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God Can Work Mightily With You

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When Jesus was ascending to Heaven, He gave a great commission to his disciples: “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation”(Mark 16:15). A great mission was given to Jesus’ disciples - to go to the ends of the earth and preach the gospel to everyone. Faced with such a tremendous task, they could have been overwhelmed. They could have even refused the mission and gone back home. However, they did not do that. The Bible records that they went back to the upper room where they were staying and began to pray. How does the Bible describe it? They were “all joined together constantly in prayer” (Acts 1:14).

We are given the same mission. It is a heavy responsibility to proclaim the gospel to the entire world, one that cannot be accomplished by our human strength alone. Jesus has also taught us a way to accomplish this mission. He said, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). If we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit, we will receive great power, and through that power, we can spread the everlasting gospel to the ends of the earth.

So why have we not fulfilled this mission even though Jesus has instructed us on both the mission and the method? It is because we have not yet experienced being filled with the Holy Spirit and the power that comes with Him. How did the disciples receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost? The Bible points out several key points.

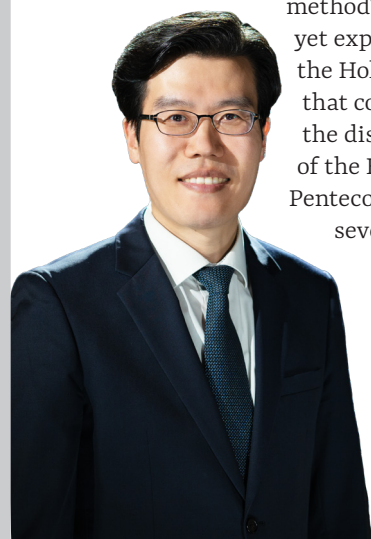
First, they gathered together and prayed constantly (Acts 1:12-14). The Bible specifically says that they “all joined together constantly in

prayer.” They kept praying and supplicating until they received the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will not come to those who do not pray and seek.

Second, they repented of their sins. The Apostle Peter spoke about the relationship between the Holy Spirit and repentance: “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord” (Acts 3:19). If we keep sins in our hearts, the Holy Spirit will not come to us. We need to thoroughly repent and prepare the temple of our hearts for the Holy Spirit to enter. “As the disciples waited for the fulfillment of the promise, they humbled their hearts in true repentance and confessed their unbelief” (AA, 36).

Third, the apostles were united in Christ. Ellen G. White emphasized the importance of unity in Christian fellowship: “Putting away all differences, all desire for the supremacy, they came close together in Christian fellowship” (AA, 37). Disunity in the church often arises when someone seeks recognition and honor rather than having a humble and serving heart. There can be no discord and strife where there is a spirit of love, humility, and service toward others.

God is waiting to work mightily through us and pour out His Spirit. From September 13th to 16th, the GAIN (Global Adventist Internet Network) Asia Conference was held at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Leadership Training Center in Jeju, South Korea. Through this conference, we learned and realized that the gospel can be effectively spread through various digital media and internet technologies. If we are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, and effectively utilize these digital and internet technologies, the good news of Jesus’ second coming will quickly spread worldwide, and we will soon be able to welcome His return. It is time for us to move forward with a spirit of prayer, seeking the power of the Holy Spirit, and fulfilling the mission of “I Will Go.” Maranatha!



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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.



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GAIiN Asia Conference Successfully Concluded

“When the Holy Spirit Fills Your Life,
You Will Lead Billions to Jesus”

SeongJun Byun
NSD Communication Director



The Northern Asia-Pacific Division has expanded its digital evangelism network through the 1st GAIiN (Global Adventist internet Network) Asia Conference, which was held from September 13-16, at the NSD Leadership Training Center, Jeju, South Korea. The GAIiN conference is a network meeting that promotes innovative training, sharing, and networking between Adventist Communication leaders and media agents. This event took place in Asia by the Asian people for the first time.

The event auditorium was packed with over 230 participants, including representatives from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Southern Asia-Pacific Division, Southern Asia Division, Hope Channel, and Adventist World Radio (AWR). Delegates from nineteen countries around the world, including Korea, Japan,

Taiwan, Mongolia, Philippines, India, Canada, Singapore, Ukraine, Vietnam, Malaysia, Pakistan, Timor Leste, the United States, and the United Kingdom, enthusiastically participated in the seminars and workshops.

