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Camporee, the Flower of Pathfinders

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Camporee is the pinnacle and culmination of beauty in the Pathfinder Club ministries. I had never served as a pastor at a church where a Pathfinder Club was organized until I became a conference youth director. Prior to that, I was repeating the busiest days of my life like a squirrel, being caught up in the upcoming meetings and events every week without any goals or vision for Pathfinder Club ministry.

For me, the turning point in Pathfinder ministry was attending the International Pathfinder Camporee held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin USA in 2009. The first time I encountered the Camporee was a culture shock. I was overwhelmed by the number of attendees, about 50,000, and I was fascinated by the various Pathfinder honor booth activities, parades, drill and marching performances, and the various exhibitions.

On the plane returning to Korea from the Camporee, I was completely reorganizing my ministry as a conference youth director. I had one clear dream, the first Conference Camporee to be held during my term. To see the flower called Camporee bloom, seed sowing and watering and many things had to be done first. So, I immediately set the following goals and started working on them one by one.

1. Conduct Pathfinder training for all pastors in my conference.
2. Train 100 Master Guides, 50 each year, for two years.
3. Organize 50 Pathfinder clubs, 25 each year, over two years.
4. Open and train the first batch of Pathfinder Leadership Award instructors as Area Coordinators.

With these four short-term goals, the first Middle West Korean Conference Camporee was initiated two years later in 2011. And that summer, something amazing happened.

Even at the junior and senior Youth United camps held every summer, the number of attendees did not exceed 300. But the Pathfinder

Camporee filled the Anmyeondo campground with over 700 attendees. To this day, I will never forget the emotion of being together at that historic moment.

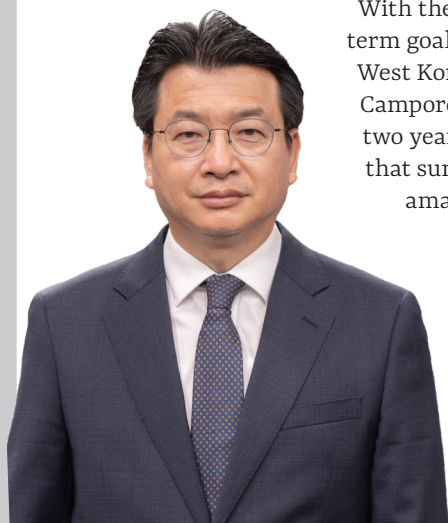
2012 was the first year I served as the Korean Union Conference youth director, and I had already been preparing for the first Division-wide Pathfinder Camporee a year earlier. About 4,300 people attended the first NSD Camporee held at Sahmyook University. Through the Camporee, we saw that we could become one in the spirit of Pathfinders beyond language, culture and race. Although there were challenges, we saw many possibilities and visions through the Camporee.

The 3rd NSD Pathfinder Camporee, which was postponed for a year due to the pandemic, concluded at Sahmyook University Aug. 1-5, this year. Despite two years of preparation, there were again many challenges. But by God's grace, the NSD Camporee was held on the day when the long rainy season ended. And amazingly the Camporee ended just before a typhoon swept across the country. While bearing the scorching heat, the 3rd Camporee had grown in every way compared to 11 years ago. Local churches had active clubs, and local conferences continued to train leaders as Master Guides and Area Coordinators. We saw that the broadcasting networks of the Unions and Division had increased technologically in the rapidly changing world.

About 16 countries attended the 2023 Camporee with 2,800 registered plus 1,200 one-day pass attendees, and on Sabbath, 80 precious young people were baptized as sons and daughters in God.

I cannot help but confess that everything was thanks to the grace of God. Although there are still many challenges and tasks remaining, we are so happy to wait for the various Camporees that are going to be operated by every Conference, Mission, Union, and especially the largest Camporee in terms of quantity as well as quality which will be held next year, in Gillette, Wyoming, USA.

Camporee is the flower of all Pathfinder activities. To make that flower bloom in our church, we humbly and sincerely sow seeds, water, and garden the fields of youth ministries. I look forward to the day when we can get together to celebrate the first universe-wide Camporee and smell the countless flowers of the Camporees with our true Master Guide Jesus Christ.



