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CAKE CUTTING — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong cut their wedding cake.

MR. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG'S WEDDING

The *Worldwide News* April 25 reported that Mr. Armstrong's wedding took place April 17 in the family room of his home in Tucson, Arizona with Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong officiating. About 50 people attended, most of whom were members of the immediate family or close friends.

The ceremony was simple and informal, with no music or formal attendants. After the guests were seated, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong entered with his father.

The bride, Ramona Martin, then entered with Mr. Rader, who gave the bride away.

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong began with informal remarks, saying, "This is a unique occasion, if not in all of history, at least in the history of this Work, for a son to perform the wedding of his own father." He told those present not to be "nervous, because I am nervous enough for all of you."

He then read through the standard wedding ceremony, commenting before beginning that he was going to use the same wording written by "this man who designed this ceremony from the Word of God when he was first called into God's Work when I was yet a little boy up in Oregon."

A brief reception followed at which cake and champagne were served.

TUCSON, ARIZ. — How did Herbert W. Armstrong come to meet his new bride, the former

Ramona Martin?

The new Mrs. Armstrong, who had been in the Work for 12 years at the time, was commissioned to personally bring a large quantity of promotional literature to Manila, Philippines, from Pasadena, where she was working. The literature was needed immediately for backup for Mr. Armstrong's 1974 personal appearance campaign there.

"Because of the urgency of the situation," Stanley Rader recalled, "she was asked to bring the needed literature as extra baggage and come with it on the very next flight out of Los Angeles. After arriving in Manila, I decided she should be retained as a secretary and a part of our traveling team."

"For the first several years that Mr. Armstrong and I traveled overseas we did not have any help, other than that provided by my wife and then later by Mr. Armstrong's daughter. By the time of the Manila campaign our staff had increased somewhat. Mrs. Martin had special abilities and talents which made her a real asset to the team backing up Mr. Armstrong."

Members of Mr. Armstrong's traveling team often ate meals together when there were no formal occasions scheduled. Mr. Armstrong said it was "at these dinners I gradually got to know her, and discovered a woman of talents and abilities far superior to what I had realized."

Mr. Rader said Mrs. Martin's role with the team expanded steadily over the course of the next three years. "Mrs. Martin

proved herself more and more valuable to us, and in addition to serving as my secretary she became more of an assistant and aide to me. She had a special knack for getting things done that no one else could accomplish."

As Mrs. Martin's contribution to Mr. Armstrong's team increased she grew much better acquainted with him. Mr. Armstrong said he grew more and more impressed with her abilities and personality, realizing finally that he was in love with her.

"At banquets and social occasions, Ramona many times had close contacts with wives of high-ranking officials," Mr. Armstrong said. "It was clearly evident that she fit in perfectly and was well accepted by any and all of them, as well as their husbands. She was entirely capable of meeting them on their own social level."

Mr. Armstrong came to the conviction that God was giving him "precisely the right woman for a new need I was now beginning to realize; a wife who could travel with me most of the time, a woman strong enough and young enough to withstand the grueling rigors of world travel which I must continue in order to get out Christ's Gospel message."

15 Years in Work

Mrs. Martin was first employed in the Work in 1962, a short time after she was baptized, and held various responsibilities in Pasadena over the years.

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CURRENT EVENTS

John P. Adams

Denmark, May 16:

Greetings once again, brethren! We arrived here in Copenhagen yesterday afternoon after a two-hour flight from Glasgow, Scotland during which the plane called at Stavanger in Norway en route. It was a beautiful day with sunny skies and Denmark gave us a warm welcome — warm that is, if you consider 52°F warm! Mr. Stuart Powell, minister in charge of the Scandinavian Work, met us at the airport and drove us to our hotel just a few minutes drive away. That evening we had the opportunity of meeting with three members plus Mr. Powell. I took some time telling them all about the Philippine Work and passed your greetings to them. They in turn wished me to convey to you their Christian love and best wishes.

Ireland

Before writing further about Denmark, let me go back some

time and tell you my further impressions of troubled Ireland.

It's possible you heard all about the strike called by the militant loyalists. They wanted to protest against the British government's lack of proper security and efforts against the terrorism of the I.R.A. The firebrand leader Ian Paisley and the others on the Unionist Action Council wanted all people to quit work and bring the province to a standstill. The call to strike was very much opposed by the Secretary of State Roy Mason and by other Protestant leaders and civic-minded people. The economy is in a bad enough state without the people making it worse by stopping work.

Damp Match

On the first morning of the strike the roads were busy with cars carrying people to their jobs as usual, and public transport was running normally. The govern-

MANILA CHURCH GREETES ARMSTRONGS

April 30 — An out-of-the-ordinary file of people going into the Meralco Auditorium this Sabbath afternoon surprised arriving members. Was there a special visitor needing some special-seating arrangement? No — just a unique effort by the

ment had warned that strict measures would be taken against anyone trying to block roads and keep people from their jobs. Groups of people hung about at factory entrances and heckled and jostled workers arriving. Intimidation was rife with workers receiving threats of personal violence if they didn't stay home.

Manila Church (on behalf of other local church areas) to send a special greeting to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong on the occasion of their recent marriage. As members filed, each signed his name on a custom-made greeting card.

Shopkeepers were "advised" to close their stores. No direct threats of damage were made, but the store owners knew only too well that their window might be smashed or their families roughed up if they didn't obey. The police and army kept the roads open and removed crowds and barricades. (Please turn to page 8)

PENTECOST OBSERVANCE

As we go to press, reports on Pentecost from the churches are not yet complete. The Manila Church, however, gave an outstanding holyday offering, which was 75 plus percent over last year's. The churchwide fast which was observed on the weekly Sabbath just before Pentecost was felt to have helped achieve that increase.

Pentecost 1976 came later in the year than did Pentecost 1977, so we hope the seemingly large overall increase in holyday offering this year will bring our income closer to, if not above, our projected income. Our fiscal year-to-date income is about 6% short of our expectations.

COORDINATING CENTER

UPDATE UPDATE UPDATE

This month of May, the Coordinating Center was much occupied with preparing the budget as well as the program of activities that are lined up for next fiscal year. Since these have to be approved first by Mr. Colin Adair upon his return to the Philippines in June, we cannot yet at this time bare the exciting plans that we want to implement beginning July this year. Hopefully, in next month's issue of CONTACT we will already be able to tell you much of the details of the approved activities for the Northeast Asian Work for Fiscal Year 1977-1978.