Prominent presenters and professionals shared ways to efficiently spread the gospel to more souls through digital technology and content, reaffirming their missionary calling. The topics included videography, photography, production, news, podcasting, gaming, technology, innovation, and artificial intelligence (AI). The event also includes reports from various regions.

William Costa Jr., GC Communication Director, emphasized the role of GAIiN, which was launched in 2004, in this process. “Through the years, GAIiN has increased the level of collaboration among communicators and IT specialists,” he said. The organization “has evolved

into a global platform for networking, training, and collaboration. We pray that this combination between technology and content can be a blessing used by the Holy Spirit.”

Dr. JooHee Park, the President of Sahmyook Health University, introduced the incorporation of "metaverse" technology into university education and emphasized the need for collaboration among universities, churches, and businesses to address common missionary challenges. He presented a model for how schools and churches can advance missionally, capturing the attention of the participants.

SukHee Han, the President of the Mongolia Mission, showcased local missionary videos, emphasizing that GAIN is the act of casting a net to reach many souls. He stressed that the Bible's key message is "GO," reminding everyone not to forget the identity of the Adventist Church and to move forward with two strategies: "I WILL GO" and "Digital Evangelism."

JungHan Kim, the Digital Evangelism Director of the Central California Conference, shared a success story titled "When Prayer Meets Technology." He explained how online prayer ministry produced hundreds of Bible study interests for a local church.

During the GAIiN ASIA Conference, various programs were carried out, including network projects, panel discussions, and digital missionary testimonials. Additionally, experts from various fields delivered lectures on topics such as "Strengthening capabilities for the mission," "Hybrid evangelism," and "Successful approaches to digital evangelism for missions."

Sam Neves, the Associate Director of the GC Communication Department, stated, "Digital evangelism may not directly lead to soul winning. However, digital content is highly suitable for introducing the Adventist Church to those who know nothing about it, sparking interest in those who were previously aware, and ultimately leading those interested to become Adventist believers."

Richard Stephenson, the Associate Treasurer at the General Conference, in his presentation titled "General Conference Digital Strategy for Mission," emphasized the importance of laying a solid foundation for effective mission work. He explained, "We are in the



business of preparing an effective missionary platform. Building a strong foundation is the most crucial part. Just as Jesus went to the woman at the well, we need to go where our hands can reach out to those in need."

Alyssa Truman, the Assistant Director of the GC Communication Department, discussed the topic of "Bringing Church to the Feed: The New Frontier for Online Evangelism." She pointed out that while the Church has traditionally adhered to organization-centric mission approaches, the age of accessing Adventist Church news through Facebook and listening to sermons on YouTube has arrived. She stressed the importance of providing everyone who interacts with us the opportunity to learn about the Bible.

ChanMin Chung, the Senior Director of Television of Hope Channel International, discussed the topic of "Digital Togetherness



through Asian Eyes." He emphasized that the target audience for our evangelism efforts varies in age and nationality. He stated that we need to reach out to everyone and continually study and share the methods of doing so. He pointed out that genuine relationships don't come from well-organized connections but from personal ones. He used the analogy of a good farmer who cultivates and nurtures the land before sowing the seed, describing this as the way to witness the gospel in the 21st century.

Justin Kim, the editor of the Adventist Review, stated, "To know where we are going, we need to understand where God is leading. The word 'Mission' should be more specific. When we face persecution or difficulties, we must rediscover our mission as 'missionaries.' Our mission is not just about delivering the news of the church; it is primarily about 'preparing people.'"

SeongJun Byun, the NSD Communication Director, who oversaw and directed the event, concluded, "Through this gathering, our presenters who play leading roles in various regions shared the diverse and innovative techniques and visions they have acquired. Our participants and leaders from various organizations were able to form a new cooperative network. This is the role of the GaiN Conference. And I am glad that we achieved our goal."