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The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to call all people within its territory to become disciples of Jesus Christ, to proclaim the everlasting gospel embraced by the Three Angels' Messages (Revelation 14:6-12) and to prepare them for Christ's soon return.



On the Cover
The Pathfinders are doing a hand salute in the drill competition.



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Focusing Our Vision

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The Camporee theme song and the shouts of the Pathfinders still ring in my ears. By the grace of God, the 3rd NSD International Camporee, which had been postponed for a year due to the pandemic, came to a close in August of 2023. I would like to look back on some of the meaningful moments and challenges left behind by this Camporee.

Camporee Basics

Despite the heatwave exceeding 35 degrees Celsius (95F) every day, the enthusiasm of the Pathfinders participating in various booth activities was more than enough to overcome the heat. More than 120 honor booths were operated. Participants were greeted by a variety of booths, including survival bracelets, rattan crafts, leather crafts, hand mirror art, cross-making, forest experience, rope play, and fire-making.

And there was a steady stream of foreign participants in the section promoting traditional Korean cultures, such as mask making, knot decoration, fans, ttakji, tops,

Hanbok origami, and kite making. At the American booth, there was a corner where you could experience the fur and bones of animals that live in Oklahoma; and at the Japanese booth, we could experience playing Kendama, a traditional game, and wearing a traditional Kimono. Mongolian and Taiwan booths also introduced traditional clothing and culture like drums and dances, allowing exchanges between members from various countries. Special booths based on Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence were very popular.

Another event that makes Camporees special is the parade. Every evening before the service, a parade was held by country, Unions, Conferences and Mission, with a variety of costumes. Groups wearing traditional Pathfinder uniforms displayed clothing or items symbolizing their association or unity. We could feel the solemnity and seriousness of the uniformed members, which created a strong sense of belonging and solidarity.

The Flower of Camporee is a drill and marching



competition. A team of at least 8 to 20 people form to express beauty in unity and moderation through basic and fancy drills. A total of eight teams participated in this Camporee and received applause from many people for their high-level demonstrations. In particular, the Mongolian team and the Onyang Eagles Club stood out.

Worship through Music and Inspiration

There are many events and ceremonies in Camporees, but worship is one of the most important evening programs. Instead of relying only on a speaker for the evening worships, the Camporee planning team combined musical performances with a sermon.

On the first day of Camporee, after the opening evening ceremony, the musical “Dreaming Joseph” was performed. Choi YeonJae, who attended the event, said, “Honestly, I was so immersed in it that I didn’t even know it was a worship service. I remember the pastor’s words about having a dream, but also having the right character and true love. I hope our dreams reach the sky and that God uses them.” Deacon Yong Yunhee, a club director, said, “I was even more impressed by the fact that we broke away from the stereotypical worship format to target our children’s generation. It’s been a long time since I was able to concentrate this well during worship,” he said.

As the musical ended, Pastor Choi HoYoung, NSD Youth Director, continued with a short sermon and appeal. These are times when it is not easy to deliver a message to the so-called Alpha generation, who were born with smartphones in their hands from an early age. However, it was a very suitable worship service for conveying and instilling core messages through the universal language of music.



Focus on Mission

Camporees are not simply one-time mega events for fellowship among Pathfinders and leaders. One of the most important goals is to instill a sense of Adventist identity and belonging to the remnant church through camporees. It is important to learn about God the Creator through various honor booth activities in the natural world and occupations, to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through worship and praise, and to be born again as children of God through the words of the evening worships.

Therefore, a baptism ceremony is held at every camporee. At this camporee, there were about 60 members who studied the Bible diligently at a local club and prepared for baptism.

Pastor Choi HoYoung appealed in his sermons for young people to become “those whose character is prepared to have Joseph’s dream.” And on Friday evening, he invited those who had decided to be baptized to the podium. But something unexpected happened. There were 72 people instead of the 60, who came before the stage expressing their determination. And to add to the surprise, some of the Mongolian and Japanese members decided to be baptized. The next day, on Sabbath afternoon, we saw a total of 82 Pathfinders baptized. Praise the Lord.

