

Jucaban, David Guasin (1918–2006)

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David Guasin Jucaban was an Adventist evangelist and church administrator from the Philippines.

Early Life

David Guasin Jucaban was born in Jaro, Iloilo City, Iloilo, Philippines on July 1, 1918.¹ At an early age he was orphaned and became responsible for his five younger siblings. Although his sister, Delaida, joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church and worked for the denomination, three other siblings, Zita, Reynaldo and Nicolas, never became Church members. Jucaban joined the Church under the ministry of Tirso Jamandre, Sr.—a philanthropist in Iloilo City—and his wife Segunda.²

Education and Marriage

Jucaban attended West Visayan Academy (now Adventist Academy-Iloilo), graduating in one of the school's earliest classes in 1937.³ After attending Philippine Union College (now Adventist University of the Philippines) for one semester,⁴ Jucaban married Lucia Magbanua (1920-), a native of Cabadiangan, Sipalay, Negros Occidental, Philippines, in 1941.⁵ Their union was blessed with six children, four of whom became teachers and denominational employees—Esther (1941-), Ephraim (1947-), Elizabeth (1949-), and Elias (1954-).⁶ Their remaining two children were David, Jr. (1943-), Daniel (1945-).⁷

Ministry

Although Jucaban lacked a college degree, leaders at the West Visayan Mission recognized his maturity and responsible nature. He was hired as a church school teacher in 1938, a position he held until March 1940.⁸

World War II disrupted his career, however, after the war Jucaban became a Bible instructor for the West Visayan Mission in October 1948. In July 1951, he became the mission evangelist, work which he faithfully and diligently conducted for the next seven years. His success as an evangelist and minister was recognized by ordination on February 11, 1956.⁹ In May 1959, Jucaban was appointed Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary, a position he held for six years before he was elected president of West Visayan Mission. In 1972 Jucaban was called to the Negros Mission where he remained until he retired on February 1, 1978!¹⁰

Later Life

Upon retirement Jucaban was granted an honorary ministerial credential!¹¹ He remained active in evangelism and community service in his local region. He was well-regarded in Sipalay City where he was known for presenting early morning devotionals, and leading seminars on time management and smoking cessation. As a result of his community service efforts, he was selected to serve as mayor of the city for one year. Jucaban passed away on September 25, 2006 and was buried in Sipalay City, Negros Occidental, Philippines!¹²

Contribution

His ministry endeared him to the community that he was asked to become their OIC Mayor for a year giving him the opportunity to introduce his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ which consequently inspired the church to do with the same zeal and dedication.

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