On the last day of the event, during the Sabbath divine worship service, YoHan Kim, the president of the Northern Asia-Pacific division, preached his sermon titled, "By the Power of the Holy Spirit." Dr. Kim emphasized that when

Participants are enjoying the Heroes competition.



we are filled with the Holy Spirit, and by utilizing various tools and cutting-edge technologies of the internet and digital media, we will be able to soon finish the great commission that Jesus gave us. When we march forward with a united heart and spirit, we will soon be able to welcome our Lord Jesus Christ, who is coming soon to take us home.

Participants reaffirmed that digital evangelism is an essential element and tool for churches to effectively deliver the gospel in modern society. They recognized that in the world of digital transformation, churches must actively use these technologies to proclaim the Three Angels' Messages.



GCAS Connect 2023



The General Conference Auditing Service (GCAS) held its 5th quinquennial worldwide conference named ‘GCAS Connect 2023’ in Copenhagen, Denmark on July 12-20, and was attended by over 300 professionals including auditors, administrative personnel, and leaders from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This global event was designed to be a professional and spiritual experience to inspire excellence in all GCAS employees as they fulfill their shared mission of delivering excellent audit services to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The theme of the conference was ‘*Transparency and Accountability*’ which addressed GCAS core competencies of communication and leadership. It focused on why transparency matters to leadership, and how to create and maintain a culture of transparency and accountability in an organization. Topics presented were truly relevant for GCAS professionals as they embrace the values of enabling them to deliver excellence in serving their audit clients.

The conference was attended by auditors serving the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD): Cho SeungKyo,

regional auditing manager; Pinky Joy Jago, on-audit specialist; Kim SungHyo, auditing manager; Sophia Pan, Yi IlGoo, and Sul JiHoon, senior auditors; Kim TaeJoon and Oh GeunSeok, auditing staff. Other attendees were Kim TaeSeung, NSD Treasurer, and Lee Ji-Yoon, who served as Korean interpreter. The NSD group participated in the Sabbath afternoon musical concert where they sang a Korean song “Grace” together with their spouses. They also participated in the ‘Parade of Nations’ where they dressed in national costumes representing the countries of Korea, Japan and Taiwan. Everyone who witnessed the event was amazed with the colorful and unique display of different costumes from over 150 countries that GCAS serves!



God will Make a Way

Yu Chuanfu
PMM Missionary 4th Batch



As I think back to God's leadership in our family or church in the past, my heart is full of gratitude to God. All our experiences were through God's grace and good intentions because His grace is enough for us. If we give up the mission to preach the gospel of the Lord because of short-term pain or difficulties, we fall into Satan's trap.

When I first arrived in Japan in 2006, I was asked to preach in Japanese within six months. At that time, I thought it was impossible. It was not a matter of faith in God, but a matter of reality. But Jesus said, "What is not possible with man, is possible with God" (Luke 18:27). So, I studied Japanese every day and prayed to God with perseverance. Six months later, I was able to preach in Japanese. Praise the Lord.

Planting a Chinese church in Tokyo as a PMM pastor was not easy because the purpose of most Chinese people emigrating to Japan is to make money with no desire to learn about Jesus. That first Sabbath in Japan was just our family of four. But one day I received a phone call from a woman speaking Chinese who wanted to join our Sabbath gathering. I was so very happy but then the next day when my wife and I with a happy mood drove to visit her, we were stopped by the police who said I had violated the traffic rules. I asked God for help and to give me confidence because I thought there was no violation. I explained to the traffic police that the light was green to turn around, and that I hadn't seen the sign that said no turns.

In the end, the policeman still issued a fine of 6,000 yen (\$51 US), a significant amount out of a PMM salary. At that moment, I complained how God had not cared for us, and my heart was weak, and I wanted to return home. But my

wife said to me, "Everything has God's good will, let's go to visit and pray for the lady." After our visit, my mood was still low. But when I entered the house and opened the mailbox, I found a letter from an anonymous person. When I opened the letter, I was excited and wept, and immediately blamed myself for why I lost my faith in God so easily, because the letter said: "Here is 6,000 yen for your wife and children's living allowance." It wasn't 1,000 yen. It wasn't 5,000 yen. It was exactly 6,000 yen.

