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#### INSPIRATION



## The Fields are Ripe for Harvest Mission to the Cities

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

U rbanization is a generalized phenomenon in our century. People are constantly moving from the countryside to cities for job opportunities and a more convenient life. Currently about 50% of the world's population are living in cities, but this figure could go up to 60% by 2030.

City life is very complicated and highly secularized. People in the cities are becoming more individualistic and self-dependent. Materialism is, in most people's mind, a top priority. People in cities are busily involved in so many activities and appointments every day. Amusement and entertainment businesses are flourishing day and night. Consequently, it seems that less and less people in cities are interested in Christian messages.

However, Jesus says that now is the time to approach the people with the gospel message. "Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." (John 4:35)

The pen of inspiration emphasized the importance and urgency of urban ministry.

"The burden of the needs of our cities has rested so heavily upon me that it has sometimes seemed that I should die. May the Lord give wisdom to our brethren, that they may know how to carry forward the work in harmony with the will of the Lord...The cities must be worked. The millions living in these congested centers are to hear the third angel's message." (Ev, 34-35)

The city evangelism faces many challenges. It is not easy to capture the attention of the people with religious messages, because they are more interested in making money and social pleasure through the internet and entertainment events and programs. Although they know it is needed, some church leaders are reluctant to plant new churches in cities because of the enormous cost of meeting places. It is true that urban evangelism has been neglected for many years due to many reasons and excuses.

In the recent city-wide evangelism in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, we witnessed the graduation ceremony of 246 people who had finished the Voice of Prophecy correspondence courses and a baptismal rite of 103 precious souls.

The pastors and church members have worked together with support from the NSD and MMF leaders to bring people to Christ. At the end of the evangelistic campaign they were confident that public evangelism in a large city still works, and is productive.

Nineveh was a large capital city in ancient Assyria with more than 120,000 people living there. It was a wicked city like many other cities such as Sodom and Gomorrah. Their cup of wickedness was overflowing and they were waiting for divine judgment. But God did not give them up. He sent Jonah as his messenger to the city, in spite of Jonah's reluctance to go. What was the result of 40 days of large city evangelism in Nineveh?

"The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust." (Jonah 3:5-6)

We will pray and work together to spread the message of the soon coming of Christ to multi-millions of people in large cities. The fields are indeed ripe for harvest.

#### **NSD MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to communicate to all people in its territory the everlasting gospel of God's love in the context of the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14:6-12, and as revealed in the life, death, resurrection, and high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord and to unite with His remnant church; and to nurture believers as disciples in preparation for His soon return, and to equip and empower them for service.



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## The Possibility of Success of the Big City Ev The Combined Evangelistic Meeting in Ulaa

### Ulaanbaatar Has Been Chosen as a Prelude to the Big City Evangelism Project

Mongolia! The meaning of Mongolia's name is "courage." This has been seen throughout Mongolia's great history, since Genghis Kahn conquered empires and built up an even greater empire in the early 13th century. This country has the 19th largest land mass in the world, and its population is about three million. Approximately half of the population is concentrated in Ulaanbaatar, which is the capital city. 90% of the nation believes in Buddhism, so Christianity is not very strong here. Since the Communists seized power in 1921, a communistic ideology, and atheism have run rampant in its society. All other religions were forbidden for 70 years.

However, religious freedom was finally allowed in 1990, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church first set foot in this country in 1992. Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Adventist church beginning its work in Mongolia, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) chose the city of Ulaanbaatar as a pilot area for the Big City Evangelism Project.

They held a week-long evangelistic series in order to swiftly convey the Gospel in this area, and to have revival and reformation in the churches there.

Adventist members who were drenched in the blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross united their minds together to lift the flag of salvation in Ulaanbaatar, whose name literally means "a Red Hero."

The success of the Big City Evangelistic Meeting in Ulaanbaatar is very meaningful, and an encouraging event in mission work. It helps to show the urgent need and effectiveness of the project which will also be held in New York, Tokyo and other big cities of the world in 2013.



850 people gather together at UB Palace and Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President preaches Gospel as a main speaker

## angelism Project Is Confirmednbaatar, Mongolia NSD Communication Department Director



### A Meeting Prepared through Prayer and God's Response in a Plentiful Harvest

There was a big evangelistic meeting held by the NSD, and the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) from September 15 to 23, 2012. Different meetings took place at ten churches located near the capital city during the first five days.

