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# Jesus is Coming, I Will Go!

**Kang SoonGi, President**  
Northern Asia-Pacific Division

In the precious name of our Lord, I extend my warmest greetings to each of you. As I write this first message, my heart is filled with gratitude and reverence. It is my earnest prayer that the abundant grace, protection, and blessings of our Heavenly Father rest upon you, your families, and your ministries. May His peace guide your hearts, and His presence continually inspire your service.

I am Pastor Kang Soon-gi, recently called to serve as president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division during the 62nd General Conference Session, held in St. Louis, Mo., July 3-12. Embracing God's holy calling, I am determined to follow His guidance with a humble heart, striving to be a faithful servant.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to my predecessor, Pastor Kim YoHan, for his dedicated leadership during challenging times. Pastor Kim led our division with grace, wisdom, and unwavering dedication amid complex and often challenging times. His legacy of servant leadership and spiritual

discernment has laid a strong foundation for the journey ahead. We are now standing upon the solid foundation he has built, and we are prepared to move forward in faith.

We are living in a critical time in earth's history – a time many recognize as the nearing climax of the great controversy between good and evil. As the remnant people of God, we have not been left as bystanders in this unfolding story. We have been entrusted with the solemn and urgent mission: to proclaim the everlasting gospel of the Three Angels' Messages to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people. Our responsibility is to share the blessed news of Jesus Christ's Second Coming with all the earth, as God's chosen people.

This is not a passive calling – it is a prophetic mandate. We are a people of mission and hope, entrusted with the responsibility to herald the restoration of this earth and the establishment of God's eternal kingdom. In pursuit of this mission, we are embracing "Mission Refocus" as our strategic direction, seeking to unite Adventists across our division and around the world in prayer, collaboration, and bold evangelistic outreach. Through the Global Total Member Involvement (TMI) initiative, we are encouraging every member to be actively involved in fulfilling the Gospel Commission.

Let us move forward together in unity, with renewed dedication to our mission, and with eyes fixed on the blessed hope—the soon return of our Lord. We are the Remnant, united with fellow Adventists worldwide, carrying out a sacred mission. May the grace, peace, and power of God be with each of you in abundant measure. Maranatha!



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### NSD Mission Statement

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

Former NSD President Kim YoHan (right) and new NSD President Kang SoonGi (left).

  
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62nd General Conference Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was held July 3-12, 2025, in St. Louis, Mo, USA.

## “Jesus Is Coming, I Will Go!”

Under the theme, “Jesus Is Coming, I Will Go!”, the 62nd General Conference Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was held July 3-12, 2025, in St. Louis, Mo., drawing nearly 2,800 delegates from around the world.

The session opened with vibrant praise and worship, followed by a message from Pastor Mark Finley, who called the Church to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit beyond mere structure, setting a strong spiritual tone for the meetings. Business sessions began immediately, tackling sensitive agenda items such as time limits on speeches, a proposal to review the Church’s 2015 immunization statement, and amendments to the Church Manual.

These discussions highlighted the diversity of cultures and theological perspectives within the global Church. General Conference President Ted N. C. Wilson addressed misunderstandings surrounding the Church’s position on vaccines and reaffirmed its transparency and consistency in policy.

One of the most anticipated moments of the session was the election of new leadership. Erton C. Köhler was elected as the new GC President, marking the first time a leader from South America has held the post. He presented the “Mission Refocus” initiative, a strategy that emphasizes outreach to urban areas, post-Christian regions, and the 10/40 Window. According to his Secretary’s Report, over



10,000 new churches have been established in the past five years. Köhler emphasized the Church’s shared mission: “to spread love, restoration, and hope to every nation.” Treasurer Paul H. Douglas also reported a 16 percent increase in tithe and a 17 percent increase in offerings. He highlighted the impact of the “Mission Impact Fund,” which, aligned with the “I Will Go” initiative, contributed to over one million baptisms and reached more than 12,000 people worldwide.

On Sabbath, newly elected President Köhler delivered his first sermon titled “Boldness in Mission,” urging members to stay rooted in the Bible and to follow the example of Jesus. “We preach the Word, we teach the Word, and by God’s grace, we live the Word,” he declared, stirring deep spiritual reflection among attendees. That evening, the North American Division (NSD) shared its video report, followed by the Middle East and North Africa

Union Mission, which showcased significant growth despite legal and social restrictions, achieved through digital evangelism, community center restoration, and small group ministry.

On the following evening, the NSD delegation of nearly 90 representatives took the stage dressed in beautiful traditional attire. In particular, the traditional fan dance performed by the women delegates captivated the audience and received enthusiastic applause. Following the beautiful performance, a video presentation from NSD showcased the wonderful mission work God had accomplished through the division during the past session. Many General Conference attendees praised the name of God for the work of saving souls presented in the NSD report.

In addition, NSD hosted a booth to highlight the diverse cultures of its territory. Institutions such as





Sahmyook Food Factory, Sahmyook University, and Sahmyook Medical Center also participated to promote their ministries. Visitors enjoyed cultural games like Korean jacks and shuttlecock kicking, received gifts, and experienced a joyful and engaging atmosphere.

As the session continued, leaders from various departments, the secretariat, treasury, and divisions were elected. In the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Pastor Kang SoonGi was elected as the new division president, along with Pastor Toshio Shibata (secretary) and Elder Kim TaeSeung (treasurer). Amendments to the Church Manual included replacing the term “discipleship” with “disciple-making” to stress local church responsibility, as well as clarifications on church disbandment procedures, financial accountability, and abuse prevention policies. Division reports featured inspiring mission stories, including ongoing evangelism during the Ukraine conflict, disaster response in the South Pacific, and youth-led outreach across Africa. A special time of prayer and recognition was held to mark the formation of the South Sudan Union.

A notable highlight was the intergenerational collaboration among delegates. Youth and senior representatives worked side by side, symbolizing the Church’s commitment to mentoring and mission continuity across generations.

Children’s Ministries emphasized the role of young people in the Church’s future, presenting new resources

grounded in the Three Angels’ Messages.

The Biblical Research Institute (BRI) shared a video summary of its theological contributions, including publications such as *Sola Scriptura*, *Revisiting the Trinity*, and reflections on faith in the digital age. “The Bible is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice,” one speaker affirmed, reinforcing the Church’s theological foundation.

The session also served as a platform for community outreach. Local Adventist churches in St. Louis collaborated to provide food and supplies to refugee families in the area. The General Conference also presented a \$100,000 donation to support recovery efforts following recent tornado damage.

At the Women’s Ministries gathering, held under the theme “I Will Go Reach My World,” female leaders from around the globe gathered to affirm their role in the Church’s mission and spiritual leadership.

On the final day, Pastor John Bradshaw offered a closing devotional, inviting attendees to return to their home fields renewed in purpose and faith.