My heart was moved beyond words, thanks to the Lord's mercy! Ellen G. White said: "A Christian's life is in danger, and often seems difficult to fulfill the duty. The human imagination paints a picture of imminent destruction at the beginning and death by bondage at the end. Yet the voice of God clearly says, 'Go forward.' We should obey the command, even though our eyes cannot see through the darkness... The difficulties that hold us back will never be eradicated before an attitude of hesitancy and doubt. Those who are late in complying, until all doubts are gone and there is no more danger of defeat, will never obey. Faith transcends all difficulties and takes hold of the invisible Almighty, so that it cannot be defeated. Faith is holding the hand of Christ in every trouble."

And the Bible says, "Don't be afraid, because I will always be with you; Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

Praise the Lord! We have a Chinese church in Tokyo and one Chinese church in Nagoya, Japan now. May God's blessings continue upon our churches in the world and Jesus can come soon.

Chinese Alumnus Returns to Sahmyook University for Baptism After Six Years



the pharmaceutical industry. Throughout his journey, his commitment to his faith remained unwavering, as he continued to actively participate in the local church in China and maintain connections with fellow international students who shared his spiritual journey at Sahmyook University.

Zhang's dream was to experience the profound symbolism of baptism in the sea, signifying the embrace of all the world's rivers and reflecting the boundless love of God, akin to the vast ocean.

Fortuitously, Sahmyook University's Chinese Language Church, in collaboration with the New Moon Church's Chinese Student Cultural Center, organized a revival meeting in Samcheok August 4-6, 2023.

Upon learning of this event through his Sahmyook friends, Zhang wasted no time in returning to Korea to participate in the revival meeting. It was there, on the 5th of August, surrounded by the warm support and congratulations of his friends, that Zhang made the profound decision to be baptized in the sea, symbolizing his personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as his Savior.

Following the baptism, Zhang expressed his heartfelt commitment, saying, "I aspire to be a person who, like the sea, embraces all with the love of God—a salt of the earth, reflecting His all-encompassing compassion."

In a heartwarming reunion with his alma mater, Sahmyook University, Chinese alumnus, Zhang Fuyong (Class of 2013, major in Chemistry), returned to Korea after a six-year absence to be baptized.

This spiritually significant event unfolded on August 5, 2023, at the picturesque Deoksan Beach in Samcheok, Gangwon Province.

Zhang's journey to baptism began in 2013 when he arrived at Sahmyook University as an exchange student from Zaozhuang University in China. During his time there, he was introduced to the Christian faith. After a brief return to China, he decided to transfer back to Sahmyook University in 2015.

While studying at Sahmyook, Zhang was deeply involved in his faith, but the decision to undergo baptism had not yet taken root. After graduating in February 2017, he returned to China, where he ventured into



KUC Summer Bible School Alive and Growing!



In Korea, the Summer Bible School is a tradition and widely practiced children's outreach program. The Korean Adventist Church has been organizing Summer Bible School since as early as 1934, one of the earliest among SDA churches worldwide. And from 1955 onwards, these Bible schools spread throughout the entire Korean Adventist Church. Despite challenging conditions in the aftermath of the Korean War, the love and dedication of teachers toward children resulted in the graduation of 144,143 Bible School students in 1962. Not only in the Adventist Church but also in other Protestant denominations in Korea, Summer Bible Schools have been ongoing. Furthermore, even different denominations organize similar children's outreach programs annually. Thus, in Korea, Summer Bible Schools are the most widely accepted children's outreach programs for sharing the gospel.

As a result, the Korean Union Conference conducts Summer Bible Schools annually, using curriculum materials developed in-conference to make it the most anticipated outreach event for children. We distribute curriculum materials in a six-year cycle, which includes themes such as Creation, Faith (Old Testament characters), Early Ministry, Cross (salvation), Church (New Testament), and Second Coming. Each cycle consists of four lessons designed to align with the four stages of the Gracelink



Kim YoungUn
KUC Children's Ministries Director

Children's Sabbath School curriculum, namely preparation activities, Bible stories, curriculum application, and curriculum sharing, making it familiar and accessible for teachers. We have also created praise songs specific to each theme and provide all necessary materials, including banners, promotional posters, and craft supplies, to facilitate the smooth running of Summer Bible Schools in local churches. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we produced Bible story animations, praise song videos, and craft-making videos to enable parents and small groups to conduct Summer Bible Schools at home. These resources are posted on the Summer Bible School website for anyone to use. Despite the challenges of the previous pandemic, a total of 3,628 children graduated from Summer Bible Schools in 207 churches in 2023 in Korea. The Summer Bible School is alive and growing!