Camporee baptism is a unique baptism in terms of its attire. This is because both the baptismal candidate and the pastor baptizing wear the Pathfinder uniform. Perhaps the Pathfinders will never forget the emotion of this day.

A Spirit of Salvation and Service

A camporee's success does not depend on the number or size of attendees. Rather, it depends on the spirit of those who devote themselves and serve. Around 60 volunteers played an important role in this camporee. They did not shy away from doing work such as parking management and environmental cleanup and were always available to help wherever needed. We are also grateful for the consideration and support of Sahmyook University, which provided the venue and many facilities, an optimal environment for a camporee. Many international team participants praised the beautiful campus and pleasant environment.

A total of 200 people participated, including leaders of each club who operated about 120 booths, regional coordinators of each conference, Hope Channel Korea's broadcast media ministry team, the musical team, worship and praise teams, the planning team, life safety team, and public relations team. The entire staff became one in the Pathfinder spirit of salvation and service.

Compared to the previous camporee, this 3rd NSD Camporee has upgraded in every way. From planning to operation, execution, and feedback, everything was done in an organized and systematic manner. It was an event that highlighted the leadership and capabilities of youth leaders from Division to Unions, Conferences and Mission, as well as local churches.

Camporee is called the Flower of Pathfinders. However, flowers do not bloom once and end. When a flower blooms, it leaves seeds which prepare for another beginning. We will persistently train Pathfinder leaders, continue to

organize clubs, and start various events at Conferences and Union levels. And we all look forward to seeing the Pathfinder ministry bloom once again at the 4th NSD Pathfinder Camporee held in Mongolia in four years. See you there, "Focusing Our Vision."



NSD Adds Four Additional Countries



The territory of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division has expanded. Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Nepal, previously part of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, have now been added into the territory of NSD.

The Executive Committee of the General Conference during the 2023 Annual Council voted this proposal at the business session held on Oct. 8, 2023. This proposal was put forward by the GC Asia-Pacific Territorial Review Survey Commission.

As a result, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division will now lead the work of the church in nine countries, in addition to the existing five countries: South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Mongolia, and North Korea.

NSD President, Kim Yohan expressed his sincere gratitude to the world church leaders who have helped make this dream come true over the past few years. "Service and ministry in the new region will be effective only when we rely on God together," Kim said. "I am confident that we can achieve great and significant things if we move forward together under the banner of 'Mission First' and are filled with the Holy Spirit. In the future, in this new region, the fervent prayers and cooperation of the church leaders and members will be needed to quickly spread the gospel of hope."

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division has been in communication with General Conference leaders for this endeavor. In the spring of last year, the proposal for adjusting the NSD territory was presented to the GC which then formed the Asia-Pacific Territorial Review Survey Commission (APTRC) to explore the feasibility. The result was the APTRC recommendation to the General Conference ADCOM to attach these four new countries to NSD.

NSD Communication Director Byun SeongJun explained the background, saying, "This expansion into a larger region is the result

of a vision, and it has been discussed with world church leaders over an extended period, resulting in the addition of these four countries." He added, "To accomplish this, on June 30, 2023, the NSD Executive Committee voted a relevant agenda. It was a procedure requesting the APTRC to present a proposal to the General Conference for the inclusion of these four countries in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division."

Byun continued, "Based on the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, where it says, 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you,' our regional motto has been 'Mission First.'"

NSD President Kim YoHan added his personal thoughts on this change for NSD: "With the expansion, we now have greater challenges and opportunities. These challenges can only be achieved through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, as well as the fervent prayers and helping hands of the church leaders and members." He called for active interest and cooperation in this new endeavor.





Tokyo Welcomes Its First Urban Center of Influence

Daniel Meder
Assistant director of Mission Unusual Tokyo Project

The first Adventist Center of Influence in Japan, the Yanagi Adventist Community Center, opened its doors on Sept. 26, 2023. Located in Nakano, Tokyo, known for its anime and manga stores, this center offers far more than the iconic Japanese comic genres in the area. Its mission is to provide a friendly space for young Adventist church planters and to be a blessing to the surrounding community, establishing connections and becoming a focal point for community service, as well as mental, social and spiritual health.

