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A Better Life Through Self-Help

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Crops, Rabbits Help Latin Schools

Brazil

Like Jesus' disciples, who gained nourishment from nearby grain fields, students at the new Bible Training Centre in southern Brazil, will find themselves harvesting real grain before they enter the Lord's harvest of souls in full-time service. The Training Centre is surrounded by fertile acres on which maize (corn) is already growing.

CNEC Field Director Roberto Orr and Marcellino dos Santos, Director of the BTC, have been working with other nationals to cultivate the land to provide food and income for the school. Some of the maize will be stored for use as poultry feed, as the Centre begins to raise its own livestock soon.

Other portions of land have been planted with vegetables and fruit, and dos Santos expects these agricultural endeavors to help the school tremendously as it begins the training of new workers for Brazil's frontier regions.



Marcellino dos Santos and friends inspect maize

Mexico

When Daniel Prince decided to heed God's call to Christian service, he wondered how the Lord would use his skills in agriculture. After a short-time at Mexico City Bible Instituto, he found out.

The Instituto has struggled for years under severe financial handicaps, but God has always provided, and the school is making real progress toward its goal of providing the evangelists, pastors and Bible teachers which Mexico desperately needs. CNEC has been associated with the Instituto since 1968, and has helped gain new support, working with Dean Enrique Cepada and President Pablo Perez.

Daniel quickly saw the potential of the Instituto's rural location. (It formerly was a poultry farm.) He received permission to begin raising rabbits, and the project has been most successful. The rabbits are now an important source of food at the school and may also bring income from sales. Daniel who has degrees in chemistry and business, has also begun to raise chickens, sheep and pigs to help MCBI.

One day, in God's providence, Daniel will be a fine preacher and Christian leader. At present, he is helping fellow needy students and the Instituto by using his skills for God's glory.

Brazil Training Centre Dedicated

On February 19, 1977, national workers from throughout Brazil gathered on the island of São Francisco do Sul on the southern coast to dedicate the new training centre for evangelical workers. Several years of slow but solid labor backed by much prayer brought the school to completion.

The Centre is the fruit of The Evangelical Association for Missionary Development. a
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Philippino farmer with "loaned" animal

RELIEF PROJECTS AID NEEDY

Most nationals live with suffering. Poverty, hunger and disease are shocking realities in the majority of countries where CNEC gives assistance, and Christians, too, share in the struggles of daily life.

But nationals are not complacent. They have claimed God's promise to supply all their needs, and by faith have committed themselves to work in His strength toward the alleviation of suffering among their own people, while also bringing them the Gospel.

A primary means of achieving relief lies in development of skills and in the provision of tools to enable people to help themselves. CNEC stands ready to assist nationals in this vital ministry.

An outstanding example of nationals working toward a better life is the Animal Loan project of the Philippines Missionary Institute. Begun only last year, the project has proven a great blessing for the province of Cavite, where PMI is located.

Cattle are easy to raise in the Philippines because pasture grass is plentiful, and the animals require minimum care. Cattle, purchased by PMI through assistance from CNEC and other groups such as Tear Fund (Australia), have been loaned to poor families without charge. These families have raised cattle—usually one per family—and prepared them for the beef market. When an animal is sold the caretaker family receives over 70% of the profit, while 30% is reinvested to help others in need. Families also share in any offspring borne by their cattle.

Over 30 head of cattle have been placed with families, and PMI President Arsenio Dominguez reports new requests for animals come everyday. Other kinds of animals are being added to the project including chickens, goats, pigs and horses.

Elsewhere, CNEC has followed up its earthquake relief in Guatemala by encouraging nationals in self-help projects. In the towns of Chimaltenango and Palencia, for example, women are being taught sewing and other homemaking skills in centers directed by the Instituto Evangelico America Latina.