Important Events in Amei Mission District in 2023

To inherit the past and carry forward the faith of our ancestors, our top priority is to cultivate and train a new generation of young leaders to work for the Lord and pass on that mission. Therefore, Taiwan Conference has started preparing for the Adventist Youth Leadership Camp in Amei Mission District. We are thankful to

God for hearing our prayers and raising up this youth ministry. From the initial establishment of the Amei Youth Association to the establishment of youth camp activities, more and more young people have responded and are participating in the work. May God raise up His army of youth.



Reaching Non-Christian Students for Jesus

I am standing in a classroom of 50 students, at a Taiwan Adventist College, with chalk in hand, as I begin asking the students a series of questions: How do you treat someone that has betrayed you? Have you ever been pressured to do something you knew was wrong? What is forgiveness? Would you sacrifice your life for someone else?

These are life-changing questions my students have never been asked. My ministry in higher education is to educate Taiwanese students to speak English. Each semester I have approximately 245 freshmen and sophomore students who are required to take my classes in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature. Our backgrounds, cultures, worldviews, languages and religions are different. How does one introduce the gospel to someone who has had no knowledge of Christianity and has never heard the name of Jesus?

I choose to do it through stories. Soren Kierkegaard suggested that people are reached, not directly, by presenting them with facts and information, but indirectly, through stories, allegories, metaphor, humor, irony, parables, and personal examples. And the Bible presents its message in vivid images, analogies, and metaphors. This type of teaching has the power to create a new perspective. Thus, each of my students are required to read C. S. Lewis's book, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, as part of learning English, for three reasons.

First, it provides a new perspective on the story of Christianity. According to Craddock, "Whether we teach or preach or both, we have no more urgent or important or demanding task than that of effecting a new hearing of the gospel."

Second, it presents the gospel in a way that is interesting. It requires one to re-evaluate one's beliefs without feeling any pressure. Good literature works; "it moves the reader through changes that qualify a person to think, feel, and act in new ways."

Finally, it requires the student to make a decision. "The parable, or allegory, is not designed to convey information, but by its very form arrests the attention, draws the listener into personal involvement, and leaves the final

resolution of the issue to the hearer's own judgement." Christianity is about communication of the Good News. According to Kierkegaard, it is not what is said but how it is said. As in any ministry, whether it be in church, at home, on the streets, or in education, it is about how we convey our message that moves people to accept Jesus. As an educator, my task is not just to say the word and to tell the truth, but to get the truth heard, to affect a new hearing, to present truth in such a compelling way that the student must re-evaluate, re-consider his or her beliefs, and possibly change those beliefs. I don't know how many students will accept Jesus. I don't know if I've had any impact on them at all. But I do know that once they've heard the story, they will never be the same. And that is the purpose of ministry – to affect people, so that they will never be the same.



Melynie Tooley
Professor of Taiwan Adventist College

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“God First” – Taiwan Stewardship Seminar Success



Kim NakHyung
NSD Stewardship Director

The Stewardship Department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (Director Kim Nak-Hyung) held the 2023 Stewardship “God First” Seminar with the Taiwan Stewardship Department (Director Daniel Shen) at the Shinju Church in Taiwan on Sabbath, Sept. 2, 2023, with 250 church leaders and members from the Shinju, Taoyuan and Miyao regions. From early morning, members shared praise, prayers, and warm friendship.

Daniel Shen gave the first lecture and encouraged spiritual determination in the members who attended by using various visual materials and experiences about "Correct Usage of Tithes and Offerings."

Then Pastor Kim Nak-Hyung talked about the "God First Spirit of Stewardship" and the "Five Principles of a Systematic Giving Life," and also had time to lead the pledge of the Stewardship Commitment during his presentations.

Meanwhile, Pastor Stephen Woo, associate director of the Stewardship department of NSD in Taiwan, added financial support to the successful operation of the three regional associations and promised to provide cooperation and financial support if such a seminar were to be run across the nine regions in Taiwan in the future, enhancing the mission and spirit of local church members in Taiwan.