The Urban Center of Influence (UCI) is an integral part of the Mission Unusual Tokyo project, a joint initiative of the General Conference, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, and Japan Union Conference, to foster a church plant movement among the Japanese lay leaders in Tokyo.

Situated near Nakano Broadway, a nexus for subcultures in Tokyo, the UCI is central to the strategy of propelling the church plant movement in the city.

GC, NSD, and JUC leaders cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of UCI.



This strategy encompasses church planting residency, coaching for planters, and creating new resources to aid the Japanese in their mission to connect with non-Christian friends.

One challenge faced in church planting in Japan is the non-Christian’s hesitation to enter Christian worship spaces. Additionally, securing locations for these gatherings can take time and effort. Positioned near two subway stations, the UCI provides a space for church plant initiatives needing a venue. Its welcoming and neutral ambiance makes it easier for church planters to invite non-Christian friends for worship, Bible studies, social events, or even community service planning in the area. During the week, the UCI offers activities like English conversation clubs, mental health workshops, leadership sessions, game nights, movie nights, cooking classes, and more.

Opening ceremony of the Yanagi Adventist Community center located in Nakano Tokyo, Japan.



Child Guidance

아이들이 어렸을 때에
가정 학교에서
하나님을 경외하는 가운데
교육하고 훈련시키라.

To welcome the autumn season, the Women’s Ministry of the South-East Korean Conference conducted a “Child Guidance” book club from September 4-8, 2023. The month-long book club had 53 participants and was conducted through a KakaoTalk chat room. The goal was to complete both volumes of Ellen G. White’s “Child Guidance” and share their thoughts.

Every morning, a summary of the content for the day, discussion questions, and links to the audio version of "Child Guidance" were provided. Participants read the assigned portions daily, shared their impressions, and discussed their insights weekly.

A common sentiment among the participants was that “There are many parenting guides out there, but Ellen G. White’s ‘Child Guidance’ is an exceptional resource for parenting.” It’s a book they would recommend not only to young couples before starting a family but also to parents with grown children. Here are some of the participants’ reflections:

*Names are nicknames
Happy Life: I didn’t achieve much on my own, using the excuse of being busy after giving birth to my child, but I’m glad we’ve completed this reading journey together. Every day, I will pray for the salvation of our family, and I aim to live in accordance with God’s commandments day by day. As I read this book, I envision becoming the kind of person who, when God asks, “Where

Running a Book Club Featuring “Child Guidance” Brings Women Together Online in a Live Chatroom

Yun Choung Sil
KUC WM/FM Director

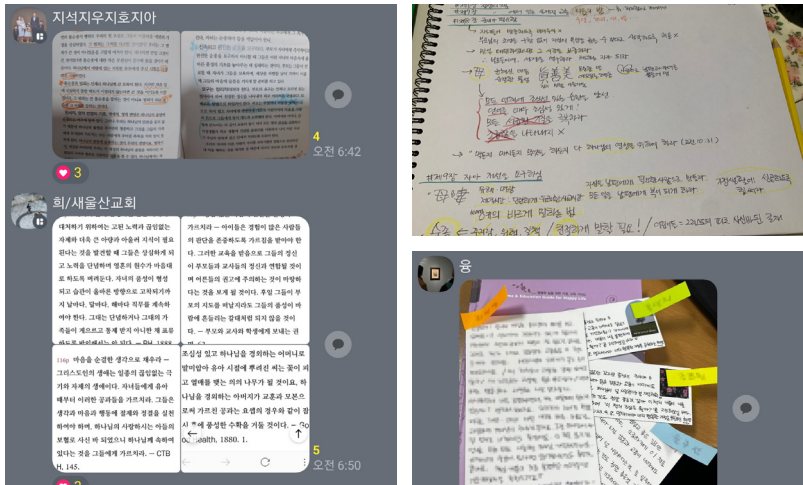
is your child?” can confidently respond, “Here they are!”

Doong-E: Reading this book, I feel a lot of regret and self-reflection about how I used to give in to my children’s demands because they were so adorable. However, I am also grateful that even at this moment, I can read this book and make the necessary corrections.