Suffice it to say here that our proposed activities, if approved, will involve more and more the local churches in the actual work of "preaching the gospel" in their own areas. This means, brethren, that you will find yourselves more and more involved in "doing the Work" once your local church pastors begin to implement plans in your localities. Some of you may already have an idea as to what it takes a local church to assist Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in "reaching out" to people. We are referring to your local church projects of sponsoring the radio broadcasts — the World Tomorrow of Mr. G.T. Armstrong in your own areas. This is but the beginning, we feel, of what you will all be doing later as you — the members of local congregations — assume bigger and more substantial responsibilities in what we have called *the Work*, that is, the preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Plain Truth

For example, in the area of Plain Truth circulation, our local churches may find themselves sponsoring newsstand distribution campaigns in their own areas. This, of course, is just a possibility in the near future. It may materialize, and then again, it may not.

Talking of the Plain Truth magazine the Philippine Office received a memorandum from Garner. Ted Armstrong establishing a policy of publishing only 10 issues of the Plain Truth per year. This means that until this policy is revoked, every year we will be printing only 10 issues of the magazine. We are therefore combining the August/September and October/November issues of the Plain Truth this year. It was also mentioned in the memo that this policy will "create substantial

savings in the PT area while not depriving people of vital information which may be found only in the Plain Truth magazine."

Newsletter for CC Graduates.

One other important development which we are sure you would be interested to know is our plan to print a monthly newsletter for all our Correspondence Course graduates. Tentatively we have named this newsletter "The Plain Truth Bible Forum" — a Supplement for Interested Students of the Bible." It may be a bit long as title of a magazine supplement, but we believe it is expressive of the real purpose we have in mind for the newsletter. This newsletter will be a *medium* or *forum* for learning advance Bible subjects by our CC graduates. Through this newsletter we will invite and encourage them to continue to keep in contact with us after they have finished the Correspondence Course. Any questions they may have on the Bible will be answered in the newsletter. Also from time to time we will announce in the newsletter the whereabouts of our actual Bible forums that may be held anywhere in the country. If they have therefore the chance and the desire to attend, they can always do so and then have personal contact with one of our representatives.

Right now the first issue is already set for printing. Again, all we need is the go-signal from Mr. Adair to have us print and circulate it among our many graduates of the Course. It may surprise you to know that throughout the Philippines we have already graduated over 13,000 students of the Ambassador College Correspondence Course. Among our graduates of course are YOU — the readers and subscribers of CONTACT.

New Deacon

Mr. Julian Bahinting of Dumaguete City was ordained the Cebu Church's first deacon, by Mr. Jose Raduban during the Sabbath service in Cebu City May 21. Mr. Bahinting is in the final stage of recovery from 2nd and 3rd degree burns he sustained recently. A story about his accident appears somewhere in this issue. His ordination brings our total number of deacons nationwide to 10.

Another Station for GTA Program.

The Pangasinan and Benguet churches and brethren in the northern Luzon districts (Iand II) have pooled together their resources and are now able to place the Garner Ted Armstrong radio program over DZDL, 1420 khz, every Sunday at 7:30 A.M. (not 8:00, as erroneously published in

ART CONTEST

FOR THE KIDS

By Violeta Madrid

April 24, 1977 was a great day for the kids with ages ranging from 4½ to 12 years. YAC A sponsored an on the "Spot Drawing Contest," which was held at the Manila Zoo.

I do remember some of the exciting and memorable happenings while watching the kids doing their drawings. I'll share them with you, and you'll probably be amused too.

CASE I:

Watcher I: "What are you going to draw?"

Kid I: "I want to draw an elephant"

Watcher I: "Okay you draw what you want."

Kid I: "No, I don't want elephant I'll just draw fish *na lang*, for it's easy for me."

Kid II: "Oh that's not the way to draw fish, its like this."

And the kid drew fish his way and drew another thing at the top portion of his paper. And the watcher was surprised to find out what he was drawing.

Watcher II: "What are you drawing?"

Kid II: "T.V. set" Ever saw fish watching T.V.?

CASE II:

Kid III wanted to draw snake and so the watcher brought him near the snake's cage. Then the kid began to draw what he wanted on his paper. And the watcher noticed something missing.

Watcher II: "I thought you wanted to draw snake, where is the snake?"

Kid III: "None. It's invisible eh!"

As I watched the kids draw, my memory flashed back to the time I participated in a Provincial

the PT), starting May 29.

Meanwhile, the GTA Program over DYRI (Iloilo City), 1280 khz, has been moved to 7:00 A.M. each Sunday instead of 8:00 P.M. (Rey Taniajura and Pete Melendez)

Art Contest, during my elementary schooling. Students of different schools who had potential in art were selected to participate.

The exhibition of winning entries was held in Pasig Capitol, and we were asked to see our own works posted on the walls, with designation of what places they got. Unfortunately, some of us didn't win but received certification of participation from the provincial governor. We were happy also to see our school officials and parents rejoice over our accomplishment.

The same feeling of pride

and joy were evident among the parents of the kids at the zoo. Parents of these children rejoiced over their children's works. They were glad to see their children do some art-work — quite hesitatingly but patiently drawing their subjects in the zoo. The kids were different in manner, attitudes, and character from the rest of the children at the zoo.

As the YAC announced, everybody won the contest.

We are looking forward to more educational activities like this in the near future.

ON CHILD REARING

Manila — Mr. Pike Z. Mirto Assistant Pastor of the Manila Church, spoke on Child Rearing during the Christian Living Class last May 1, 1977 at Ambascos, Port Area Office. The speaker discussed the subject with special emphasis on the stage when the child leaves home for school.

The 70-seat lecture room was packed to capacity with additional seats squeezed in to accommodate more who were eager to hear the speaker. Without this important aspect of child rearing, most, if not all, pre-school child rearing effort would be in vain. "Child rearing could be difficult (at this stage)" the speaker said, "because you don't know the problems... you don't go to school with your child."

GOALS IN CHILD REARING

Mr. Mirto reiterated the fact that every parent's child rearing goal should be: a) Raise him to be able to independently, willingly and wholeheartedly serve and obey God; b) Raise him to be independently responsible; c) Raise him to become a ruler. "Your training program," he said, "should follow a pattern which should lead to these goals."

"Since we want to develop independently obedient and responsible children, we must give them free play" continued the speaker. "A child should decide to obey and follow you, his parent, because he *believes* you. Because he *knows* what you are saying is *right*. In other words, you must

gain the *TRUST* and *CONFIDENCE* of your child."