All the churches members, who totaled approximately 850 people, gathered together at the UB Palace for United Evangelistic Meetings from September 20 to 23, 2012.

Many church leaders, evangelists, and volunteer workers participated in this special event. They included Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President; Dr. SiYoung Kim, NSD Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Coordinator; Pastor KwangEui Hong, NSD Mission Training Center Director; Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Director; Pastor SukHee Han, NSD HisHands Coordinator; Pastor SeongJun Byun, NSD Communication Associate Director; Pastor Elbert Kuhn, MMF Director. There were also lay volunteers from Korea, Mongolian pastors, Mongolian church members, HisHands missionaries, Descendants and Golden Angels.

During the first five days, the HisHands missionaries in Mongolia had training sessions at the Ulaanbaatar Central Church in the morning, and preached the Gospel, visiting every house in the assigned area. It was good for them to have quality training by Pastor KwangEui Hong, Pastor SukHee Han, and Pastor ChoonSan Yang from China.

The HisHands missionaries were filled with the Holy Spirit through the Word, prayer, praise, and fellowship, as they went out to distribute tracts and proclaim Christ before many people.

Many who were interested, and young people, attended various activities including Korean culture,



Those who received baptism. They are the future of the Mongolian churches

#### COVER STORY

health seminars, Gospel singing, and cooking classes held by Korean evangelists in each church. Those who were attracted by the activities also attended the evangelistic series.

Pastor SiYoung Kim, Pastor KwangEui Hong, Pastor NakHyung Kim, Pastor SukHee Han, Pastor SeongJun Byun, and Pastor ChoonSan Yang were speakers in each church, with Mongolian pastors serving as translators.

The United Evangelism Meeting at the UB Palace was packed with more than 850 people. Dr. Jairyong Lee preached the word of salvation, and participants received showers of grace through his sermon.

On the last day, there was a graduation for 246 Bible seekers who completed a Bible study course through the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School. Also, there was a baptismal ceremony for 103 precious people who accepted Christ as their personal Savior on Sabbath afternoon. The NSD leaders and ordained Mongolian ministers baptized the candidates, helping them to become born again sons and daughters of God. At the same time, three people in the Erdenet Church and 30 people in the Maranatha Church were baptized. There were also 25 souls who were baptized during the summer camp meeting in July, totaling 161 people who were born again through the event. It is the largest number of baptisms in Mongolian Adventist history. New members decided to devote their lives to God by delivering the Three Angels' Message to the world.

In addition, the MMF experienced spiritual revival and all the church members were reminded of the Gospel work to be done to hasten the Second Coming of Christ.

# Systematic Preparation: Perfect Teamwork among the NSD, the MMF, and local churches



Welcoming sign
 Pinning Ceremony for those who received a certificate of graduation

Registration
 Group prayer



The NSD and the MMF shared ideas and made a detailed plan for the Ulaanbaatar United Evangelism Meeting about a year ago. Ten churches in the city of Ulaanbaatar joined the project, and divided the city into 10 areas. The committed members of the churches received HisHands training, and were then appointed as missionaries.

The HisHands missionaries, along with other church members, distributed tracts and booklets of "Present Truth," seeking interests through house-to-house visitation in pairs. They also helped those interested enroll in the Bible correspondence school, as well as study the Bible with them. Each church started working on full-scale activities by appointing two ground workers, two months before the event.

They also adjusted the schedule of the overseas evangelistic teams for the period. It was the first goal of the MMF, since Pastor Elbert Kuhn and Cleidi Kuhn began their new post in Mongolia, so that all churches, organizations, and volunteers could efficiently focus on the Big City Evangelist Project.It also created a synergy effect that large missionary organizations such as Global Mission Project, Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM), HisHands Mission Movement (HHMM), and the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) could be tested in Ulaanbaatar.