Newstart Lifestyle Training in Mongolia



On August 14-18, 2023, the Department of Health Ministries of MM organized the NEWSTART lifestyle training in collaboration with the NSD and KUC Health Ministries Departments at the Suut Resort. The training was attended by 30 people, of which four were non-believers.

This course was a useful and timely training, combining theory and practice. From the evening of their arrival, the participants joined the campaign to restore their bodies and make themselves healthy by fasting with fruits. The next morning they walked together in the fresh air, glorified God, and everyone was checked for body weight and other indicators. Each participant was aware of their general health status and acknowledged the need to adopt healthy lifestyle habits in the future.

During the NEWSTART lifestyle training, Pastor Park SangHee, director of the KUC Health Ministries Department, taught in a simple and interesting way combined with practice, and our participants happily tried and continued to learn every day to put what they learned into practice. Every day of the training, we walked under the golden sun and in the fresh air, feeling energized and inspired to walk for Christ for the rest of our lives. Jacob Ko, director of the NSD Health Ministry, shared

God's word on how to spread the gospel through Health Ministry and use it as a right hand to knock on the door of people's hearts.

We were truly blessed to have Dr. Oh KyungHee, a Korean nutritionist, cook delicious and nutritious meals for us. She gave us practical lessons on how to cook healthy food; we learned how to make colorful potato soup and cabbage kimchi, and our participants went home to apply what they learned by making their own kimchi.

On the last morning of the training, it was the moment to take control of our bodies and blood sugar and make a judgment about our progress and changes. Most of the participants lost weight and their waist circumference, reduced visceral and body fat, became more energetic, and had no more pain in their knees. They resolved to adopt healthy lifestyle habits, praying to God for wisdom and strength, and returning home with enthusiasm to spread the good news.

I would like to share some comments from the participants of the course.

• I am very happy to have come from Hovd Province to attend this course, learn new exercises, eat healthy, and discover new opportunities to connect with God. I realized that my family's health is in my hands. I decided to apply

what I learned from the training to my life. On the first day of the training, a non-believing sister sat next to me. When I was doing my morning prayers, I would pray for her to know God. But on the last day, during the testimony time, when our organizer was asked if you would do one thing after completing this training, I thought to myself that I would like to do my exercises every day. But that non-believer sister said, "I decided to go home and read the Bible," and she asked me how to pray. So, I taught her how to pray. I am very thankful to God. Thank you for organizing such a wonderful healthy and spiritual training.

• After taking this course, I have learned many new things to reduce back and knee joint diseases, which are common among Mongolians. I have learned the importance of drinking water, reducing foods that increase inflammation, adding anti-inflammatory foods, increasing muscle strength, and stretching ligaments. I am trying to make these a habit in my life.

Because our church has a NEWSTART center, we are planning to invite five overweight and hypertensive families to participate in the NEWSTART program. We sincerely wish to continue this program effectively in the future. I am so thankful for being able to provide people with fresh, reliable information and advice.

• I am happy to be able to apply what I have learned through this health training in my life and experience the results. I chewed my food very well, walked 10K

steps every day, completely cut out vegetable oil, stopped snacking between meals, drank enough water, increased the type of rice I eat, went to bed earlier and got up earlier, became psychologically optimistic, and improved my relationship with God. I am grateful that many positive changes have been made through consolidation.

• By attending this course, I gained a clear understanding of how to cook healthy food and how to choose the right food supplies, and I accepted the responsibility of teaching my family and children to apply it in our lives. The importance of aligning this healthy lifestyle with the gospel will be diligently practiced.

• Thank you for teaching simple natural methods for healthy living in a very simple and clear way. I am sure that the good health news will meet the needs of Mongolians and give a new start to people's lives. We want to bring this news to every family and everyone. Thank you to all my brothers and sisters who worked together for the gospel. Glory be to God!

Special thanks to Chun EunKyung, director of Health Ministries Department of MM, who organized the NEWSTART lifestyle training; Dr. Jacob Ko, NSD Health Ministries Department director, who provided financial support; Pastor Park SangHee, director of KUC Health Ministries Department, and Dr. Oh KyungHee, Korean nutritionist. We are deeply grateful. Glory, praise and honor be to God.