Gain Your Child's Trust and Confidence

Mr. Mirto then discussed why a parent should try to gain his child's *trust* and *confidence*. He said that parents have no choice, "*Dahil hindi ka parating nakabantay, e*" (you don't go to school with him and watch all his actions). What makes child rearing difficult is the fact that parents don't know the problem, and they don't know the problem because the child won't tell them. And the child won't tell them because they haven't gained the child's trust and confidence.

How To Gain Your Child's Trust And Confidence

The speaker went on and enumerated some pointers on how one can gain his child's trust and confidence.

1. Through affection and attention. "Give your children prime time."

2. By being fair and just. "If you are fair and just and the child trusts you, he will even report his own mistakes to you. He will go and tell you his problems. So, *madali na lang ang* teaching and guidance. (teaching and guidance will be easy)."

3. Through consistency. "The commandment. 'Honor your father and your mother' is a commandment for parents to be honorable. Keep your words. If

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ON CHILD REARING

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you do, your son knows you more than any other person and you'll have his trust. But if you don't, he also knows you, and doubts every word you say. So, if you've promised to take him to the zoo on Sunday, then do it. Never give him a date if you are not sure, even if he forces you to."

4. Listen to your child. "When something happens in school and he comes to tell you about it, listen to him. Let him know you are on his side (yes, even if it's his fault). Of course he should be fairly and justly spanked (if he deserves it)."

5. Trust your child. "In school my son acts on the basis of trust. He knows that I trust him and he is afraid to lose it. Trust your children and see them trust you!"

6. Don't demand too much. "If you demand too much he is bound to make mistakes because he is just a child and can't remember all the do's and don't's you give to him. If he can't do them, you get angry and he feels bad."

7. Don't over-re-act. "You can intimidate your child if you spank him (because of your over-reaction) and later found him not guilty. Children are security-conscious. You should listen carefully if he relates an incident in school and let him know you are his *kakampi* (on his side). If he reports that his pencil is stolen, don't cut him short and start blaming him for it, because next time he will just keep quiet. He will not come and tell you of his problems anymore."

"Gaining your child's trust and confidence is what is really hard in child rearing," said the speaker. If you have gained it and he won't lie to you, guidance and instruction will be easy. All the problems they encounter in school can be handled as they come. Why not start gaining your child's trust and confidence now, before it's too late. If you have started your homework since your child's Day one, then, it will be easy for you. If not, then be prepared to work overtime." (J. Logroño)

UNUSUAL CLUB NIGHT

by Johnny Barit

The 17th session of the Manila Spokesman Club A, which was held at ACA's Club Room, R.M. Center, turned out to be a scintillating unusual evening. It happened by accident.

Indeed it was a colorful evening because the usual "cups for awards" and the timer's warning devices were missing. They were replaced immediately by our alert Sgt.-at-arms, Mr. Gesmundo, with improvised materials which proved to be more attractive and captivating to the audience, especially to the evaluators and speakers. The improvised materials for awards were the "highly spirited" empty Old Captain Rhum bottle (Most Effective Speaker); the "it's the real thing" regular size Coca Cola bottle (Most improved Speaker); and a bottle of Nescafe with "even more life in it" (Most Helpful Evaluator).

It was a very good combination because the club rolled on with high inspiration adding more life

in it. The timers proved to be in top shape with 3 post card sized papers inscribed with the numbers 4,5, and 6 to indicate time elapsed. Those who went overtime in their speeches and evaluation suffered not the usual buzzer but the knocking sound of plastic drinking container being hammered on the table.

Our deputy director Mr. Rey Taniajura, in the overall evaluation, expressed his enjoyment and satisfaction and gave us once again stirring inspirational admonitions. He announced the "valued opinions" of the club and the following awards went to:

1. Pres. Mark Sayan — Most Helpful Evaluator (Nescafe)
2. Dr. Samuel Librojo — Most Effective Speaker (Old Captain Rhum)
3. Mr. Teddy Cernal — Most Improved Speaker (Coca Cola)

The topics master of the evening was rated good and the toastmaster was rated very good.

Thank You God
For All My Trials

Trials and more trials —
They have been my constant
companion

Before and now after my
conversion.

With but a little wisdom

I usually complained and
grumbled

But now I thank God

For I know

These trials shall lead me

onward to Perfection

Lauro L. Purcil Jr.
Basa Air Base
Pampanga

Provincial News

PANGASINAN CHURCH

CELEBRATES 12TH ANNIVERSARY DURING DUB

By Napoleon U. Meimban

This year's DUB celebration was yet another important occasion of great significance to God's people the world over. It was doubly so to the brethren in the Pangasinan area because of the Church's 12th year. The church here started in 1965 as a small Bible Study group meeting once a month in the Rosales National High School compound at Rosales, Pangasinan. With only twenty-four people in attendance then, the church has grown to over 200 in twelve years time.

The 12th anniversary celebration of the Pangasinan Church also marked a grand come back to Rosales, Pangasinan. The Pass-over holidays used to be held at the RNHS ever since 1965 but in 1970, the school officials stopped giving the church permission to hold the holidays there. From then on, the Church transferred her DUB site to the Binalonan Community High School, Binalonan, Pangasinan, about 27 kilometers north of the original site. This year, the Rosales National High School officials welcomed the church back, after six years to the surprise of almost everyone in the church.

On the first day of the DUB, the pioneer members of the church, fully aware of the church's history, presented Mr. & Mrs. Pedro S. Ortiguero a beautiful

canvas wall picture, in appreciation of their untiring efforts and services overseeing the church area. The Ortigueros who were completely surprised by the gesture, were overwhelmed.

At night, the brethren were entertained with a show participated in by the Laconsay Sisters, the 'Lawlawigans' (Manila's Larks counterpart), the Rimandos, the Veniegases, and other talents in the area. The Pangasinan Church Band, led by the deacon, Mr. Benjamin Rimando, provided a breezy overture. The show was climaxed with the presentation of

a skit entitled, "Irresponsible". It featured Andy Veniegas as Chimoy, Beth Rimando as Doña Aldana, Samuel Aldana as Don Sammy, Nicy Ortiguero, Wilson Rimando, and Lani Laconsay, who played as the Aldana children. Greg Rimando, Fe Rimando, and Kyrenz Veniegas played the supporting roles in the skit.

It was a hilarious skit which centered on the theme of the wrong application of "It's up to you." It showed the irresponsible actuations of the wealthy Aldana Family; the elder Aldanas lavishly spoiling their children with their wealth. They, later, met unsavory situations in their lives. Chimoy, the foolhardy houseboy turned out to be the moralizing agent in the Aldana Household.