### HisHands Helping Evangelistic Meeting in Local Churches: the NSD Leaders, HisHands Missionaries, Korean Lay Missionary Teams, Golden Angels, and Descendants

The week looked like a missionary festival. 130 HisHands missionaries came from all over Mongolia to gather at the Ulaanbaatar Central Church for a morning devotional, and prayer meeting. In the afternoon,

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 Speakers of the Combined Evangelism Meeting

 1. Dr. Jairyoung Lee, NSD President (Main Speaker)
 2. Dr. Siyoung Kim, PMM Coordinator

 3. Pr. KwangEui Hong, NSD Mission Training Center Director
 4. Pr. Nakhyung Kim, NSD Youth Director

they were sent to local churches for house visitation. Each church provided well-prepared programs in the morning and afternoon, and held an evangelistic meeting at 6 pm.

The NSD encouraged overseas volunteer missionary teams in Korea to participate in the Ulaanbaatar evangelism.

Six from the Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) of the Korean Union Conference (KUC), eight from the KAWA of the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC), five from the KAWA of the East Central Korean Conference (ECKC), three from the KAWA of the South East Korean Conference (SEKC), 18 from lay literature evangelists, and the Singapore Overseas Mission Team came to Mongolia to serve at the meeting at their own expense. In close cooperation with the NSD and the MMF, they prepared and implemented gripping programs that met the needs of each church. The KUC KAWA members met many souls by operating three programs: teaching the Korean language, health classes, and cooking classes at the Maranatha Church.

The WCKC KAWA members invited people to the Khanuul Church through a traditional Korean culture program. More than 80 people attended the Korean vegetarian cooking class held at the Ulaanbaatar Central Church by the ECKC KAWA members.

The SEKC KAWA members supported the meeting through a healthy food class at the Tolgoit Church. Ten literature evangelists distributed 50,000 tracts and supported the evangelistic meeting at the Amgalan Church and the Immanuel Church.

The Golden Angels, singing missionaries of the NSD, participated in a Keep-Fit class at the Amazing Church and Youth Alive program at schools with their music early in the morning.

In the afternoon, they invited many young people to

a language class and club activities. The Descendants, the Mongolian singing group, held a music class to meet people, and teach them about the Bible.

It was a special spiritual experience that the HisHands missionaries, the overseas missionary teams and the singing missionaries worked together for good. The five day evangelism schedule at each church consisted of sowing seeds during the day and gathering the crops at night. There were many people that decided to be baptized, one after another.

### Large Results of Soul Winning Harvest through the United Evangelistic Meeting



- 3. Pastor Seong Jun Byun, NSD Media Center 4. Pr. SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director
- 5. Pastor Chuanshan Yang, Chinese Speakers of local Evangelistic meeting

The final united evangelistic meeting was held at the UB Palace on September 20, 2012. It was advertised through TV commercials, banner ads, and posters. Many of those interested had attended meetings held at local churches. There were also many church members gathered at the UB Palace, helping to fill over 1,000 seats.

Recently, the Adventist church in Ulaanbaatar showed a significant decline in their average attendance because many members fell back because of the influence of secularism and urbanization.

For this reason, the United Evangelistic Meeting was

planned to help find lost members and seekers, and to help them establish a personal faith, as well as for the church to experience growth.

They will also have an opportunity to systematically study the Bible through a Bible correspondence program.

Powerful and interesting Gospel messages that moved and inspired the audience were shared by Dr. Jairyong Lee, the NSD President.

There was a severe traffic jam because of road repairs in Ulaanbaatar, but the UB Palace was filled through the power of the Gospel.

#### Highlight of the Event: Baptismal Ceremony and Voice of Prophecy Graduation



On September 22, 2012, the last day of the evangelistic project, 103 precious souls received baptism and became Adventists. It was even more meaningful because 70% of the baptismal candidates studied the Bible with HisHands missionaries before the meeting. Baptismal

candidates confessed their faith, standing with candles around the tub. At the same time, three people in the Erdenet Church and 30 people in the Maranatha Church were baptized, adding to the 25 souls who were baptized during the summer camp meeting in July. There were a total of 161 people who were born again through the event.

Besides the great news of the baptisms, the Mongolian HisHands translated and published textbooks for the Bible Correspondence School in 2011 for Bible study. HisHands also adopted the Bible Correspondence Schools method of operation.

In addition, the Mongolian Church Pastors and leaders hard work paid off because 246 Bible seekers received a certificate of completion and pin of graduation as they completed the correspondence course.