This session was more than administrative reform or leadership transition—it was a reaffirmation of the Church’s calling and direction. United under the declaration “Jesus Is Coming, I Will Go!”, the global Seventh-day Adventist Church left St. Louis ready to share the everlasting gospel to the ends of the earth.





# Seventh-day Adventist World Church Elects New President, Secretary, and Treasurer



convened in a separate location following the morning worship service on July 4. That afternoon, around 4 p.m., the committee reported its recommendation to the whole body. The delegates confirmed Köhler's election by casting 1,721 votes in favor out of 1,909 valid ballots.

The General Conference issued an official statement, declaring, "Pastor Köhler's election marks the beginning of his first term as the spiritual and administrative leader of a global Adventist movement with more than 23 million

members across over 200 countries."

In his acceptance speech, Köhler said, "Above all, I want to reaffirm my conviction in the Lord and His Church as we move forward." Quoting Isaiah 41:10, he added, "We must trust in the Lord, who is the true owner of this Church, and move forward with faith."

The session also elected Richard E. McEdward as the new executive secretary of the General Conference. McEdward most recently served as president of the Middle East and North Africa Union (MENA), where he led with effectiveness in complex and mission-restricted environments. In his response, he committed to serving the Church "through the power of the Holy Spirit."

The delegates also re-elected Paul H. Douglas as treasurer of the General Conference. Since his first

On July 3, 2025, during the second day of the 62nd General Conference Session at the America's Center Dome in St. Louis, Mo., USA, approximately 2,800 delegates from around the world gathered to elect the new leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The delegates elected Erton C. Köhler as the 22nd president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He became the first president from South America in the history of the Church and one of its youngest top leaders, at the age of 55. Köhler had served as executive secretary of the General Conference since April 2021 and previously led the South American Division (SAD), where he actively engaged in youth and young adult ministries, showcasing strong administrative skills and a clear mission-driven vision.

The nominating committee, comprising 277 members,



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2. Richard E. McEdward elected as the new executive secretary of the General Conference.
3. Paul H. Douglas re-elected as treasurer of the General Conference.

boards, and collaborates closely with regional leadership, representing the church at major international events.

The president also plays a key role in encouraging global mission initiatives, ensuring the consistency of Adventist teaching, and strengthening the church's education, health, and media institutions.

## The Role of the Secretary

The secretary of the General Conference plays a vital role in the global coordination of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This includes overseeing administrative functions, supporting leadership transitions, maintaining accurate membership and policy records, and guiding regional officers in mission planning and implementation.

The secretary also works closely with mission-focused departments, including the Office of Adventist Mission, the Institute of World Mission, and the Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research.

## The Role of the Treasurer

The GC treasurer is responsible for overseeing the church's global financial infrastructure, including the management of tithes and offerings, institutional audits, financial reporting, and policy compliance. The treasurer chairs multiple finance-related boards and collaborates with treasury leaders across the world field to ensure that funds are managed with integrity and directed toward mission priorities.

election in 2021, Douglas has strengthened financial transparency and accountability across the Church's operations. He emphasized, "We must faithfully steward the resources God has entrusted us with to fulfill His mission."

This newly elected leadership team embodies the global and diverse nature of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, representing a unified vision to lead the Church forward with purpose and faithfulness.

## The Role of the GC President

As GC President, Köhler serves as the administrative leader of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, helping to shape strategic vision and unify diverse regions around shared mission. He chairs the GC Executive Committee, several





## Pastor Kang SoonGi Elected as President of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division

On July 7, 2025, during the 62nd General Conference Session, Pastor Kang SoonGi was elected as the new president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The session delegates voted the recommendation made by the GC nominating committee, selecting him as the spiritual leader who will guide the mission of NSD throughout the upcoming quinquennium.

The NSD caucus consisted of 15 members selected from the division, union, and local conference levels. In a solemn atmosphere, the committee members prayed earnestly for God's guidance and providence as they chose the division's next spiritual leader, with Kang's name recommended to the GC nominating committee.

Delegates from around the world, who filled the main auditorium, received the GC nominating committee's

report and voted to approve it. Elder Kang is the first person in the history of the division to have been elected president while serving as president of the Korean Union Conference.

Born on Dec. 7, 1965, Kang graduated with a degree in theology from Sahmyook University in Korea and later earned his Master of Divinity degree from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in the Philippines. He also finished the course work of Doctor of Ministry (ABD) at AIAS.

Kang began his ministry in 1990 as an associate pastor at the Sahmyook Central Church. Over the years, he served in various churches and administrative roles,



including Hanam Church, Taebaek Central Church, Youth Ministries director of the East Central Korean Conference, Senior Pastor of Mukdong First Church, Ministerial secretary of the East Central Korean Conference, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director of the Korean Union Conference, and Pastor of Gyomunri Church.

In 2020, he was elected president of the East Central Korean Conference and later that same year, became president of the Korean Union Conference. During his term, he promoted global mission expansion through initiatives such as the "10/40 Global Mission Project." Pastor Kang and his wife, Shin JinHee, have two children—Minseok and Minkyung.





# Interview with Kang SoonGi

Interviewer: Kim BeomTae  
KUC News Reporter



Pastor Kang SoonGi, newly elected president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), has identified “mission” as the central focus of his term. In his first interview following the election, he emphasized the irreplaceable role of churches and members in advancing the division’s mission, urging continued attention and cooperation.

He also shared his commitment to strengthening unity and communication with the global church to hasten the return of Jesus Christ. The following is the full interview.

## You have been called to serve as the new president of NSD. Could you share your thoughts?

— God’s calling always comes with a sense of burden and trembling. This feeling arises regardless of the size of the responsibility. I’ve experienced it when I was first called as a pastor, when I stood behind the pulpit for my very first sermon, and when I left a familiar district

to begin ministry in a new place. Each time, I was filled with fear and trembling.

This time is no exception. Even late into the night, I find it difficult to sleep, overwhelmed by a deep sense of inadequacy. I ask myself, “Can I truly fulfill this responsibility? Will my shortcomings cause any harm?” These questions remain with me even now.

## What will be your primary focus during your term?

— Without question, mission. That is the very reason for the Church’s existence. I hope to see NSD grow and develop into a mission-driven territory. However, instead of crafting new strategies or policies, I plan to stay faithful to the role of the division.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division is a



regional headquarters of the General Conference. As such, our role is to implement the work voted on by the GC executive committee and to ensure that these initiatives are carried out in a manner that aligns with the local context. We are to guide and encourage the regions accordingly.

If there is one most important task during my term, it is to unite with the world church and give our utmost effort toward the mission goals set by the General Conference. I will work closely with the global church and do my best to hasten the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

## What do you see as the most urgent issue currently facing NSD?

— To be honest, I currently have a limited understanding of all the challenges facing NSD. If you were to ask me about the Korean Union Conference, where I have served, I could provide a more thorough response. However, now that I have been called to serve as division president, my top priority is to understand the pressing matters we face as a division.