Jae-Hun: I read “Child Guidance” for the first time when the officiating pastor recommended it and asked for reflections. However, I stopped reading it midway, and 6 years have passed. After I read many parenting books, I started to read “Child Guidance” again through this book club. From the very first chapter, I couldn’t afford to miss a single line. I wondered why I didn’t know about this right guidance and the correct path back then. Looking back, I am grateful that even now, it’s not too late to read and apply it. I spent a week with this feeling of gratitude.

Joseph: I found strength in the realization that I’m not alone in parenting; the Lord is my co-worker. I understand that it’s not that I don’t have time for His Word, but that I haven’t made time for it.

Using a digital platform for a book club worked perfectly. The women came together to learn and grow collectively. This a perfect way to reach women in this digital age.



Korean Union Conference Celebrates “enditnow” with Hope for Families Counseling Center

Yun Choung Sil
KUC WM/FM Director

In celebration of the 2023 "enditnow" global emphasis day, various initiatives were undertaken in the Korean Union Conference Territory. Campaign efforts included the creation of videos addressing abuse prevention as well as sermons and videos on how to create safe churches. Furthermore, campaigns against abuse were conducted in churches, hospitals, and schools. These campaigns were fueled by a deep sense of empathy for the current victims who suffer and endure the various forms of abuse within the church, and they aimed to provide solace and healing through prayer.

Guidance and promotion of the "Hope for Families Violence Counseling Center" within the Korean Union Conference were provided, along with the promotion of the helpline number, with the intention of extending help to those still struggling under the shadow of abuse.

Additionally, with the hope of a world free from abuse and violence, banners with the "End It Now" message were created and displayed both inside and outside churches. This was an effort to share the values and goals held by the church with the local community and gain their interest.

In addition, seminars on sexual education were organized in the East Central Korea Conference to establish biblical values regarding sexuality and to educate parents on how to teach their children. The need for sexual education in schools and homes has become even more pronounced post-COVID, and parents who participated in this education gained valuable information and guidance on how to raise their children within a biblical worldview, recognizing that our children are created in the image of God and loved by Him.



Harmonizing Faith and Learning: The BFFL Leadership Workshop

As the summer break enveloped the campus, Sahmyook University orchestrated an engaging and thought-provoking event tailored exclusively for its esteemed faculty members – the ‘BFFL Leaders Club Workshop.’ Held over four days, from Aug. 11-14, 2023, this scholarly gathering unfolded within the serene confines of Sahmyook University’s Jang GeunCheol Hall, nestled within the International Education Institute.

BFFL, an acronym that encapsulates ‘Biblical Foundation of Faith and Learning,’ represents an unwavering commitment to infuse Christian principles at the very heart of both specialized and general course curricula. This innovative educational paradigm challenges professors to revisit their academic domains from a gospel perspective and, in turn, effectively convey this essential fusion to their students.

Sahmyook University, a trailblazer that introduced the distinctive BFFL model in 2020, has since been passionately advocating for its expansion and application.

The workshop attracted spirited participation from 35 distinguished scholars representing 16 diverse departments, spanning fields such as Nursing, Architecture, Sports Science, Art and Design, and the Department of Artificial Intelligence.

With a curriculum spanning 21 hours, the workshop featured Dr. Bob Overstreet, Director of the BFFL Center at Southern Adventist University in the United States, as the guest lecturer. Dr. Overstreet guided attendees through a tapestry of captivating topics, including an exploration of ‘Why Sahmyook University?’—a comparative analysis between Transactional Professors and Transformational Professors, strategies for ‘Integrating Faith and Scholarship,’ crafting courses steeped in Scripture, identifying pivotal Bible verses to fortify course content, techniques for seamlessly weaving Bible verses across the curriculum, and an expedition into Concept Words

– Definition Sentences – Biblical Examples – Concept Diagrams.

Post-lecture sessions saw faculty members congregating into smaller groups, fostering a dynamic environment for the exchange of insights and the collaborative formulation of practical implementations of the principles discussed.