Mongolia Mission Launches Video Series “Helping Children to Prepare for Baptism”

Baptism is an exciting milestone for children in the Church. The Mongolia Mission Children's Ministries Department is working on a video series of baptismal lessons to prepare children in Mongolia for this important decision: to follow Jesus. The videos address 41 Bible topics including the 28 beliefs of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

“The goal is to distribute these video series to all the churches in Mongolia and create a movement of many baptismal classes for children, helping them to be prepared for baptism in the near future,” said Oyuntuya Batsukh, Mongolia Mission Children’s Ministries Director.

Raquel Arrias, NSD Children’s Ministries director added, “It’s important for us to teach our children about what baptism involves. And the good news is, this isn’t something we have to (or should) try to do overnight or in one week. Studying the Bible at the family altar is the best way to help our children prepare to make this decision.”

The lessons will teach them that they don’t walk this path alone. By being prayerful, intentional, and patient, we can help our children feel joy as they take this step: a new life in Jesus through the baptism.



Mongolia Communicate Digitally

Ganbaatar Gan-erdene
MM Communication Director

First of all, as a Communication Department director I really want to thank Pastor Byun SeongJun and his teammates for their support for the department.

In June, within a short time the NSD Communication Department held a well-organized Digital Missionary training and preparation work for The GAIIn Asia Conference.

Through the Digital Missionary training most of the active members and leaders were able to come together. And now we are all on the same page. Those who participated are the most active online. Also, it served as great preparation for the GAIIn conference.

In September, 12 people participated in the GAIIn program for Mongolia Mission. It was a good experience to learn how other Asian countries are working and serving through the internet. Participants from Mongolia received

many ideas and much knowledge. Joining the program was an important investment for the future of digital ministry in Mongolia.

We are so happy for such a program and involvement. And I hope the Three Angels’ Messages will spread more and more in Mongolia soon.



Who is a God Like unto Thee?



“Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from days of old” (Micah 7:18-20, NKJV).

God saved the Israelites from Egypt. God made a covenant with them. But the Israelites did not keep the covenant, and as a result, God was angry and judged and chastened the Israelites. But each time, God sent judges and prophets to give them a chance for restoration. Thus, the history of Israel is one of betrayal and restoration.

The prophet Micah served in the same era as Isaiah. During Micah's time, the people sacrificed on the mountains, and King Ahaz of Judah even burned his children in imitation of the abominations of the heathen. As such, Micah had to prophesy the destruction of Israel and Judah during a time of spiritual darkness. Yet, through Micah, God promised restoration and the hope of a Messiah. Micah concluded his book by praising God, saying, "Who is like the Lord," which is the meaning of his name: "Who is a God like the Lord" (v. 18).

To me, as a child, the God of the Old Testament was a scary, strict God who could wipe out hundreds of thousands of people at a time, intimidate his chosen people, and bind them with too many laws.

But the God of the Old Testament that I thought was a tyrant has become a strangely patient and forgiving God as I grow older.

Why would he push Israel so far, why would he forgive them for not listening, why would he give them a chance to recover? Who could blame God if he would rather destroy them, I wondered. Along with these questions, other questions nagged at me.

If Israel is one matter, what about me? When I misbehaved to my mother as a child and she scolded me, I would say I'm sorry and I won't do it again, but I realized I was doing the same thing to God by repeating the same mistakes.

How many times would I have to die to be judged and disciplined under God's law?

I myself, who know most of my actions, words, and thoughts, know how many sins I am committing. And how does God, who knows me better than I know myself, know all my things and bear with me?

Not only did He forgive all my sins, but He did not ask me to pay for them, but came to this earth and paid for all my sins and their penalty on the cross.

What better God could there be who would 'take away the iniquity' and 'cast all sins into the oblivion because He delights in mercy'? The more I learn about the true character of God, the more it overwhelms me.

Every time I take a step forward to get closer to God, I feel like I'm taking a step backward because I feel so small, and God feels so big. Nevertheless, I know the ever-guiding power of the Holy Spirit let me open the Bible, God’s ancient word so I could take another step forward that Micah's final confession may become my confession.



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