What is visible from the outside is never the whole picture. To fully grasp the reality—including what is not readily apparent—I will consult closely with former leaders, such as Pastor Kim YoHan, Pastor Hiroshi Yamaji, and Treasurer Kim TaeSeung, as well as with our department directors. Together, we will prayerfully assess the priorities and move forward carefully yet decisively,

relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

## Is there a message you would like to share with NSD churches and members?

— “We must now be terribly in earnest. We have not a moment to spend in criticism and accusation. Let those who have done this in the past fall on their knees in prayer... We have no time for dwelling on matters that are of no importance. Our time should be given to proclaiming the last message of mercy to a guilty world. Men are needed who move under the inspiration of the Spirit of God” (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 8, p. 36).

What we need now is a spirit of united cooperation under the banner of the Holy Spirit. The final chapter of Earth’s history is unfolding rapidly. More than ever, we must experience the living presence of God through daily communion with Him. The entire church must become united through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and each of us must dedicate ourselves to proclaiming the Three Angels’ Messages to the whole world.

I earnestly pray that every member will participate in sharing this tremendous blessing of salvation with the world, all while longing for and expecting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Please also remember me in your prayers. Thank you.





# Toshio Shibata elected as NSD Secretary

On July 8, during the 62nd General Conference Session held in St. Louis, Mo., the Seventh-day Adventist Church elected executive secretaries and treasurers for each division, in collaboration with the newly elected division presidents. These leaders will guide the church’s global mission over the next five years. With these elections, the leadership teams for both the General Conference and its 13 divisions are now fully established.

For the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Pastor Toshio Shibata was elected as the new executive secretary. He previously served as the executive secretary, Education director, and Communication director of the Japan Union Conference. Elder Kim TaeSeung, who served as treasurer during the previous term, was re-elected.

This round of elections reflects the Church’s commitment to strengthening its leadership structure for more efficient global mission strategies and financial operations. The three officers in each division are responsible for setting mission direction, overseeing administrative processes, and ensuring financial transparency.



Pastor Toshio Shibata holds a bachelor’s degree from Saniku Gakuin College in Japan, as well as a Master’s of Ministry degree from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in the Philippines. He began pastoral ministry in 1993 and previously

served as associate pastor of the Japanese Church in Loma Linda, USA. Within the Japan Union Conference, he has held various leadership roles, including Youth Ministries director, editor-in-chief of the Publishing department, executive secretary, Communication director and Education director.

Ordained in 2000, Pastor Shibata has dedicated the past 25 years to serving in mission, administration, education, and youth ministries within the Japanese church. Notably, in 2010, he led the “Frontline Evangelist Empowerment Project” to revitalize evangelism in Japan, thereby strengthening lay leaders and expanding small-group ministries.

As executive secretary, Pastor Shibata will oversee primary administrative responsibilities within NSD, including documentation, personnel coordination, and implementation of mission strategy. He will also play a central role in fostering mission synergy with the four newly added countries—Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

# Kim TaeSeung Re-elected as NSD Treasurer



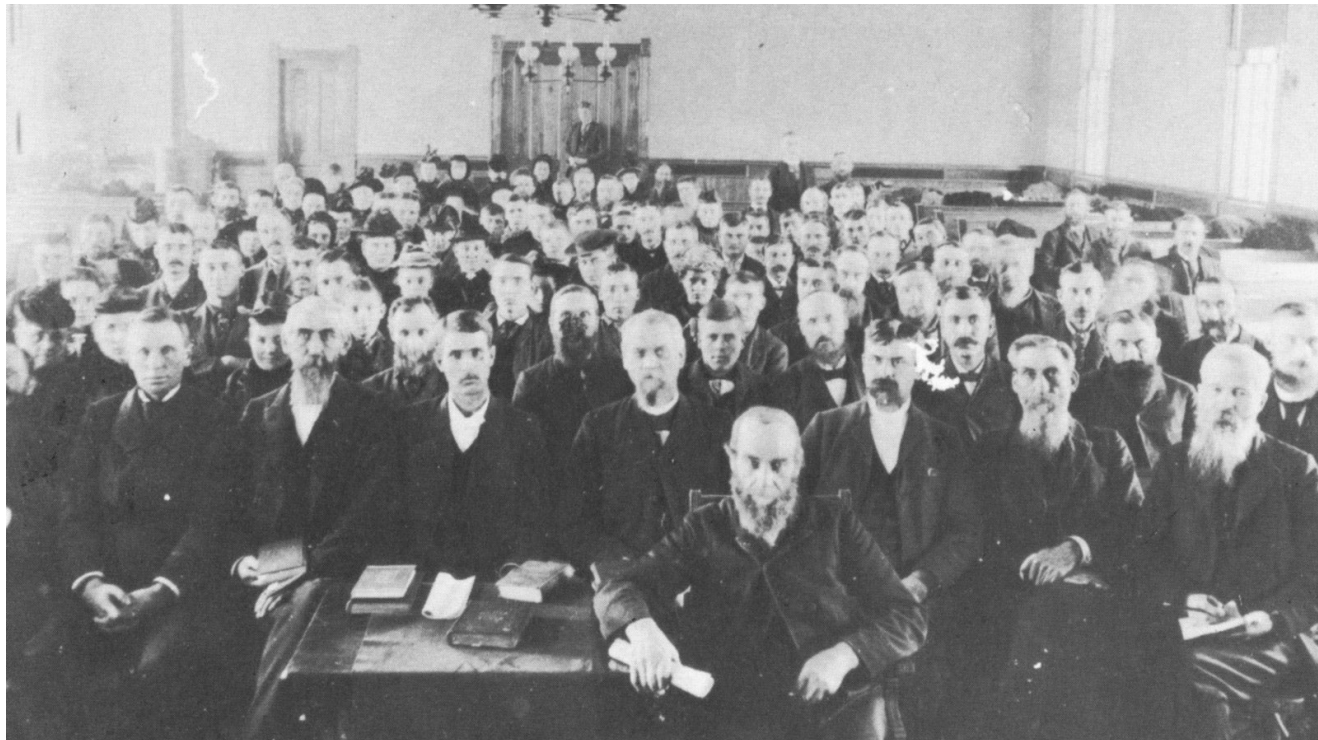
Elder Kim TaeSeung, who continues his role as treasurer, earned a degree in business administration from Sahmyook University. He began his financial ministry in 1985 at the Korean Publishing House. He later served as auditor for the Korean Union Conference and as a GCAS auditor for the Northern Asia-Pacific region, dedicating 30 years and 10 months to financial oversight.

During his tenure, Kim helped establish a solid foundation for financial auditing and implemented quality improvement programs that produced many certified accountants. He is recognized for his contributions to enhancing the professionalism and capacity of church auditors, as well as for establishing a robust internal audit system within the denomination.





# The History of the General Conference in Session



Minneapolis Seventh-day Adventist Church, location of the 1888 General Conference Session.