Guatemalan women learning to sew

SINGAPORE DOCTOR SLATED FOR AFRICA

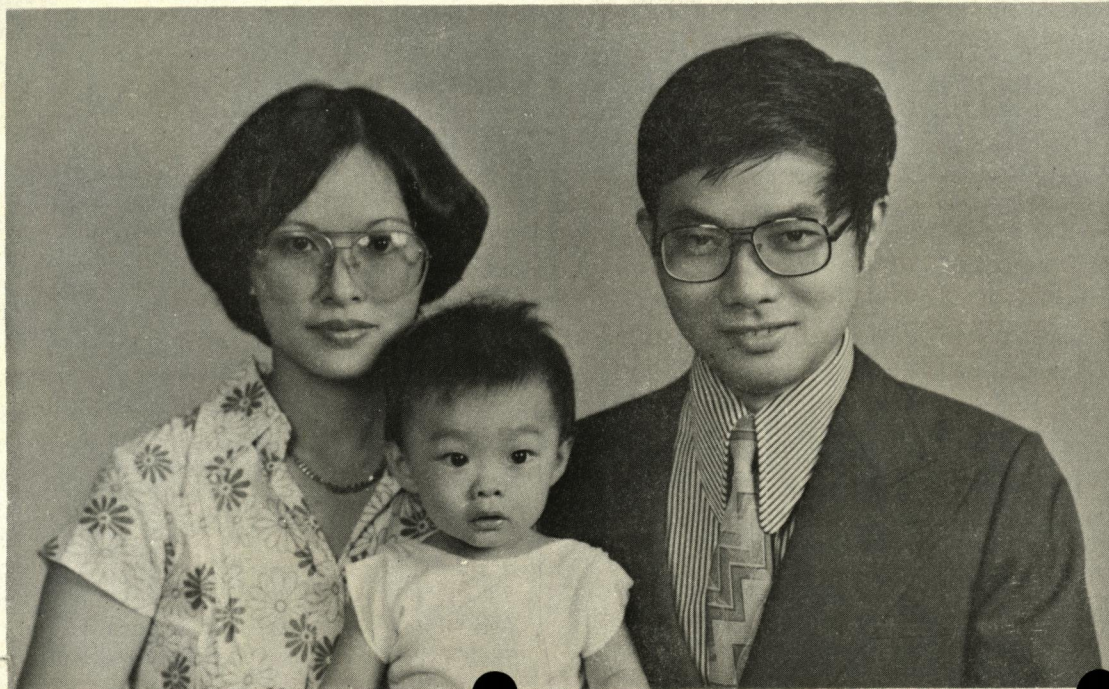
by Arthur Gee

Dr. Andrew Ng and his wife, Belinda, have been accepted by the Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) to work as a medical missionary team in Niger, French-speaking West Africa. Andrew is a deacon of CNEC-related Bartley Christian Church and a board member of Singapore Youth for Christ. Accompanying them will be their son, Nathaniel.

Andrew comes from a Christian family. While attending secondary school, he was in-

Then, before making their way to France for language studies, the Ng's will have a final opportunity to say farewell to their family and friends in Singapore. After nine months of language studies, they will be in Niger with the SIM Galmi Hospital.

Our prayers go with Dr. Andrew Ng and his family as they make preparations and travel to Niger for service to the Lord.



Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Ng and son Nathaniel

involved in the YFC meetings which met at the nearby Bartley Church. As a primary six student, he had dedicated himself to the Lord; but, it was not until he was in secondary two that he came to a full understanding of what it meant to be a Christian. In April, 1963, he received baptism and membership in Bartley Church. Andrew has been actively serving the Lord not only in the church but also in other Christian organizations. Besides teaching Sunday school, he has served on many mission committees, and was involved in the Missionary Conference (the first of its kind in Singapore) organized by the church in 1966. Because of his interest in missions, he was encouraged to talk to missionaries, and to read magazines and books on missions. Andrew was introduced to SIM by his former pastor, Mr. Andrew Shue. Since then, he has developed a deep interest and love for Africa.