Professor Kim JuYoung from the Department of Health Care Management, one of the dedicated workshop participants, shared her insights: “In the midst of the relentless demands of academia, this workshop served as a profound reminder of our sacred duty as Christian educators. It has undoubtedly rekindled my enthusiasm and equipped me with fresh perspectives as we prepare for the forthcoming academic semester.”

Professor Lee TaeEun from the Department of Architecture added, “I am convinced that Sahmyook University, with its unique educational philosophy, stands at the cusp of modernizing and solidifying its methodologies. May our collective endeavors continue to flourish in this direction.”

In his closing remarks, President Kim IlMok underscored the pivotal role Christian universities play, stating, “Within the intricate tapestry of South Korea's educational landscape, Christian universities encounter unique challenges in imparting biblical wisdom to students. Yet, the unwavering faith exhibited by our professors in our spiritual values, worldviews, and the seamless integration of faith and scholarship imparts an unparalleled Christian education.” He concluded, "It is my hope that the profound principles of BFFL will permeate far and wide, seeping deeply into every classroom. As educational institutions increasingly embrace a pivotal role in fulfilling the mission of this final era, I am confident that our collective efforts will leave an indelible mark.”



“The Best You Can Be” TWC Ministerial Spouses Association Retreat



Raquel Arrais
NSD Children's/Family/
Women's Ministries Director

The Taiwan Conference Ministerial Spouses Association aims to provide a platform that combines learning, growth, interaction, participation, communication, and dialogue. This helps pastors' wives in TWC establish a holistic view of ministry that includes body, mind, and soul, helping them to face the joys and challenges in pastoral ministry.

This year, TWC Ministerial Spouses Association organized its annual Retreat from Sep.30-Oct.2, 2023. The event included sessions on the role of the pastor's wife, interpersonal skills, re-creating pastoral couples' relationships, and activities such as group discussion, prayer sessions and fellowship. This year, wives from various regions enthusiastically participated in the event, surpassing previous attendance numbers.

We were honored to have Raquel Arrais from the NSD Ministerial Association as the main speaker. Her insights profoundly inspired the pastors' wives. Her words illuminated the broader scope of service for them. “We are not confined within the walls of our own churches; we are meant to venture out, connect with new souls, and engage in the ministry of relationships. It is through extending comfort, encouragement, and sharing that we, too, experience personal growth and the joy of service,” Arrais said.

“We express our profound gratitude to Raquel Arrais for her meticulous preparation for each session where all the participants were deeply moved,” said Winona, TWC Ministerial Spouses Association coordinator.

We firmly believe that through this Ministerial Spouses meeting, pastors' wives have been deeply nourished in body, mind, and spirit. Whether through the enriching seminars, the thoughtful messages of our speaker, or the hands-on activities, the retreat brought new

commitments, blessings, and inspiration to continue our ministry along with our spouses in these challenging times.

We offer our gratitude to God for orchestrating this retreat in such a beautiful way. Through Him, yes, we can be “the best we can be.”

“Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us. Make the work of our hands last. Make the work of our hands last!” Psalm 90:17



“I Am a Woman God Can Use” 2023 Taiwan Women Leaders Conference

Women's Ministries exists to support, encourage, and challenge Seventh-day Adventist women as disciples of Jesus Christ and to empower them to develop their God-given potential as they exalt Christ in the church and the world.

On September 22-24, 2023, women gathered at the Sanyu Health Education Center on the campus of Taiwan Adventist College for a revival and refocus of their ministries in their local congregations throughout Taiwan. This meeting addressed topics under the theme “I am a Woman God Can Use.”

“We look forward to elevating the value of women as created and redeemed by God, enabling women to have a rooted faith and experience spiritual growth and renewal. We want to provide more ways for women to practice Christian service. As women, we are empowered to share the gospel to our families, churches and the unsaved by exercising the goodness that is in Christ Jesus,” said Pastor Joyce Chen, Taiwan Conference Women's Ministries Director.

More than 80 women from churches in the 10 districts in the Taiwan Conference participated. Testimonies were shared, reports were presented and together they encouraged each other and found inspiration to continue to reach others for Christ. Music was part of this revival where women sang together and praised God with their hearts. They hugged each other, cried, and laughed

together, and let the joy of the Lord flow into their lives.