The General Conference Session is the highest governing body of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Convening every five years, except in rare circumstances, this global gathering brings together thousands of delegates, church leaders, and members to worship, elect leadership, vote on policy, and seek God's guidance for the Church's future. It is more than a meeting; it is a spiritual milestone and a powerful expression of global Adventist identity.

The story begins in 1863 in Battle Creek, Mich. Just 20 delegates representing six conferences joined to organize the Seventh-day Adventist Church officially. From that

humble beginning, the session has grown into one of the largest religious events in the world. As the Church expanded, the influence and impact of each session also increased.

A pivotal session occurred in 1888 in Minneapolis, Minn., when a theological debate on righteousness by faith redefined the Church's understanding of grace. Led by E. J. Waggoner and A.T. Jones, and supported by Ellen G. White, the session stirred hearts and minds, anchoring Adventist theology more firmly in the person of Jesus Christ.

In 1901, back in Battle Creek, delegates made sweeping changes to how the Church operated. Delegates voted

for a new decentralized structure that introduced union conferences. This shift empowered regional fields while maintaining global unity. Two years later, in 1903, the Church headquarters officially moved to Washington, D.C., signaling the Church's readiness for a worldwide mission.

As the decades passed, GC sessions continued to shape the Church. In 1950, doctrinal discussions in San Francisco sharpened theological focus. In 1980, the Dallas session led to the adoption of the 27 Fundamental Beliefs, a defining statement of faith for the global body. This list was expanded to 28 beliefs in 2005 in St. Louis.

The global nature of Adventism became increasingly visible. Vienna hosted the session in 1975, the first outside North America since 1905. Utrecht followed in 1995, and Toronto in 2000. That year also saw the unveiling of "The King is Coming," a sculpture by Victor Issa that visually captured the Church's international character, with ten life-size figures representing each inhabited continent looking toward Christ.

Choosing a location for the General Conference Session is a significant and complex decision. While spiritual priorities guide the event's purpose, practical considerations shape its place. The General Conference Administrative Committee reviews potential host cities based on several factors, including venue capacity,

international accessibility, cost, safety, and the ability to accommodate thousands of delegates and visitors. Locations must also support the extensive logistical needs of media, translation services, security, and global communication.

The 2010 Session in Atlanta brought new leadership with Ted N. C. Wilson elected General Conference president. His presidency has emphasized revival, reformation, and mission, themes that continue to shape the Church's direction.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented disruption. The 2020 Session in Indianapolis was postponed, marking the first rescheduling of a session due to a global crisis. In response, a special one-day session was held in January 2022 to amend the Church's constitution and allow hybrid participation. Two years after its scheduled time, the GC Session finally occurred in June 2022 in St. Louis, where live-streaming and remote voting reflected the Church's innovation and resilience.

From 1863 to today, the General Conference Session has served as a mirror of the Church's journey, reflecting its challenges, breakthroughs, and unshakable commitment to mission. Through every gathering, the heart of the session remains the same, seeking God's will together as one global family.





# Adventist Church Launches “The Journey” at GC Session 2025



Presenters speak on The Journey Stage in the exhibition hall.

At General Conference sessions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the exhibit area has traditionally been a space where each department presented its projects independently. The 2025 GC Session is marking a historic change. This year, the GC is presenting The Journey—a groundbreaking concept that transforms the guest experience by offering a unified tour through the global mission of the church.

## A Boundary-Breaking Experience

In the past, departments operated in separate booths, but The Journey introduces an integrated exhibit. Each ministry area is physically connected within the exhibition hall, inviting attendees to explore how all church entities work together to advance the mission.

This approach tells a comprehensive story, where visitors not only receive information from each department but also understand how the mission is carried out collectively and collaboratively.

## The Vision behind The Journey

This new format was born from the intention to create an immersive experience that helps every member visualize their place in the global mission of the church.

“Historically, the church created departments and

institutions that over time developed their own dynamics and personalities. But today it is essential to show that we work in unity,” said Williams Costa Jr., former Communication director of the GC. “The Journey is a visual demonstration that we are one body. Many people view the church through a limited lens—perhaps through youth, education, family, or communication—but all of this is the church, one single body. For the first time, this format allows visitors to see that we are together, that we are a family.”

“In a world divided by cultures, languages, races, and genders, the church has the opportunity to live united in Christ Jesus,” Costa added. “Only through unity can we allow the Holy Spirit to work in us to move forward with the mission. This experience is designed precisely for that: to reinforce the certainty that as a church, we are not divided—we are fully committed to fulfilling the mission.”

## An Interactive Journey for All

The Journey exhibit included features that encourage active participation, with spaces designed to provide each visitor with a dynamic experience:

**Journey Stage:** A platform offering daily presentations, testimonies, panels, and interviews that highlight how the church lives out the Total Member Involvement (TMI) mission around the world.

**“I Will Go” Photo Area:** A space where attendees can take pictures and make a visual commitment to the global mission.

**Message Walls:** Areas where visitors can leave messages, prayers, or written commitments.

**Mission Passport:** An incentive that motivates attendees to visit every stage of The Journey.

The passport is obtained at the check-in area and accompanies visitors throughout the exhibit zones. In addition to stamping each station, visitors can enter daily drawings and a grand prize raffle by completing their passport. The Journey also includes rest areas equipped with charging stations for electronic devices. The programming changes daily, so organizers invited guests



Student workers prepare the “I Will Go” interactive wall inside the exhibition hall.

to return for new experiences.

“For many years, each department organized its own area, but this time we decided to create a unified space to show how the General Conference supports the spiritual growth of every member,” Josue Pierre, associate treasurer of the General Conference explained. “That’s how The Journey was born—a walkthrough that reflects the different stages of the Christian life: the call, growth, equipping, and commission. It’s been a great challenge because we’ve never done this before, but through the collaboration of leaders and departments, we now see the fruit of seven months of prayer, planning, and intense work.”

This collaboration helped visitors understand that every project, ministry, and initiative is part of one larger, shared story: the proclamation of the gospel to the world.

Ernesto Douglas Venn, assistant to the president for Possibility Ministries and director of Adventist Deaf Ministries International, said, “The Possibility Ministries exists because we work in collaboration. We’ve always believed we’re better together, and The Journey reflects that. At previous sessions, departments felt disconnected, but now it’s clear we’re all part of one mission. Every ministry is like a finger on a hand: different, but essential. When we work together, we accomplish far more for the mission of the church.”

“Working together on The Journey has been so enriching,” Binod Dahal of the Global Mission Centers for South Asian Religions said. “In past sessions, each department had its own space, and we often didn’t know what the others were doing. Now we can see how every area connects to the church’s global mission. This gives us the opportunity to collaborate, learn from each other, and better support our work in South Asian religious contexts in a more coordinated way.”

## Voices along the Way: Visitor Experiences

The Journey generated excitement among first-time visitors as well as seasoned attendees.

