



*Special item re planting & harvesting*



*We are presented with fruit & vegetables*



*Addressing the children*

Saturday 5th. The usual dogs (arso) fighting early morning. Breakfast of cornflakes, bacon and boiled eggs. Priest Jayson knows our type of meal and his wife cooked it for us. No rice today. We made an inspection of the Bakery Co-op and then with Bishops, discussed what I saw and what was shown for the Northern District. All readily agreed. We then discussed with the Officers present, who will be ordained tomorrow. A new Bishop, Evangelist Padares. Three new Elders - Priest Jayson Deguzman, Priest Antonio Benuagen, Priest Dairo Diwayan. All were very humble and did not feel they can do what is required. I assured them, with prayer and God's blessing, they will be blest. Also a new district Evangelist will be ordained to support them, Evangelist Macazzo, the son of the late Elder Macazzo. This afternoon will be action, getting the church extra shade, extra chairs etc. ready for tomorrow and of course, two pigs have to be prepared. Jeepneys from outlying communities are arriving, much chatter as they all get together. Dinner is served at the church annex for approximately 100 and discussions with some Officers that have arrived and prepare for tomorrow service. Bowel on the move tonight, must not be getting enough sticky rice. Such an event is a great boost to village economy as sari stores seem to be open well into the night with people walking to and fro to visit relatives. Hard to get to sleep.



*Jeepneys arrive*



*And still they come*



*Rice being prepared*

Sunday 6th. A hive of activity this morning, more jeepneys arriving. Bro. Dagsi is very excited, one of the first times I have seen him keen to get started. He is walking around in underpants and singlet calling out for his clothes to be ironed. I told him he could not go to church like that! Down to Church to a very large crowd, over 250 plus children packed in, sent for more stools and chairs. We had to wait for the jeepney to come from Cabaruyan and Lingey. Service commenced 10 a.m. and finished at 2 p.m. 3 Baptisms; 55 Sealed; 17 Deacons ordained; District Evangelist; 3 new Elders; and new Bishop. Many surprised looks

at the Lord's choosing, but when the truth was seen, the communities, Officers and Members expressed their approval as they do by clapping. Very emotional time. Then Bishop Dagsi and Sister Esther came before the altar and a service of retirement took place, with sermon, special prayer and release of obligation. A specially made plaque was presented to them. After the completion of the service, Bishop Dagsi thanked all and urged all to support the new Officers. The new Bishop Antonio then asked all for the support in a sincere message. Then lunch for all, Filipino style on a table but no cutlery. Had to eat with fingers (when in Rome etc.) A wash then concert as many had to leave for a long journey over rough roads to their homes. Usual children's performances and gifts for the children from Lamao and Laban. Gifts sent home to other communities where children could not come. Some time spent in discussions with new Officers. Gangal community had to head home as word was received that they had a house fire in the home next to the Evangelist. Discussions with Retired Bishop and Sister Esther as to a gift from the church. It was agreed to get them a double bed and mattress. They will locate down stairs to save climbing up and down all the time. H.J. and I are giving them a tiled bathroom with a shower to save them going to the river to bath. They are very happy. After dinner I thought it would be early to bed, but no, celebrations set for the Plaza, usual gongs, dance and speeches.



*Members & children arrive*



*Is the jeepney coming yet?*



*More chairs please*



*Church is packed*



*Some outside*



*Too many officers for vestry*



*Service begins*



*Choirs from various communities*



*Bishop Dagsi final sermon*



*Children's choir*