Belinda Lim Chin-Choo, a member of Bartley Christian Church, also came to accept the Lord through the ministry of YFC during secondary-two days. Having joined Bartley in 1966, she became actively involved in the work of the Church. Training by Navigators has helped her.

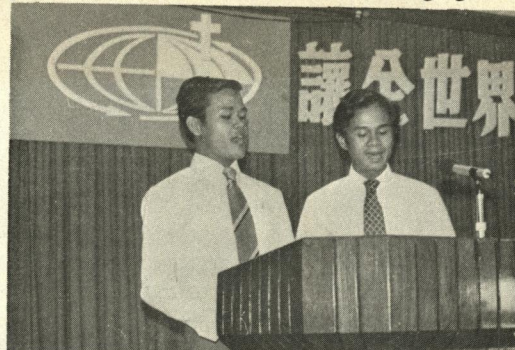
After receiving her secondary school education, Belinda worked seven years as an executive officer in the Ministry of Finance. She and Andrew were united in marriage in March, 1973, and were blessed with Nathaniel on December 4, 1975.

Andrew, who graduated from the University of Singapore in 1971 with M.B. and B.S. degrees, acquired the Masters of Medicine and F.R.D.S. Ed. in general surgery in 1975. He is scheduled in the middle of 1977 to see his dream of missions service come true. The family will travel to Australia for six weeks for briefing, candidates training and deputation.

Johore Bahru Again Exceeds Goal

The growing awareness and involvement of Third World Christians in overseas missions was evident at the second annual missionary conference of the Johore Bahru, Malaysia, Christian Church. The Rev. Thomas Cherian, CNEC India Field Director, was the featured speaker. He shared the platform with three CNEC-sponsored workers from Indonesia, the Rev. James Tjondro, Thiam Cin and Evangelist Sarijen.

The Church, which sponsors workers in Liberia, Zaire and India, had set a faith-promise goal of 30,000 Malaysian dollars. But, as happened at the first conference, the congregation



Indonesia workers Cin and Sarijen

exceeded its goal and pledged almost 41,000 Malaysian dollars for world evangelization.

Pastor Daniel Tan acknowledged the evident working of God's Spirit among the people and joined them in offering thanks to God for the great response. The Johore Bahru congregation actively witnesses in its own community and has helped establish several new churches and Bible studies in the southern part of West Malaysia.

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Brazilian ministry committed to evangelism and church growth in isolated and frontier regions. The Association now has workers on twelve fields and is looking to the Training Centre to produce additional national missionaries.

The evening dedication was preceded by a "churrasco"—a dinner of barbecued beef prepared according to a traditional Brazilian method. A Christian farmer contributed the meat and oversaw the roasting. Special guests from the Brazilian Air Force and Navy were present, as were local dignitaries.

School Director Marcellino dos Santos led the dedication service. A choir and trio brought special music and a local pastor delivered a stirring Gospel message to the audience of about 150 persons. The mayor of the town of São Francisco sent greetings through his personal representative, and CNEC was represented by International Headquarters Office Manager Charles A. Wilson and Director of International Communications, Donald Buchanan, who brought greetings from International President Allen B. Finley.

The Bible Training Centre, which began classes in March, has room for 10 students. CNEC helped in the completion of a classroom-chapel facility and a dining room kitchen building. Some of the kitchen space is being used temporarily for dormitory rooms. CNEC also aided the association in purchasing the land for the Centre, and is now seeking funds to cover the costs of furnishings and educational materials, as well as kitchen and agricultural equipment.

CNEC Field Director Roberto Orr says the school will offer courses leading to certification in three areas: Basic Bible (2 yrs.), Christian Education (3 yrs.), and Pastoral Studies (4 yrs.).

Those who came for the dedication remained for two additional days of fellowship, Bible study and planning. All agreed the new school is a great step forward in reaching Brazil's frontiers for Christ.

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