“I feel strengthened knowing I’m not the only one with this belief. Seeing an organization working toward the mission inspires me to want to be part of the legacy and contribute to fulfilling the mission wherever I am in the world,” said Isaac Corral, an 18-year-old church member from Northern Mexico.

For veteran attendees, the difference was clear. The new format was not only more dynamic but also fostered a deeper connection to the church’s mission.

“This collaborative approach is an excellent idea,” G. T. Ng, a longtime GC Session attendee and former GC secretary, said. “In previous sessions, each department had its own exhibit, but now we see a spirit of unity, cooperation, and shared purpose. This space reminds us who we are and why we exist—we are not just another Christian denomination; we have the mission of delivering God’s final message to a dying world. This experience helps us refocus our identity and purpose, and avoid distractions—even good ones. The central question remains: Who are we, why are we here, and what is our mission?”

## A Step toward the Future

The Journey was much more than a new way to organize an exhibit. It was an invitation to live out the church’s mission in a wholistic and intentional way—where every ministry, every member, and every visitor is part of the same path of service.

The walkthrough, presentations, and interactive spaces are designed not just to inform, but to remind and renew commitment to a mission that is global, collaborative, and urgent. More than an experience, The Journey is a personal call for each visitor to respond: “I Will Go.”





## Japan's First AMS Couple United in Christ



commitment to nurturing spiritually grounded, loving relationships within a supportive community.

Amid Japan's declining birthrate and increasing number of single adults, AMS shines as a beacon of hope—connecting hearts with purpose and prayer. As this couple embarks on their journey together in Christ, their union reflects the core mission of the ministry: to build homes rooted in faith where God's love is both lived and shared.

Their marriage is not only a personal blessing but also a symbol of what God can accomplish when faith, community, and commitment come together in harmony.

In a joyful milestone for the Adventist Marriage Support (AMS) program in Japan, a couple who met through the AMS matching process in 2024 were united in marriage this past March at the Tachikawa Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tokyo.

Officiated by Pastor Norihiko Hanada, the ceremony was more than a wedding—it was a celebration of faith, love, and divine guidance. As the first marriage since the program's launch, it marked a significant moment not only for the AMS initiative but also for the wider church community.

The AMS website, jointly operated by the Family Ministries and Youth Ministries departments, was created to help young, single Adventist members pursue Christ-centered relationships that lead to marriage. The program offers a structured and prayerful pathway that includes registration, interviews, pastoral counseling, and guided introductions. With the support of trained pastors and advisors, AMS emphasizes spiritual compatibility and emotional maturity as the foundation of strong, lasting Adventist homes. This first marriage stands as a testament to God's faithfulness and the church's



## JUC Hosts National VBS Seminars, Planting Seeds of Hope

**Mie Morita**  
JUC WM Director

In May 2025, the Children's Ministries department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Japan hosted three Vacation Bible School (VBS) seminars under the theme "POWER," equipping leaders and volunteers from across the country. Held in Tokyo, and Osaka—with an additional online session—the seminars welcomed pastors, VBS staff, parents, and children's ministry leaders, offering them practical tools and spiritual encouragement as they prepared their summer programs.

The seminars featured a variety of presentations, including reports from the 2024 VBS season, hands-on demonstrations of crafts and songs, and the introduction of new Sabbath School materials such as *Alive in Jesus*. These sessions aimed to empower local churches to run vibrant, Christ-centered programs that engage children and their families.

Despite the nation's demographic challenges—marked by a rapidly aging population and a Christian demographic of less than one percent—the atmosphere of the seminars was filled with optimism. In 2024, 905 children participated in VBS programs across Japan, representing a 60 percent increase from the previous year. Notably, more than half of these children came from non-Christian families, reflecting the growing impact of VBS as a community outreach tool.

Organizers emphasized that VBS is not merely a seasonal event but a vital component in a long-term spiritual journey. Participants were encouraged to view it through the lens of a five-stage evangelism cycle: preparing the soil, sowing the Word, nurturing growth, establishing discipleship, and sending others to serve.

Churches were invited to reflect on what they should start, stop, and continue doing better to nurture children and their families in their faith journeys.

Testimonies from local churches illustrated how VBS is not only transforming children's lives but also serving as a gateway for parents, grandparents, and neighbors to encounter the gospel. Through initiatives like prayer walks in parks, support for multilingual families, and Sabbath activities tailored to young children, churches are finding new ways to plant seeds of faith in their communities.

"The heart of these seminars was the shared belief that, even in a society with few Christians and declining birthrates, God is still at work," said Mie Morita, Children's Ministries department director of JUC, "Whether through prayer, service, or simple acts of love, each VBS becomes a seed of hope."





## JUC Launches First Official Enditnow<sup>®</sup> Website

**Mie Morita**  
JUC WM Director

In a landmark initiative, the Women's Ministries department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Japan has launched the nation's first official Enditnow<sup>®</sup> Japan website, marking the Church's formal participation in the global Enditnow<sup>®</sup> Day on August 25.

The newly developed platform offers a wide range of downloadable resources, including educational pamphlets, abuse-response flowcharts, and self-assessment tools, designed to equip local churches and individuals to take practical, faith-based action against abuse and violence.

This timely effort comes amid growing concerns in Japanese society, where incidents of harassment and abuse are on the rise across diverse settings, including workplaces, schools, caregiving environments, and even within homes. In response, the Japan Union Conference is taking decisive steps to break the silence and extend hope to those in need.

"Enditnow<sup>®</sup> Day is not just about raising awareness; it's about initiating long-term transformation," said Mie Morita, Women's Ministries director of the Japan Union Conference. "Through this campaign, we aim to create safer communities and churches where the vulnerable can find refuge and support." She added that in Japan, church members are encouraged to examine their own words and actions—in the home, at work, and within the Church—

and strive to become more Christlike.

"This is why we are providing resources and spiritual encouragement rooted in Scripture, particularly Psalm 37:23: 'The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.'"

Enditnow<sup>®</sup> is a global initiative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that unites members around the world in saying "No" to all forms of violence—against women, children, and men. It affirms the Church's responsibility to take a firm stand against abuse and to uphold the dignity and worth of every human being.

"This is a much-needed initiative to bring hope and healing to victims," said Raquel Arrais, Women's Ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. "Enditnow is more than a campaign—it's a call for each of us to be a voice for the voiceless, as Proverbs 31:8–9 commands us. I praise the Japan Union Conference for taking this concrete step toward healing."

As the Church in Japan embraces this bold mission, it reflects the heart of the gospel, proclaiming a God of love and justice. By standing against violence, the Church not only seeks to restore broken lives but also to reveal the character of the One who calls His people to love, protect, and serve.

## Sahmyook Medical Center Restores Sight to 88 Patients in Sri Lanka

**Kim BeomTae**  
KUC News Reporter

Sahmyook Medical Center conducted an overseas medical mission at Lakeside Adventist Hospital in Kandy, Sri Lanka, from July 7-11, 2025, successfully performing 88 cataract surgeries over the five-day period.

