the Worldwide News I would like to quote you what Mr. Ted Armstrong wrote about the wonderful escape of Mr. Herbert Armstrong from the recent earthquake in Rumania: "I'm sure, after hearing about the disastrous earthquake that struck and severely damaged Bucharest, the capital city of Rumania, and especially after reading my father's letter about being there, the first question that came to everyone's mind was, 'Is Mr. Armstrong O.K.?"

"I'm happy and relieved to tell you that God was surely looking after Mr. Armstrong. Although he was scheduled to be there until March 9, he decided to leave early and fly to London to speak in Bricket Wood on the sabbath, and thereby totally escaped the earthquake! None of Mr. Armstrong's party was there when the temblor shattered the city. Our God is truly concerned about His Work, His servants and even those who come in contact with it. We can truly rejoice and give thanks to God for His merciful guidance and protection."

I don't think I need add any more to that, brethren. But please do not forget to pray for Mr. Armstrong's continual safety as he moves around the world doing the job God gave him to do. Right now he is in South Africa for a round of engagements and I believe will be there over the Passover period.

### Second Passover

Talking about Passover I want to let you know the date of the second Passover, for those who genuinely were unable to keep the Passover on the commanded date of April 1 in the evening (remember April 2 is the actual day-time Passover day, but it is celebrated the previous night when the day begins). Sunday, May 1 is the date of the second Passover. Any member who failed to keep the first Passover for reasons of ill health or emergency (but not negligence) can observe it on this date in the quietness of your home. Please contact Mr. Melendez if you need wine for this occasion.

### Davao Lecture

I arrived home yesterday evening from the Davao Plain Truth lecture. I honestly believe that we had the biggest exposure in terms of media and activities of any lecture so far. Two hundred new people attended the lecture itself Saturday night and we had much radio coverage as well as television. Details are given in the accompanying article. The Church there was most enthusiastic and helpful. I told them that they

were ahead of Manila now, having their weekly telecast before us and also local advertising of our radio and television program all paid for locally. Everyone is well there, in spite of the Mindanao problem and the uncertainty of the moment.

### Home Leave

On April 10, the day after the last day of unleavened Bread, my wife, Andrew and I will be leaving for Northern Ireland. We will be visiting on route Hong Kong, Bangkok, and London before getting home. Then after a stay there we will visit Scotland for a sabbath before stopping off in Denmark for a few days on the way to Canada. We will spend Pentecost in Toronto and afterwards visit Pasadena for about one week. After leaving Pasadena we will stop off in Honolulu for a sabbath and then visit our members in Japan before returning home. My next letter to you will be written from Ireland when I will relate to you how our trip has gone.

### Final Word

At this time of year, brethren, it seems that discouragement often sets in. Passover, when we reconfirm our covenant with God and Jesus Christ, seems to be the time when Satan tries to make us believe we are never going to make it to the Kingdom and so why keep the Passover. We should all be aware of the fact that personal problems seem to be arise and bother us more at this time of year than any other. Be on your guard against Satan and against yourself. As has been said so many times over, we are our own worst enemy. Have you withdrawn into yourself recently? Have you wallowed in self-pity, hurt feelings or selfishness for whatever reasons? Recognise it as the spirit of this world and its author Satan. Now that we have confirmed the covenant let's be encouraged and realise that it is *because* of what Christ did for us that we *will* make it, if we stand firm.

Please continue to pray for each other, and please also pray for the safety of my family and I as we make this long trip home.

## SIMPLE WISHES

by Lorna B. Caña

Build me a heart, oh Lord  
that will be strong enough  
to stand up in the storm  
a heart that is broad in  
forgiving  
not proud, but humble  
in victory  
who, in bewilderment, knows  
the path of ease and  
comfort.

Give me a healthy mind, dear  
Lord give me a grace to see  
a joke, one that will learn to  
laugh  
but never forget how to  
weep  
one that will learn compassion  
for those who suffer  
a mind with a sense of true  
wisdom, courage and humi-  
lity  
a mind that is not bored, not  
weak

Let me learn gentleness, my  
Lord  
in all the ways of life  
in disappointments  
in frustrations  
in the insincerity of others  
in the unfaithfulness of those  
whom I relied

Teach me, good Lord, to love  
others  
and put myself aside  
to think of the happiness of  
others  
to share what I have  
to give all, expecting nothing  
in return

Above all, rear me, my Lord  
in truth, wisdom, in love  
to show to any fellow creature  
the good fruits of being a  
traveler on the road  
toward Eternal Life.

# IMPORTANT!

## TO ALL ATTENDING THE METRO-MANILA CHURCH

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Meralco Theater management has asked that we adjust our time of Sabbath services on the following Saturdays:

April 2 12:00 Noon — 2:00 P.M.  
May 21 1:00 P.M. — 3:00 P.M.

Otherwise, regular services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Please be guided accordingly.

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## Second Class Matter