The Ortigueros pose with the beautiful canvas wall picture which was given as a surprise gift on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the Pangasinan Church (Veniegas Arts).



A scene from the skit entitled "Irresponsible" put up by the young people of the Pangasinan Church during the first night of DUB (Photo by Veniegas Arts).



Mr. Bien Macaraeg Jr. Assisting at the DUB in Northern Luzon (Veniegas Arts).

MINISTERIAL VISIT

QUENCHES SPIRITUAL THIRST

By Perfecto L. Dolojan

Cabulay, Santiago, Isabela, April 30 — Mr. Pedro S. Ortiguero, District Pastor for Northern Luzon arrived here yesterday afternoon, March 20, Friday for a ministerial visit to the less pastored brethren in Cagayan Valley. His visit was in connection with the plan to conduct Sabbath Service and Bible Study in the Green View Lodge in Santiago, Isabela, a progressive and centrally located town in Cagayan Valley.

Upon assessing the situation, Mr. Ortiguero decided to conduct a Bible Study only in the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Tito Mina in this barrio, about 4 or 5 kilometer west of the town proper. Earlier, Mr. Ortiguero sent someone to the Lodge to direct other brethren to Cabulay should they want to attend the Bible study. In fact, only five of us individuals who live outside Isabela passed the way through the Green View Lodge — one was a young man who later sought baptismal counseling, myself and my three children. Those of us who got together for spiritual drinks and food here included 15 adults and 10 children; majority were Cabulay residents.

During the Bible Study, Mr. Ortiguero informed us about the Work's activities that are going on in Northern Luzon. He described next the worsening world situation which is shocking enough to wake us up and watch. He emphasized that trends are ushering

to a better world under God's government that will end all worsening conditions. He admonished us to be steadfast and hold on to the faith of Jesus Christ through earnest prayers to gain endurance until the time of His coming. There were also questions asked to clear doubts during the open forum. He also counseled the young man who was eager for baptism.

Our Sabbath's affair was climaxed with good food that was prepared by every family, so that when the KKB (kanya-kanyang baon) were consolidated in a table, the blend was very colorful, delightful and very appetizing. The lunch was eaten picnic style in the same house. We were like one big family, eating together.

After lunch and some fellowship, 10 of us (my 3 children included) led by Mr. Ortiguero hurriedly took a passenger jeepney and proceeded to the town proper of Santiago to look for the residence of a Plain Truth subscriber who wrote the Office and requested for ministerial counseling. We spent 2 hours in his house.

Accordingly, he found the Plain Truth as the best magazine he has ever read so far. He said "The Plain Truth helps me much and I use it as my reference in connection with my present job with the National Irrigation Authority (NIA). I am with the information service and part of

FIRE THREATENS MEMBERS' HOUSES

by Jun Caligan

ILOILO CITY — At 3:30 in the afternoon of April 30, fire broke out in Baguingin, Tigbauan, Iloilo where two members — Mr. Roberto Gopez and Mr. Peregrino Castellanes — reside. Buffeted by a strong wind, the fire lasted for 20 minutes — and in that span of time it gutted down nearly 20 houses, mostly nipa huts, (at the rate of one house per minute.)

The first hint that there's trouble brewing was the commotion in the street. People were getting panicky, frantically running to and fro. Mr. Gopez and this writer (who spent that day with him) were busy in our study

my job is journalism. I am the less fortunate man in our office because I had not finished college, but my Superior Officer is bewildered when I quote phrases from the Plain Truth, that is why they don't want to lose me."

He was totally surprised on learning that the Plain Truth is published by the World wide Church of God, and was amazed to know that there are members scattered in Santiago.

Thus ended the ministerial visit, which I believe has quenched our thirst for spiritual drinks from God's minister and to help us remain as a watered plant in the midst of drought.

of the Bible — that day being the Sabbath. I was then studying lesson 6 of the Correspondence Course

All of a sudden, we saw billows of dark smoke so close to home. We wasted no time in getting the valuables and belongings safely out. This precautionary measure was not necessary, however. For after a few minutes the path of the fire steadied in its direction — away from the house of Mr. Gopez. We learned later that Mr. Castellanes' house (much closer to the origin of the fire) was also spared.

Heaving a sigh of relief (and silently thanking God for the deliverance) we resumed our Bible Study, although a bit shaken from the experience. It was just a mere 5 months back when Mr. Gopez transferred residence to Baguingin. Mr. Castellanes, on the other hand, was only a year earlier. Baguingin is around 21 kms. From Iloilo City.

Mr. Castellanes case was more remarkable. Brought by some unfavorable events, they changed home last March only. The very spot they left was right along the path of the fire. If not for the change, they would be homeless by now.

"I know that there's a plan behind our transfer," Mr. Castellanes said. "God is intervening in the lives of His people," he went on to say with some trace of emotion in his voice.

As for Mr. Gopez, this was the second time he had a "face-to-face" encounter with fire. Just last December, the house where they once stayed was also threatened by fire. And that was on a Sabbath too (this time Friday evening). Fortunately (or more accurately — "miraculously") the fire did not reach their place.

When we had fully recovered from the close call we just went through, Mr. Gopez jokingly remarked about the coincidence in our study of Lesson 6 and this "fiery" happening. As you see, Lesson 6 of the Correspondence Course is entitled "What Is Hell?" Surely, that was something of a "fiery" Sabbath experience we had.

MR. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG'S WEDDING

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In 1973 she began to gain Mr. Rader's notice, as a highly competent individual. "I became very impressed with her abilities. She could get things done. She was able to follow through and accomplish things no one else in Pasadena could."

In 1974, while still working for another department, she began handling special projects for Mr.

Rader "such as acting as hostess for visiting VIPs, mostly those we had contacted around the world," Mr. Rader said.

"As Mr. Armstrong and I spent more and more time away from Pasadena, it became necessary for us to have someone covering for us while we were away. It has to be just the right person who could strengthen the bridges Mr. Armstrong was building with people in his travels. Whenever any of our friends would visit Pasadena while we were out of town, she would meet them at the airport, get them situated in the hotels and escort them on tours of the Pasadena campus.

"She did such a great job that it was only natural that she joined our team when she did during the Manila campaign."

Mr. Rader pointed out that for years all of her experience and training had prepared her to be the kind of person Mr. Armstrong needed.

Family Background

Mrs. Armstrong, 38, is the former Ramona L. Crittenden of Muskogee, Okla. Her mother, Mr. Richard D. Crittenden of Pasadena, has been a member since 1962, and Mrs. Armstrong has a sister, Mary Ellen Dahlgren of Sierra Madre, Calif. Her father died in 1969.

