

Moreno, Eleazar Alburo (1929–1986)

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Eleazar Alburo Moreno was an Adventist educator in the Philippines.

Early Life

Eleazar Alburo Moreno was born on May 8, 1929, in Pinamungahan, Cebu, Philippines, to Felipe Moreno and Andrada Alburo, both of Cebuan descent, fisher folk, and first-generation Seventh-day Adventists who converted from Roman Catholicism. He spent his elementary years in his birthplace and then at Pagadian, Lanao del Sur.¹

Education and Marriage

Moreno started high school at Iligan City and graduated from Mindanao Mission Academy in Manticao, Misamis Oriental, in 1949. He worked his way through school by doing odd jobs such as prize boxing, cooking, and fishing. He was the only one out of nine siblings to complete a college degree.²

From 1950 to 1952, Moreno attended Philippine Union Junior College (PUJC) on the Mindanao Mission Academy campus, then continued at the Bukidnon campus from 1953 to 1955 where PUJC was relocated and renamed Mountain View College. In 1955, he transferred to the University of the Visayas in Cebu City where he studied until 1957. Moreno finally graduated from Philippine Union College (now Adventist University of the Philippines) on March 1, 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.³

Moreno furthered his education at the Philippine Union College School of Graduate Studies in 1964, graduating with a Master of Arts in Educational Administration on June 25, 1967. His thesis was entitled, "A Study of the Current Administrative Functions of the Principals of Selected Private High Schools." He then proceeded to the University of San Carlos in Cebu City for doctoral studies.⁴

He married Priscilla Jimenez (1923-2000) on May 5, 1953, at the Philippine Publishing House in Caloocan City. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Ethel Luz (1955-) and Philip Eleazar (1956-).⁵

Career and Ministry

In 1953, Moreno began his teaching career in the elementary school of Southern Mindanao Junior Academy (later Southern Mindanao Academy).⁶ He transferred to the elementary school of Mountain View College in 1955.⁷

Moreno moved to the Visayas in 1956, where he taught Physical Education and handled the Medical Cadet Corps at East Visayan Academy.⁸ He also taught at the elementary school while continuing his undergraduate studies at a nearby university between 1956 and 1958.⁹ In 1959, Moreno was the secretary for the Education, Young People's Missionary Volunteer, and Temperance Departments of the West Visayan Mission where he also served in the Executive Committee.¹⁰ In the same year, Moreno moved to Luzon to complete his bachelor's degree, and while doing so, served as one of the faculty in charge of the Medical Cadet Corps at Philippine Union College in 1960.¹¹

Moreno returned to serve on the faculty of Mountain View College, assisting in the Medical Cadet Corps in 1962, then teaching in the History Department from 1963 to 1966, and in the Education Department from 1964 until 1968.¹² He also served as elementary school principal from 1964 to 1966.¹³ In 1969, Moreno became principal and business manager of Southern Mindanao Academy (now South Philippine Adventist College).¹⁴

Moreno was ordained in 1969¹⁵ and served as a member of the Executive Committee of Davao Mission until 1970.¹⁶ He was secretary for the Education, Temperance, Agriculture, Vocation, and Home Industries Departments of the South Philippine Union Mission from 1971 to 1974, and also served concurrently as Youth and National Service Organization Secretary from 1973 to 1974.¹⁷ He continued to be the secretary for Agriculture and Vocation-Home Industries until 1976.¹⁸

In 1975, Moreno returned to Mountain View College where he served as academic dean until he became president of the college in 1977. He retired from academia in 1979.¹⁹

In retirement, Moreno continued serving as an ordained minister in Northern Mindanao Mission, particularly working as a pastor in Iligan City Church until his death on October 3, 1986, at the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital.²⁰

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