The mission team consisted of Dr. Shin SeungJoo, head of the Ophthalmology department, and three nurses, who brought the gift of sight to patients on the brink of blindness. Most of the patients had advanced cataracts that made daily life difficult, with some having almost completely lost their vision. The team performed up to 20 surgeries per day, meeting the high demand for cataract operations that the local medical infrastructure could not handle.

"Although cataracts can be treated with a simple procedure to restore vision, in areas with limited medical equipment and personnel, many people are forced to live in darkness for the rest of their lives," said Dr. Shin. "This mission was more than just removing a clouded lens—it was about restoring a patient's entire life. It was deeply rewarding to see that the skills and dedication of Sahmyook Medical Center's medical staff could transform someone's life."

For this mission, Sahmyook Medical Center donated ophthalmic surgical equipment, including a phacoemulsification machine, ARK, A-scan, and an ultra-fast sterilizer. These contributions were the result of ongoing support since the hospital signed a sisterhood agreement with Lakeside Adventist Hospital last year,

aimed at improving local medical conditions.

In 2024, Sahmyook Medical Center also conducted a medical mission in the Colombo region of Sri Lanka, setting up a temporary clinic at a local church to treat 384 patients. At that time, they donated medical devices worth about five million KRW (\$3,600 US), including an electrocardiograph, ultrasound therapy unit, and electric hot packs. This year's mission continued those efforts, further strengthening trust among the hospital, local medical staff, and residents.

Nurse Kim EunJin, who participated in the mission, said, "Although we faced challenges with an unfamiliar environment and language barriers, the moment patients opened their eyes and smiled brightly after surgery was the true reward of service. Seeing them regain not only their sight but also their hope for life reminded me of my calling as a healthcare professional."

This medical mission to Sri Lanka was organized by the international NGO All to Heaven, with 110 volunteers from 10 countries worldwide. The entire volunteer team included 12 physicians, seven dentists, 20 nurses and nursing students, two physical therapists, and 10 dental hygienists—a total of 51 medical personnel. Among them, 36 participants were from Korea. Sahmyook Medical Center dispatched a seven-member cataract surgery team, including four medical professionals and three technical staff from the hospital's Medical Support division, delivering invaluable medical service to those in need.





# ECKC Launches Device Donation Campaign for Sri Lanka Mission



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The East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) Digital Evangelism department is running a focused donation campaign to collect unused smartphones, tablet PCs, and laptops for Sri Lanka’s mission needs.

The department emphasized that smartphones enable global connection and gospel sharing. Urging participation, they noted that unused devices could become channels of hope and salvation to Sri Lanka, encouraging church members to actively join this initiative.

Pastor Ham MinHo, director of the ECKC Digital Evangelism department, called for support, saying, “Your unused device can make a meaningful difference for global mission. We invite all members to contribute to this goal.”

At the same time, the Sri Lanka Mission is making earnest efforts to revitalize its evangelistic work. The mission has been energized by the appointment of Korean missionaries, including Mission President Jung HyoSoo.

Through “Arise Sri Lanka,” the Mission launched a church revitalization project aimed at restoring evangelistic momentum, focusing on member motivation, strengthening small group evangelism, remodeling support systems, and fostering sister church partnerships.



Rather than concentrating on one-time evangelistic meetings or baptismal events, the goal is holistic revival—uniting pastors and members in spiritual re-education and leadership training to renew the entire church.

Pastor Jung explained that the project is “a contextualized version of the Global Discipleship Evangelism program currently being implemented worldwide,” and emphasized that it is “not merely about repairing church buildings or external improvements, but a comprehensive restoration movement centered on spiritual renewal and the recovery of missionary passion.”



# Bangladesh Union Celebrates Adventist Possibility Ministries Sabbath



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

On April 19, 2025, the Bangladesh Adventist Union Mission (BAUM) celebrated Adventist Possibility Ministries Sabbath throughout its territories, honoring individuals with special needs—including widows, widowers, and people with disabilities.

With the theme “Reaching Everyone,” this year’s Sabbath focused on breaking social barriers and extending Christlike compassion to all. Pastor Ronilsom Alves Pinto from the North Pará Mission in Brazil wrote the official sermon. As someone who overcame cerebral palsy to become a pastor, he shared a powerful message that challenged churches to recognize the value and potential of every person.

Churches across Bangladesh actively organized special worship services, prayer gatherings, and outreach programs. Members warmly welcomed participants with

special needs, presented them with thoughtful gifts, and surrounded them with love and care. The joy and appreciation expressed by the recipients deeply touched all in attendance.

One of the most heartfelt moments came when a young girl with a disability chose to be baptized during the service. Her public declaration of faith served as a powerful testimony to God’s inclusive love and the church’s mission to embrace all. Members continue to uplift her in prayer.

By observing this special Sabbath, the Bangladesh Union reaffirmed its commitment to building a church that not only includes but empowers individuals with special needs. Through meaningful action and intentional ministry, the Union demonstrated that every person matters and has a unique role in God’s mission.





# Dhaka Church Celebrates Children's Sabbath 2025



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



Over 400 worshipers attended Children's Sabbath in person.

The central Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dhaka, Bangladesh, celebrated Children's Sabbath on July 26, 2025, aligning with the global Adventist community. Over 400 worshipers attended in person, with many more joining online from across the country, showcasing the children's talents, leadership, and spiritual growth.

This year's celebration highlighted the theme, "Rock Solid With God," reinforcing God's unshakable presence and strength as central to the event. The message, grounded in Isaiah 41:10, encouraged both children and adults to rely on God's promise: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous

right hand."

The Children's Ministries department at the Dhaka SDA Church is one of its most dynamic ministries, led by one coordinator and seven co-leaders, serving more than 210 children. The children are grouped by age for classes: Baby Steps, Beginners, Kindergarten, Primary, PowerPoint, Early Teen, and Cornerstone. More than 50 dedicated teachers guide these young hearts, preparing them to grow in faith and become faithful witnesses for Christ.

On Children's Sabbath, all elements of the Sabbath School and Divine Service were led by the children. They presided over the service, offered the pastoral prayer, collected tithes and offerings, shared a story, preached,



and pronounced the benediction. Their confident, heartfelt participation deeply moved the congregation and offered a glimpse into the Church's future.

Following this inspiring service, a joyful fellowship meal was held in honor of the children and their teachers. The atmosphere was festive and filled with gratitude.

Anand Chowdhury, the first elder of the Dhaka Church, said, "This Sabbath is one of the best days of my life." The leadership of the Bangladesh Union Mission also praised the children's presentation and encouraged them to continue their spiritual journey.





# Couples Seminar Strengthens Marriages in West Bangladesh Mission

Mahuya Roy  
BAUM WM Director



The Family Ministries departments of the Bangladesh Adventist Union Mission (BAUM) and the West Bangladesh Mission (WBM) jointly organized a Couples Seminar at Bangla Hope on May 29, 2025. The event brought together couples from surrounding churches for a day of spiritual renewal and relationship enrichment. More than 50 couples participated in the seminar, representing the various congregations.