She has a 15-year-old son from a brief marriage that ended during her pregnancy and was subsequently annulled.

The bride and groom talk with Garner Ted Armstrong as Robert Kuhn, center, and Larry Neff look on.



ILOILO CHURCH BEACH OUTING

By Jun Caligan

ILOILO CITY — At last, after several delays, the beach outing of the Iloilo Church was finally held. Last April 24, in the private beach "hideaway" of Dingle, Miag-ao, Iloilo, a group of Iloilo Church members, with their families, beat the summer heat by taking a dip in the sea.

An advance team led by Mr. Roberto Gopez, Church deacon, prepared the necessary set-up: inflating the life raft, readying the luncheon table, and setting up the volleyball equipment. While the kids took to the water right away, some men assembled in the volleyball court to play a game or two.

A few hours later, the second batch, led by Mr. George Hood arrived on the scene. With the cast completed, the outing went into full swing. Parlor games were started. A volleyball tournament was organized with Mr. Hood joining the game. After an exchange of "serves", "placements", "toss-ups", and "wallops", the game ended with Mr. Hood's side winning the exchanges.

Foods were served buffet-style. While everybody was milling around the luncheon table, busily taking their pick of the "fried chicken", *arroz a la valenciana*, vegetable salad and other delicacies, our official photographer for the occasion — Vivencio Millamena — took shots of the scene atop a coconut tree, a very good but difficult vantage point.

The beach outing was joined by about forty people. It was originally planned last January — but was set aside when the Iloilo Bible Seminar got underway. It was only last April 24 when we finally got the affair going. The "long wait" did not, however, dampen the enthusiasm of the group. Mr. David Babol acted as the Project Manager. Some brethren from Antique were with us also on that Church social.

One of the excursionists happened to be the first person to be baptized as a result of the Iloilo Bible Seminar. He is Adolfo Remo, a fifth year Chemical Engineering student. After attending the first and second Bible Seminars, he requested counselling from Mr. Hood. Finding "Bong" (Adolfo's nickname) ready, Mr. Hood baptized him last March 27. Baptized also with him was another young man, Norman Julag-ay, of Bacolod City. Norman is presently working with the Bureau of Census and Statistics, Bacolod City.

All told, the Iloilo Church Beach Outing was a nice way to beat the summer heat. It also enabled us to hold a Church social of our own — something we rarely have the opportunity these days. For these, we're exceedingly glad — rejoicing in fellowship, fine foods and games.



Iloilo Church beach outing, April 24, 1977 in Dingle, Miag-ao, Iloilo (Photo by Vivencio Millamena).

TOO LATE

In a barrio school where I was teaching before, a notice was passed that our District Supervisor would be coming to evaluate our school.

Since we fully knew that our Supervisor is a scholar in Pilipino and is aiming for a position as a Pilipino Supervisor, we became conscious of our national

language. It was also a coincidence that he arrived at ten o'clock in the morning, the scheduled time for our Pilipino subject. So we automatically switched subject to Pilipino.

Because I'm not fluent in this language, I administered a test while my co-teacher in grade one rehearsed her pupils on greetings in Pilipino.

"Ano ang sabihin ninyo pagdating ni Ginoong Lemos?" she queried.

"Magandang umaga po, Ginoong Lemos," the children replied.

"Ulitin ninyo," she wanted to be sure.

The children repeated it louder.

Without the knowledge of the teacher, the Supervisor was already standing at the door of the room. The Supervisor went out again, to give them the chance to rehearse. — Cecille Sotomil

THEN THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED

By Julian R. Bahinting
May 2, 1977

Friday, April 22, I treated my six grandchildren to a guided tour of a PAL passenger plane. I thought of completing their joy by leaving them a fine meal — goat's meat.

So I set out to skin a goat. As it was a preparation day, I was very much in a hurry. After lighting the blow torch, I started to skin the goat outside our kitchen. The blue flame belching from the torch singed the hair and burned the skin of the goat to the delight of the kids (for the pleasing aroma), not minding the scorching heat of the torch.

While I was about more than halfway through the work, four-year-old Tabitha from Lapulapu City remarked about the intense heat of the sun and the flames, and told everyone that it would be good if they could have a better view on the window behind *Lolo*. And they did.

Then the inevitable happened

The flame abruptly slowed and weakened. I thought there was no more air inside the tank, so I gave a good pumping. But still the flame was weak. Thinking the nipple might have been plugged up, I tried to clean it, yet the flame remained weak. Then I thought, maybe there was no more gasoline and began to shake it. So it seemed there was none!

I uncapped the tank. And then, BANG!

Like a weak Molotov cocktail, the out-rushing air and gas, ignited by the weak flame exploded before me! My right hand, after instinctively releasing the burning blow torch, bore the brunt of the angry flames and became another flaming torch to the horror of the kids. As my left side was against the wall, I tried to douse the flames in my hand right and arm. Luckily, I was half-naked during the work, so the fire on my breast and stomach burned out quickly. The spilled out gasoline on the ground caught fire as fast as it could and began lapping the

kitchen wall and the eaves of the barn. In an almost hysterical voice I shouted for the other children and nephews to douse the fire. Thankfully, in about more than half of a minute, the fire was under control.

In the midst survival and preservation, the truth of the phrase, "that a human body set aflame refuses immediately to feel the outrage of destruction" was very true at that moment. For it was only after the most pressing problems at hand were solved that I felt the almost unbearable pain and burning sensation in my skin. My wife was in downtown at that time, so someone gave me Baby Oil and poured it into the burnt portion of my body. But the intense heat and pain grew worse even after I had prayed.

Realizing the need for relief, I went immediately to a hospital.

After sending a message to Mr. G. Hood, our Pastor at Cebu City, for prayer and the anointed cloth, and in the midst of agonizing pain, I began to ask

myself these questions:

"What's wrong with me? Why was my four-year-old granddaughter able to entice the other five children to be with her in a safe place before the thing exploded? Otherwise, there would have been a stamped and possible injury to them.

After many restless moments that night in the hospital, I began to clearly discern my faults!

I was full of zeal but no wisdom. I failed to provide my visiting grandchildren even the elementary safety precaution! Then there was that so-called "Fatal Familiarity" in me! I had uncapped the tank as a short cut, instead of releasing first, the air in the tank through the air vent. I've been using this tool for a long time already.