The speakers for this event were Raquel Arrais (Director of NSD Women's Ministry) and Grace Kim (Samhyook University Music Professor in South Korea.) Raquel's three messages about “I am a Woman God Can Use”—with joy, in service, and in freedom—helped women to see solutions and new possibilities as they serve Jesus and build up their spiritual journey day by day. Every message stirred the souls and lives of the women leaders.

Grace Kim brought much joy to the attendees as she presented ways to praise God through songs and thanksgiving. All the women had the privilege to sing together in a beautiful choir under her leading, which inspired everyone to praise more and rejoice always in the Lord.

Raquel Arrais gave a prayer of consecration over the women, and Grace Kim blessed them with the song “Jesus Led all the Way.” Women left committed to “go” and reach their world.

“Each of us has been called to accept God's free gift of salvation, and then let the love of Christ flow to others reaching out, touching and transforming our world with the love of Christ,” said Joyce Chen, TWC WM Director.

“Then we will hear the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ And we will say, ‘Here I am, send me!’ (Isaiah 6:8). Yes, I Am a Woman God Can Use.”



Taiwan Conference Ministerial Training on Church Growth



Clark Ke
TWC Ministerial Secretary

A ministerial training on church growth was held September 26-28, 2023, at San Yu Health Education Center, with a total of 83 pastors and co-workers attending. The keynote speakers were Jonas Arrais, the Ministerial Association Secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, and Raquel Arrais, the Ministerial Spouses Association Director. They shared their experiences in ministry over the years, revolving around the theme of, “Ministry and Mission.”

Raquel Arrais’s morning devotions deeply touched the hearts of all participants, using the experiences of Paul and Elijah to inspire a passion for spreading the gospel. Jonas Arrais’s special sessions on church growth and Total Member Involvement were filled with practical examples drawn from his years of ministry. He encouraged pastors to apply these practical principles in our own ministry work.

It was a great opportunity for learning and spiritual enrichment where pastors could renew their commitment to continue moving forward in mission.

Some comments from the pastors:

Pastor Yumei Sha: Among the “13 Principles of Church Growth” presented by Pastor Jonas, the third principle, “Make appeals in each sermon,” deeply resonated with me,

particularly when he said, “Deliver each sermon as if it were the last one in your life; if you do it, your sermon will be different.”

Pastor Zhihui Huang: Pastor Jonas is an experienced pastor who highlighted common mistakes we make in our ministry. He also presented the correct mindset we should have as ministers, taking pride in spreading the gospel and glorifying God through our roles as messengers. I found his encouragement very beneficial.

Pastor Angjue Kang: As a young minister, the idea of mobilizing all believers and involving them in the church's sacred work was the most memorable aspect of this seminar. Spiritually nurturing the church members and training them for service outreach is vital. I greatly appreciated the practical insights shared by Raquel and Jonas Arrais.

Pastor Jingmao Chiu: Director Raquel Arrais’s two morning devotions were truly heartwarming. She touched on the aspect of emotional renewal, and I can’t wait to share this with my fellow brothers and sisters in the church. On the other hand, Pastor Jonas discussed the real challenges and difficulties in ministry and offered practical methods and principles to address them. We greatly benefited from them.



Mongolia Mission Cares for Elderly Members

Every year in October, Mongolia Mission’s Family Ministry service team organizes an event for its elderly members.

This year the program was organized at the Ulaanbaatar Central Church on October 1, 2023. Eighteen local churches sent elderly members to the event. They were also encouraged to invite new elderly friends to the celebration, making it a special evangelistic event.

A total of 94 elderly people attended the program with about 30 newcomers. Pastors helped with transportation. They gathered and praised the Lord, prayed together and enjoyed fun activities including team building games. A special sermon was given. All of them were very happy to grow in the Lord’s love on that special gathering.

18 local churches sent elderly members to the event.



Total of 94 elders attended the program.



Participants are praising the Lord together.