Led by Mahuya Roy, BAUM Family Ministries director, and Rebecca Adhikary, WBM Family Ministries director, the program emphasized biblical principles for strengthening family life. In her keynote address, Roy highlighted love, faithfulness, and mutual respect as

the core values of Christian families. Adhikary provided practical guidance on communication and nurturing spiritual intimacy at home. Interactive sessions and group discussions allowed couples to share their experiences, challenges, and testimonies, fostering a supportive atmosphere of learning and encouragement.

A special vow renewal ceremony allowed couples to reaffirm their marital commitment before God, creating a memorable and spiritually uplifting experience for all in attendance. Many participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to refocus on their family lives and left with renewed determination to build Christ-centered homes.

# SBM Celebrates 30th Anniversary of Women's Ministries

Mahuya Roy  
BAUM WM Director



On Aug. 1, 2025, the South Bangladesh Mission (SBM) held a joyful celebration in honor of the 30th anniversary of Women's Ministries. This meaningful and memorable event brought together approximately 50 women, along with their spouses and mission officers, to recognize three decades of empowering and equipping women in ministry worldwide.

The event was thoughtfully organized by Mahuya Roy, Women's Ministries director of the Bangladesh Adventist Union Mission (BAUM), in collaboration with Monju Falia, Women's Ministries director of SBM.

Mahuya Roy delivered an inspiring keynote address reflecting on the global journey of Women's Ministries,

its achievements, and how to foster continued growth in the local context. Monju Falia shared practical insights into the roles and responsibilities of Women's Ministries within the mission. Pastor Timothy Roy, BAUM executive secretary, conducted a reflective session on the unique qualities and God-given roles of women.

A question-and-answer session followed, addressing challenges faced by women, strategies for overcoming them, and casting a shared vision for the future of Women's Ministries. The event concluded with a symbolic candle lighting ceremony and a joyful cake-cutting, marking the global anniversary with warmth, unity, and celebration.





# Mongolia Mothers' Conference Ignites a Movement of Faith

**Ooyo Batsukh**  
MM WM/Family Ministries  
Director



The Mongolia Mission (MM) of Seventh-day Adventists hosted its first-ever conference for Mothers under the uplifting theme, “Flourish Where You Are Planted.” The event took place at Suut Resort, a church-owned retreat center located near Ulaanbaatar. It brought together women from across the country to empower and equip them for spiritual leadership at home and in the church.

Ooyo Batsukh, director of MM Women’s and Family Ministries, organized the conference and anchored the program in the biblical verse, “A wife of noble character is her husband’s crown” (Proverbs 12:4). The program emphasized the vital role of mothers in passing down faith to the next generation.

A total of 101 women attended in person at Suut, while more than 70 others participated online. This hybrid format created a spiritually unifying experience for mothers across Mongolia.

The multi-day event featured inspiring messages from mission leaders, interactive workshops on parenting and guiding wayward children, prayer sessions, and

meaningful fellowship. Each morning began with a prayer walk, where mothers lifted their children to God, capturing the heart of the conference.

Participants engaged in prayer journaling, sharing testimonies, and writing prayers together. Along with spiritual enrichment, the women also acquired practical skills to strengthen their roles in their families and communities.

A baptismal ceremony on Sabbath became the spiritual highlight of the conference. Several women publicly dedicated their lives to Jesus, creating a decisive and emotional moment for their families and local churches.

“Mothers are the center,” said Ooyo Batsukh. “Their faith sets the tone in the home, and their influence shapes the spiritual health of the church.”

This historic gathering was more than just an event. It inspired a movement of mothers rooted in Christ, determined to flourish where they are planted, and committed to preparing their children for the soon coming of Jesus.





# Joy, Faith, and Fellowship Shine at Lakpahana Children’s Camp

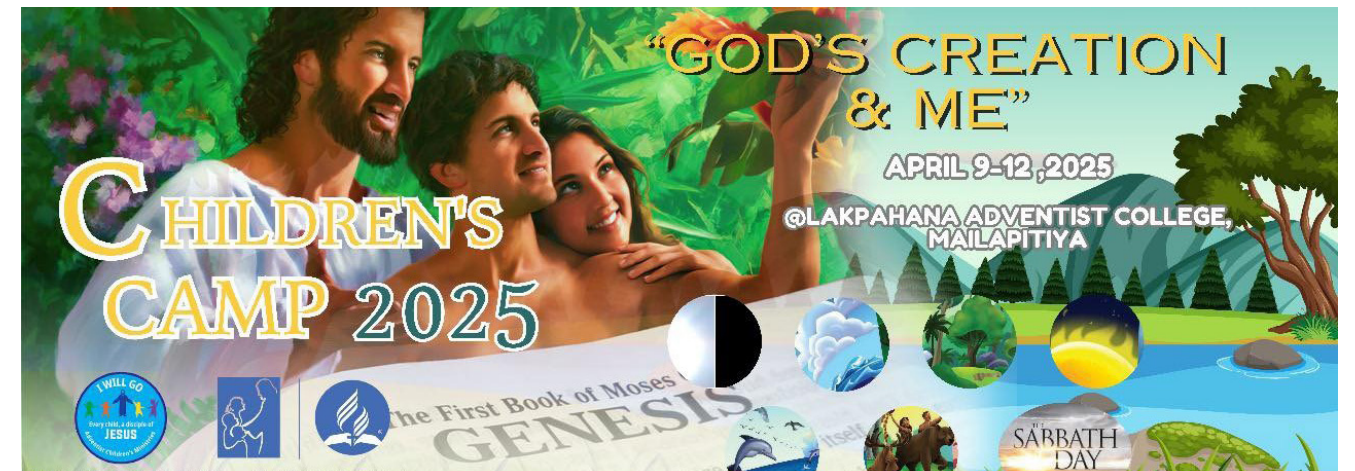
**Raquel Arrais**  
NSD Children’s/Family/Women’s  
Ministries Director



On April 9-12, 2025, the Lakpahana Seventh-day Adventist College campus in Sri Lanka burst into life with the laughter, praise, prayers, and fellowship of more than 300 children. The Sri Lanka Mission hosted its annual Children’s Ministries Camp under the theme “God’s Creation and Me.” The Camp aimed to help children strengthen their relationship with their Creator, embrace biblical values, and discover their unique role in God’s creation.

Each day began with worship led by the children, which nurtured their spiritual confidence and leadership. Raquel Arrais, Children’s Ministries director of NSD, delivered warm and engaging morning and evening messages that touched young hearts and reminded them of their priceless value in God’s eyes.

The Camp offered a variety of engaging activities that promoted growth in mind, body, and spirit. Children connected through icebreakers and started the event with a vibrant welcome parade led by the Lakpahana school band. They sang and shared in daily devotions that deepened their faith, and they strengthened their



knowledge of Scripture by participating in Bible quizzes. They also enjoyed fun recreational moments through swimming, outdoor games, and a bounce-house castle.