By Saturday morning, Mr. Tony Espinosa arrived from Cebu City bearing the message of love from the brethren and also the anointed cloth and others. Then followed more visits by more brethren and telegram from as far as Manila.

By Sunday morning the ugly and dreaded forms of 2nd and 3rd degree burns appeared. Water from my body began seeping out

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Twin daughters — Jehanna, 7 1/2 lbs. and Jeranna 5 1/2 lbs. — were born April 12, 1977, wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Expedito Gubot of Tupas, Donsol, Sorsogon.

through the burnt skin and flesh. On Monday, more blisters appeared and the doctors kept dressing them. By Tuesday morning, the Chief Surgeon was amazed to see the wounds drying up and told me I could take my bath. Asked about the ordinary length of time a superficial 3rd degree burn like mine would heal, the doctor said it would be from 15 to 30 days "just like the one they released the other day." But by Wednesday, they released me.

YAC B

SHARE-A-BOOK PROGRAM '77

Back to school again and books will, of course, be needed.

Students will again roam downtown Manila in search of needed books and will probably go to the extent of borrowing money or withdrawing money from the bank just to buy a particular book.

Do you have unused books that can be of use to others? If you have, why not join the SHARE A BOOK PROGRAM and be of help to our students?

SHARE A BOOK PROGRAM is a Young Ambassador Club B project primarily aimed to help the students who can't afford to buy expensive books they need. SHARE A BOOK PROGRAM is a new name for RENT A BOOK PROGRAM initiated by YAC B in the past. The president of YAC B proposed the new name to involve everybody in the Manila Church. We aim to have a book program wherein everyone can share his treasured books to others.

How does this SHARE A BOOK PROGRAM work? For those interested in the program, just write on a piece paper your name, address, phone number (if any) and indicate the title, author and edition of book or books you

are not using and would like to share with others. Indicate whether you are donating the books or would like the books to be shared or borrowed by others and then be returned to you. Submit this form to Joe Binuya, Marinel Talon, or any YAC B member. This form will be kept in a folder as a reference record for future borrowers. For those who would like to borrow books, follow the same procedure as above and indicate the title of books you would like to borrow. If the books are available, we will inform you.

As of now, we have 120 books in circulation and the list includes books on Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology Engineering, Business and Commerce, English and Literature, History and Government, etc., etc.. We would like to increase the number of books available for circulation so as to have more sharing and participation and giving among Church members.

Why not join the SHARE A BOOK PROGRAM in its new dimension of sharing and giving and be a proud part of it? **GET INVOLVED!**

(Joe Binuya)

Who Was Able to

ANSWER MY QUESTIONS

by Rodolfo M. Agravante

Adversity, it seems, always has to do with one's religious inclination. Difficult times since my childhood had led me to seek answers to some deep-seated longings. At four years old, I went through the last world war and saw famine, sickness, and fear of the enemy firsthand. I was a sickly child and suffered from severe whooping cough.

To top it all, I had nearsightedness which resulted after I got ill to the point of death when I was barely three months old, according to my mother. In school, I could hardly see my teacher's writings on the board. I experienced hardship most especially during exams. Sometimes my teacher would get angry at me and told me bluntly to buy eyeglasses or discouraged me to continue schooling. Usually some faithful friends who were concerned about me used to read examination questions to me and I would answer them. Despite my condition I did not lose faith in pursuing higher education. My physical weakness so rendered me personally feeling inferior to my friends that I had to learn a life of adjustment for a long time.

All these ugly experiences I had led me to feel strongly desi-

rous of trusting God the remainder of my life. I started a search for God. But I did not know which of the many religions bears the truth. I wanted to have a basis for belief. So I started to ask myself the following questions: Why am I here on this earth? Who put me here and my parents and my brothers? Why am I here and what is the purpose of God placing me here? Many say one who reads not the Bible is without salvation. I cannot recall the very fine prints of the Book, will I entirely lose the opportunity for salvation? Where will then the innocent parents of my father's grandfathers be — they were "good" and generous but were unable to attend a religious group or unable to read the Bible. Will God subject them to the everlasting fire and condemn them to die there without justice?

I had these questions in mind for a long time. Since boyhood and until college, I kept asking these questions to ministers and religious dignitaries, but all of them failed to supply me the right and convincing answers. This made me sound like a free thinker with respect to religion, for none of them gave me correct answers to the questions.

One day I was reading a local



magazine and I was so attracted by the advertisement on the seven laws of success that I wrote for it. Just a few weeks after, the booklet arrived. I then started to read it with much interest. Then I sent for a free Bible course and starting from scratch I studied the Bible lessons. To my amazement I found the answers to all my questions. Then I wrote Manila inquiring what's behind Ambassador College. The Manila office answered that there is the Church of God for those who will be willing to surrender to God completely. Then a Plain Truth Lecture followed in Cagayan de Oro. The next day a Bible Study. I realized that I was in the right religion: the Church of God. Now I am very glad, my questions are settled. There is now a complete desire to follow God, walking the rest of my life, serving Him. The Church of God answered my questions.

A YAC "A" MEETING

by Florencio S. Sebastian

Young Ambassadors Club "A" members held their monthly meeting, with a slight change from the usual club format, at the seminar room of the Ambascos office at Port Area Metro Mla., last Sunday, May 8.

Before conducting the usual proceedings of the regular meeting, club members were treated to three short films — "Population Ecology," "Fertilization & Birth" and "Bridges To Space."

Cesar Montilla of YAC "A" contacted NMPC (National Media Production Center) through Miss Castillon (of the Film Loan Section) to make the film showing possible. Some visitors from YAC "B" also came to see the film presentation.

"Population Ecology" showed the life cycles of fruit flies, mice,

rabbits and hawks. Through experimentation and observation, it was demonstrated that the life cycles of these animals would increase, reach an equilibrium then decline. The cycle would repeat itself — which was affected by the environment, food supply, diseases and competition among species.

With man (in relation to his life cycle), he learns to adapt to and control his environment & sanitation. Since he has the time to study the arts and sciences he learns to increase his food production. Statistics shows that as population increases, food production should also increase or else starvation would set in. The film explained that "war is the pressure of too many people with little space."

The second film (also in color) showed how fertilization and birth occurs among the fish

species, as well as among the sheep, dog, giraffe, horse, duck,

pelican and owl kind. A simplified cartoon projection of human fertilization and birth was also included.

"Bridges to Space," the third film, showed a tour of the J.F. Kennedy Space Center. It gave the viewers an idea of how the parts of the Apollo spacecraft were put together inside the Vehicle Assembly Bldg. From there a mobile platform brings the whole unit to the launch pad. The launching of an Apollo spacecraft into orbit was also shown.