Reaching Out to the Community with Love



On September 11-15, 2023, nine Women's Ministries leaders from different churches in Mongolia led by Oyuntuya Batsukh, Mongolia Mission WM director, joined together as an evangelistic team to serve and reach out to the community around the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nalaikh district in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. These women saved money and resources to provide help for the needs in the district. They served with their time, talents, and gifts to help those in need.

As part of their service, they organized a variety of ministries to attend to different needs in the community. Family Health topics were presented to various groups of people including government organization employees. The Church plans to organize more training to reach them with the health message in the future.

The women's team also provided visitation, Bible study, massage, health counseling and the Korean Tongi magnetic treatment for those who came to the church searching for healing. The employees of some institutions were measured by health indicators and the probability of disease was determined. Additional programs, such as morning exercise clubs, were held in the church building to serve the community.



Oyuntuya Barsukh
MM Women's/Family Ministries Director



The women prepared a series of messages based on "Repentance," to help people understand that forgiveness and grace is available through Jesus Christ.

"People were very touched by the messages as they saw that there is always a better way to live," said Batsukh. The women also provided a series on the book of Proverbs teaching on how to growth in faith.

The attendees came from numerous government departments --54 employees of Nalaikh District Police Department, 15 employees of the Department of Family, Children and Youth Development, 26 employees of the Emergency Department, 12 employees of the Social Insurance Department, 14 employees of the tax office, 16 employees of Kindergarten No. 151, seven employees of the 1st committee of Nalaikh district, 34 employees of the Department of Energy. A total of 178 people participated in the training, and about 120 people registered to learn more about Jesus.

The women returned to their local churches with joy and ready for more. They know that the mission continues, and God can use them to fulfill His mission "in such a time as this."



"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye when the LORD brings back Zion." – Isaiah 52:7-8

The 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) for the second season of the year 2023, successfully commissioned 80 dedicated young people who will bring Christ's banner of spreading the refreshing word of peace to this chaotic world.

The commissioning ceremony of the 61st batch was held one fine Sabbath afternoon Sept. 23, 2023, with its theme: IGNITE THE MISSION. There were 31 Missionaries assigned to the South Philippine Union Conference; 33 sent to the Central Philippine Union Conference; 14 dispatched to the North Philippine Union Conference; the remaining two missionaries were sent to Sri Lanka and Mongolia. This batch was blessed to have representatives from the

80 New Soldiers of Peace Commissioned to 1000MM

Philippines, China, South Korea, Kenya and Indonesia.

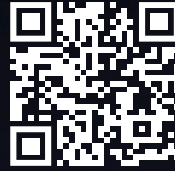
With so much secularism and materialism in this world, it is truly evident how 1000MM can be used by GOD to save the young people of our church, in training them and encouraging them to engage valiantly in completing a global mission work that God has commissioned each of us. This mission program allows them to use their lives to wage peace as volunteers with a restorative missionary spirit.

Help us to continually pray that their faith will ever be strengthened and just like Daniel and his friends, they will stand firmly on the principles of God despite any threat from the wily foe.

These 80 young people learned about total commitment through the 1000 MM wholistic training; all willingly went to the battle field not to wage war but to carry the gospel of peace not by power, not by might but by the Spirit. As they are learning in the mission field how God favors them, pray with us for them to continue until the end. They are prepared and will be preparing others by their transformed lives, daily proclaiming: MARANATHA!

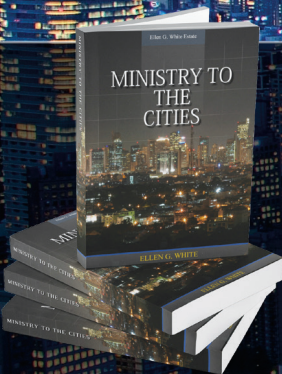


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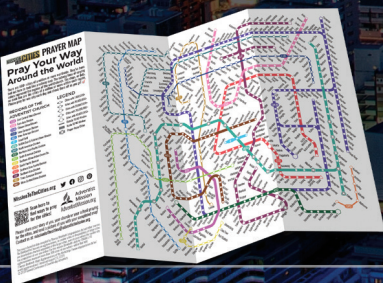


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Ellen G. White, *Ministry to the Cities*, p. 26



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