In addition, the program included meaningful workshops such as the “Five Fingers Prayer,” which taught children how to remember whom to pray for using each finger. A creative cooking session taught the importance of stewardship and budgeting, while a special stewardship education session helped children understand the joy of giving. Kim NakHyung, NSD Stewardship director, generously supported this effort by providing personal offering boxes and inspiring children to practice tithing and faithful giving from a young age.

The camp bore visible spiritual fruit 15 children decided to be baptized, and eighteen others dedicated their lives to God to become future pastors and church leaders.

The camp community gathered for a joyful campfire celebration on the final evening. Children sang, danced, and cherished one last evening of shared memories. The next morning, children, guardians, and leaders returned home with gratitude, renewed faith, and anticipation for the 2026 camp.

Reflecting on the experience, Alice Arul Emerson, Children’s Ministries director of the Sri Lanka Mission, said, “Every part of this camp unfolded under God’s guidance. We enjoyed clear skies, stayed safe throughout, and felt His peace in every moment.” She continued, “We deeply appreciate the financial support from Seventh-day Adventist institutions across Sri Lanka, as well as the quiet generosity of anonymous donors who provided food, supplies, and countless unseen blessings that helped make this camp a success.”





# Hope Channel Launches in Nepal



## Hope Channel Expands into New Territories with Launches in Four Regions

Vyacheslav Demyan, President of Hope Channel International, prays for the leaders of the new territories.

The Hope Channel Network is rapidly expanding its global footprint, encompassing 88 media entities worldwide. Today, we celebrate not just the growth of our network but the powerful reality that we are reaching territories that are hungry for the Word of God.

In these regions, media serves as an effective evangelistic tool—capable of thriving where traditional methods may face obstacles. This expansion reflects our commitment to the mission of reaching one billion people with the message of eternal hope by 2030.

Recent milestones in Papua New Guinea, South Sudan, Nepal, and Mizoram highlight this vision in action.

### Hope Channel Papua New Guinea

Hope Channel Papua New Guinea is celebrating its official launch and the many blessings that have already followed. Although the channel does not yet have a dedicated studio, the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) has agreed to share its facilities, allowing Hope Channel Papua New Guinea to broadcast 24/7.

This launch builds on the momentum of the PNG for Christ campaign held last year, a two-week evangelistic initiative that reached 2,000 sites and resulted in over 170,000 new church members. Hope Channel Papua New Guinea now continues that spiritual momentum through its media platform.

In a nation where television and radio are key parts of daily life, Hope Channel Papua New Guinea's presence on Channel 7 is a major achievement. "We are incredibly excited about Hope Channel Papua New Guinea broadcasting into our major centers," said Brad Kemp, CEO of Adventist Media. "This expands our reach to the people of Papua New Guinea. The Advent message can now get directly into homes and villages."

The channel offers programming on family life, health, cooking, archaeology, youth, and children's topics. With no legal restrictions on faith-based content, and with an Adventist serving as Prime Minister, Hope Channel Papua New Guinea is uniquely positioned for impact.

### Hope Channel South Sudan

Hope Channel South Sudan is embracing a new chapter of ministry, bringing faith-based media to a region filled with spiritual hunger and need.

Christianity is the main religion in South Sudan, with many people following the Catholic and Episcopal Churches, alongside smaller groups of Muslims and traditional religions.

About 80,000 people in South Sudan are Seventh-day Adventists, just 0.67 percent of the total population, underscoring the urgent need for outreach.

Despite limited equipment, Hope Channel South Sudan has creatively maximized its resources, producing content from Union Mission offices, conference rooms, and local churches. The team of eight volunteers is steadfast in developing evangelistic programs for Facebook, YouTube, and TikTok. Their lineup includes Pulpit of Hope, Youth of the Hour, Women of Faith, and children's programming—all designed to connect viewers with the local church and lead hearts to Christ.

Pastor Mark Igga Mona Odolopre, director of media and communication, referenced the parable of the mustard seed from Matthew 13:31–32 to describe this new beginning. He said, "Hope Channel South Sudan is now small like a grain of mustard seed, but it will surely grow and become big and lead many souls to the kingdom of God. Amen!"

### Hope Channel Nepal

Hope Channel Nepal has officially launched, marking a groundbreaking moment in sharing the message of hope in one of the world's least-reached countries. Over 80 percent of Nepal's population practices Hinduism, and legal restrictions make it unlawful to preach publicly or encourage conversion.

But the rise of social media has opened a door. "There's no law forbidding people from sharing personal stories on social media," explained Hope Channel Nepal director Binod Dahal. "We've encouraged our youth and church members to share their testimony and faith online."

Although only 9,000 Adventists live among Nepal's 30 million people, more than 80 percent of the population now has access to the internet. Hope Channel Nepal aims to produce localized content in the Nepali language, bridging the gap left by English-language resources.

Without a formal studio, production currently takes place in homes and outdoor settings. But partnerships with the Adventist hospital and other institutions are

helping to create new content.

"We urgently need a dedicated studio to enhance our production capabilities," Dahal said. "Please pray that God provides the resources we need to reach every mountain and village in Nepal with His message of love."

### Hope Channel Mizo

Christianity is deeply embedded in the culture of Mizoram, India, where more than 90 percent of the population identifies as Christian. Fortunately, unlike many Indian states, Mizoram has not implemented anti-conversion laws, allowing faith-based content to be shared.

The Adventist media presence in Mizoram began in 2003 with an Adventist World Radio studio. Today, more than 20,000 Adventists live in the region—about 1.6 percent of the population—and Hope Channel Mizo sees a wide-open field for evangelism.

"The Mizo people are exceptionally receptive to spiritual messages, and digital media allows us to reach every home effectively," said Pastor Lalmuansanga Khiangte, manager of Hope Channel Mizo.

The team is focused on building a dedicated visual studio and expanding its reach. They currently broadcast on ZONET and LPS and have set an ambitious goal of growing their YouTube audience from 37,000 to 100,000 subscribers within a year.

### A Mission Worth Praying For

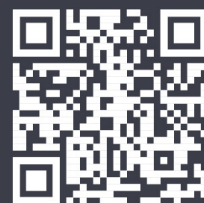
We thank God for the extraordinary progress made through these new channels. As Hope Channel continues to overcome geographical, language, and legal barriers, we remain committed to sharing the message of hope and faith with people in every corner of the world.

"What excites me most about these new channels is not just that we're growing, but how God is leading us to meet people right where they are," said Vyacheslav Demyan, president of Hope Channel International. "Through local teams, Bible-based content, innovative technology, and the work of the Holy Spirit, we're seeing this movement of hope take root in new places. This is why we say: Hope starts here."

We invite you to pray for these new channels, their dedicated teams, and the lives they are reaching with the message of eternal hope.

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