After the film show, the participants had a snack, followed by the usual club meeting.

Business matters pertaining to the results of the Art Contest was discussed. Other sports activities like Volleyball and Ping-Pong were also planned. Members signed cards to be sent to some of the sick brethren.

Other things taken up during the meeting were some social services to be undertaken by YAC "A."

A MELODY

"To my final love"

You're the reality of my dreams
Your pretty face forever gleams

You're an angel from above
Beside God who stands for love.

You are young and comely, dear
You're more graceful than a deer.

You're a rainbow that transcends
A stubborn weather near its ends.

Such a lovely girl to propose
Whose beauty is like a rose.

Who's worth a life to spend
Who cares for me until the end.

You're a raindrop of dry season
You're a blue sky of wet season.

In other words, you are unique
That's why you are the one I
picked.

Each day love grows, each day I
care
Such love as ours is very rare.



You make me distant from my
cries
You make my worries lullabies.

And ignore you, I shall never
for our love will last forever.

CESAR REVILLA MONTILLA

FIRST MINDANAO DEACON

Tagum, Davao

One of the early converts in Mindanao dating back to the 1960's, Mr. Marciano Moning has played a prominent part in leading God's people in the Davao area. The epitome of a zealous, indefatigable leader, he has tried his best to oversee the congregation here and give them contact with Manila headquarters. After more than a decade of faithful service, he was ordained a deacon by Mr. Adair during his recent lecture here, much to his surprise. He asserts he was happy to have served God's people and would continue doing so.

Early Schooling

Born in the sleepy, little town of Jabonga, Agusan way back in 1923, he has known early how it is to live during difficult times. Belonging to a family of five children, with their farm not fully developed at those early years when Mindanao was still a virgin land, it was impossible for him to lead an easy life. Schools were few and far, with no means of transportation available. Those who went to school had to risk life and limb traversing thickly forested areas inhabited by wild animals and snakes. Mr. Moning recalls that there was even a big river abounding with crocodiles which had to be crossed before reaching his school.

In the middle of his elementary schooling, he was about to quit due to financial hardship when he thought it better to get into the employ of his teacher just so he could finish what he had started. Until high school, he was able to work his way through school, diligently helping out in their family farm.

How He Got Into The True Church

Religion has always been an important facet in Mr. Moning's life. As a young boy, he remembers very well how his parents avowedly sponsored all religious activities of their church. Naturally he easily adopted the religion he was born into, the Roman Catholic.

One day, however, there was a cottage meeting of the Seventh Day Adventist in their place and for his curiosity, he was enlightened about the true sabbath, tithing and the law of clean and

unclean foods.

He was baptized into the SDA in October 1947 despite the vehement opposition of his parents. Thus, commenced his long association with the said church, his eventual marriage to Rosalina Asio and his profitable years selling all their publications.

He proved to be a big boon to the SDA through his diligence and faithfulness and was thus started to be groomed for a better position. The ministers' hopes, however, were dashed to pieces when after almost ten long years, he decided to sever his relationship with them. This happened when he met a former minister of the SDA who was discontented with their teachings, and who proved to him that Jesus Christ was not resurrected on Sunday and that the saints are going to reign on earth, not in heaven. He delved further into the Sardis Church and found out the truths based upon the Bible. His wife, this time, could not tolerate his new found love. Having been reared into the SDA, it was hard for her to switch to a different religion. Mr. Moning, however, had already set his mind. He told his wife she was free to go her way but he could no longer surrender the new truths he has learned. Afraid, Mrs. Moning studied the literatures her husband had and found out that he was right. Thus, both husband and wife received baptism from a Sardis minister in 1956.

Their association with the Sardis group, however, was short-lived for after only a few days, Mr. Moning discovered an eye-catching magazine entitled the Plain Truth. His constant perusal of the magazine made him aware of still other truths he didn't know. From 1956-60, he was so engrossed with the magazine that he decided to correspond with Pasadena whereupon he was told flatly that they couldn't offer him anything. Having been used to sacrifices, he told them that his only desire was to stick to the truth which would lead him to eternal life. So, in 1960, he started to attend the Feast of Tabernacles at Kiara, Bukidnon where he met Mr. Pedro Ortigueiro who had some interview with him. From then on, he began to lead a few converted families. First at Cabadbaran, Agusan, then at Monkayo, Davao del Norte for several years, at Maniking for two years and finally at Tagum



Mr. and Mrs. Marciano Moning with children (left to right Rodelyn, Rey Harem and Marilyn).

Letters TO THE EDITOR

I wish to express my candid thanks and gratitude to our beloved ministers who, with dedication and zealotness, accord us their precious time and supply us additional knowledge through the Christian Living Course. Never before had we been given this great opportunity to have better understanding of the principles of christian living through informed classes than we have now since the establishment of the church here in the Philippines.

I personally could not afford to miss the valuable knowledge obtained in the course as I consider it an ingredient in achieving our goals. The course is conducted

where he presently resides. He was also instrumental in the purchase of the church farm land at Monkayo about three years ago.

Wandering from one religion to another, Mr. Moning could clearly see the big difference of being in the true Church of God. He says the blessings are very real and they are here to stay.

With his ordination as the first deacon in Mindanao, he hopes to even work harder and live up to all the expectations that his new role demands.

Zenaida Z. Dulguime

in a manner where "the plain truth is made plainer" and both sides of the coin are laid down to aid us to have better understanding of the often misunderstood statement "it's up to you" and not to take it as a license to disobey.

Again, I reiterate my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Caridad U. Cutaran
Manila, Philippines

Dear Editor:

Greetings from Canada!

Thank you again and your staff for the CONTACT. It is a blessing and truly a pleasure to have. You just don't know how much we appreciate keeping in "contact" with the Work there.

We have followed with interest the reports about the successive PT lectures, Bible seminars and speeches you have given before varied organizations there and I must say that the Philippines, indeed, is blessed to have a part of God's wonderful Work carried out there.

Let me also say kudos to the Christian Living Class and the Leadership Training Class held in various areas of the country. I'm sure many are being benefitted by them.

Again, thank you for a wonderful publication and please find herewith a small amount to help defray the cost of keeping us in "contact."

Mr-s. C. Muledda
Ontario, Canada

HAD A GOOD FAMILY NIGHT?

Where were you last Tuesday night?

Or whatever evening you've set aside as your family's special time to be together (like some had been meaning to do even before Garner Ted Armstrong's March 10 sermon)?

How about letting the us know how you and the wife and kids have put into effect the concept of weekly family get-togethers? Your ideas may turn up in print, along with the recommendations and suggestions of other readers, as parents get reacquainted with their children and kids rediscover a world without television.

Current Events

(Continued from page 1)

On one morning there was a clash between strikers and the authorities but no one was hurt. The hope of Ian Paisley that every Protestant could support the action was not realised. The strike began like a damp match.

Life as Usual

The key to the strike's success or failure was the power-station workers. They were opposed to the stoppage and kept electricity supplies going so the factories and businesses were able to operate normally. Mr. Paisley went to the main power station at Ballyhumpford, Larne, where three-fourths of the province's electricity supplies are generated, and tried to talk the men into joining the strike. If they had agreed and had stopped work, all power would have been cut off and the people forced to stay away from their jobs even if they were against the strike. Some powermen stayed away, but not enough to cause a power-shortage.

Mr. Paisley had staked his political life on the strike's success. He told the media that he could resign if it failed. It looked like his political life was nearing its end.

But he is a great though misguided fighter. He next went to the heart of his own constituency, Ballymena, and the farmers in the area brought out their tractors and farm equipment and blocked all roads in and out of the town. Paisley himself, along with two or three colleagues, linked arms and blocked the road. The police warned them they were causing obstruction and would be arrested if they didn't move on. It was a well-planned strategy. He allowed himself to be arrested and so drew even more attention to himself and his cause. However, he was released later after his crimes were carefully recorded for future prosecution.

And so life continued in most parts as normal. Some shops stayed closed but most opened. Some opened only for a few hours to sell essentials like bread and milk. Still, threats and intimidation continued. Fear was the biggest weapon the "bully-boys" of the extreme para-military loyalists (U.D.A.) used.

Turn for the Worse

After about a week, during which pickets continued to try and disrupt workers, a gunman shot and wounded a bus driver. There were also numerous bomb threats to businesses and utility establishments. Train services were interrupted almost every day, and sometimes twice in the day, by bomb threats most of which were hoaxes.

Then last Monday or Tuesday, May 9 or 10 (I can't remember exactly) a bus driver was shot dead in his cab by a young man who got on as a passenger. All the busmen stopped work that day and after holding a meeting, decided to stay away until after their colleague's funeral. The strikers' action council probably thought this would really hold the workers back from their jobs.

But next day it was business as usual. Those who couldn't get rides to work, walked! It was another blow to the militants. What little support they had was weakening.

Of course the threats, the intimidation, the violence, were all condemned by the Action Council, but regardless the strike itself was a fiasco. So-called democracy wasn't the rule of the day. It was more like fascism. Instead of people willingly stopping work, they were being forced to stop by threats. But most didn't.

I must say that it took a great deal of courage on the part of hundreds of workers to go to work as usual in the face of bodily harm and fear for their families' safety. An Irishman can be stubborn if pushed against his will!

Not long after the busman was shot, a bomb exploded in a gasoline station and killed a man as he was filling his car. It so happened he was the son of a member of the strikers' action council. Then we saw human reasoning gone crazy. The father said that if the people had supported the strike his son wouldn't have died because the gas station would have been closed! But regardless of it being open, if the son had supported the strike he wouldn't have gone to buy gasoline and would still be alive today! What a mess the whole thing was!

Total Impasse

I could say a whole lot more about the strike. Just after we left Belfast last Friday night, the strike leaders called it off. They finally decided to bow to popular opposition to their efforts. But of course they wouldn't admit failure. True, some disruption had occurred. Economists reckoned the loss to the country was in the region of £25 million. But to admit failure would have meant Mr. Paisley would have had to resign and I doubt if there was a single person in the whole of Northern Ireland who believed he ever would! The strike leaders say it is now up to the British government or they will call for more strikes in the future.

The tragedy of Ulster is that a solution is almost impossible. Neither side will give quarter. I believe the British government is doing a Vietnam in Ireland. As the Americans fought a battle of containment only (and lost in the

end) the British seem to be doing the same in Ulster. They are trying to keep both sides apart. To wipe out the I.R.A. overnight (which many believe they could do) would antagonise many Catholics. To *not* wipe them out antagonises the Protestants. Where do we go from here? It seems that life will continue as usual until Catholic and Protestant, or rather more correctly Nationalist and Loyalist, can sit down and agree. That was tried back in 1974 and a massive shutdown wrecked the idea. The solution lies in the hands of the Northern Irish themselves. Until they can agree to some sort of a solution, the British government will continue their policy of containment to the frustration of both sides. It is sad for me to see my homeland in this condition. But only God's way can really solve the mess.

Scotland

On Friday 13th, we took our leave of our troubled homeland and flew across to Scotland. Mark Ellis, minister of the Scottish churches met us at Glasgow airport and took us to his home.

On sabbath I spoke to the Edinburgh and Glasgow churches giving them the news of the Philippine work and bringing them a sermon on our foundation. The Ellises treated us to dinner that evening after a hectic day of travel and rush. It was good to see our old friends again.

Scandinavia

Sunday morning we left Scotland for Denmark. SAS has a strike situation at present among their Swedish and Norwegian cabin staff. Fortunately our flight to Copenhagen was still on schedule and we made it without any bother. However, Mr. Powell informed us that it was likely the Danish staff would join the strike later this week. We now have to wait until Wednesday morning to see if our flight is cancelled or not. If it is, SAS will have to book us on another airline out of here. Actually, it may work out better. We may be able to get a direct flight to Toronto instead of

having to go through New York and changing planes. We are concerned that we do get to Canada for the sabbath and Pentecost.

This morning we took a bus from our hotel into the center of town. Again, it was a beautiful day today and the sun was warm though a cold breeze was blowing. Copenhagen is a beautiful city, well laid out and very colorful and clean. We spent the morning in the Tivoli Gardens where Andrew enjoyed many rides in the Amusement Park. After a light lunch we caught the bus back to the hotel. Right now Andrew is having a nap, and so is my wife! This evening we are taking Andrew to the famous Benneweis Circus, Scandinavia's greatest circus. This will be his first time to see such a

show and I must admit I'm looking forward to it myself! It's been many years since I've seen one live.

Hospitality

One of our members here, Mr. Eriksen, has kindly offered to show us around tomorrow. He is an American of Swedish background who has been living in Denmark for about nine years. We are also looking forward to that.

The remainder of our trip will be detailed in July's CONTACT after we have arrived home. We hope all is well in the Philippines and we are anxious to see you all again.

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