#### **50,000 Tracts Distributed**



Korean Lay People who distributed 50,000 tracts

50,000 tracts of the "Present Truth" were printed in Korea and were distributed by Korean literature evangelists and the Mongolian HisHands during the Evangelistic Project. As Mongolian people do not throw away even a small piece of paper, we hope this small tract can be a light of the Gospel to each family. The largest numbers of tracts in the Mongolian Adventist history were shared and now the MMF is developing many plans to reinforce their publishing ministries.

### Touching Devotion and Passionate Activities of the Mongolian HisHands



HisHands missionaries help with registration

The HisHands Mission Movement in Mongolia has trained approximately 430 missionaries in the last four years. This number is actually almost 30% of the Mongolian Adventist members.

While they focused on education and training in 2010, actual evangelistic activities have taken place since 2011.

120 evangelistic agents organized in 2012 and supported the evangelistic meetings of each church in

September, through house visitation and Bible study. The missionaries made a vow during the HisHands training held in April, 2012, to lead at least one soul to the Lord by September. As a result, 63 people who studied the Bible with HisHands decided to be baptized and were invited to the meeting. 186 Bible Correspondence School graduates were lead by HisHands.

#### Follow-ups for the Greater Goal, Growth, and Revival



The Ulaanbaatar evangelism was a blessing to many souls because they heard the Gospel. It was also a turning point in restoring church growth from stagnation, motivating the local churches to spontaneously do evangelistic work by themselves. The MMF will continue to raise and train HisHands missionaries to secure new members and Bible Correspondence School students. The MMF Youth Ministries Department is preparing a fellowship program in October and a Bible Olympiad and music contest in November. Those events will assist new members in being familiar with the Adventist church. Here are the impressions of Dr. Jairyong Lee, (a main speaker of the meeting), Dr. SiYoung Kim, (a coordinator of the meeting), and Pastor Elbert Kuhn, (a director for the Ulaanbaatar area).

The NSD President, Dr. Jairyong Lee said, "The Ulaanbaatar city-wide evangelism was a historical event

which revived our churches in Mongolia through great mission activities. I hope and pray that our churches in Mongolia will perform even greater mission outreach to other areas, and to achieve great goals. This UB evangelism was a preparatory event for the "Mission to the Cities," which will be held in Tokyo next year, and it was a great success. Because of this success, we strongly believe that Tokyo 13 will also be very successful next year.

Pastor Elbert Kuhn, the MMF Director said, "I had been appointed as the new MMF Director this year and I had heard of the Ulaanbaatar evangelistic meeting at the NSD Mid-year Committee in May. It was a big burden because I needed to transfer duties and visit fields first, but I realized that it was a blessing God had given to Mongolia. Although there were some weak points, it was still encouraging that spiritual revival began in Ulaanbaatar. It was God's tremendous blessing to Mongolia."

Dr. SiYoung Kim said, "It was a meeting that the Holy Spirit was powerfully present at, because we applied Jesus' way of evangelism. The hearts of the Division leaders, Mongolian pastors, lay people, HisHands missionaries, and Korean volunteers were mingled. Their devotion and unity brought about a valuable result. I hope the work of the Holy Spirit will continue in Mongolia and also spread all over the world, as well as the NSD territories."











Participants at the 2012 NSD PREXAD meeting

10-day Presidential Executive Administrative Council (PREXAD) was held, along with a field visit, in China this year from August 31 to September 9. This was an annual event to bring together the Division officers, Union presidents and the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) Director, to review and discuss some of the projects of the Northern Asia-Pacific

Division (NSD).

The participants listened to reports on the challenges, and the opportunities from the Unions and MMF. They also brainstormed about future potential plans and development for the enhancement of the work in the NSD territory.

The PREXAD this year was guite unique and special





Discussing plans for church growth

Group picture with Yixing Lantin church members

Sabbath worship in Nanjing church

in comparison to previous years. The church leaders not only spent time talking about business, but spent substantial time traveling, visiting some of the churches in more than five cities in China, including Shanghai, Hangzhou, Yixing, Wuxi and Nanjing.

To most of the participants, this was an eye-opening experience. They witnessed how the Seventh-day Adventist Churches in China have gone through such difficult times all these years without any assistance from the outside world.

Yet, because of the spirit of sacrifice and dedication, along with the passion for evangelism from the church members, we can see how the Holy Spirit has been working among His people. The churches in these big cities have been growing very rapidly.

The delegation was met with a warm and cordial welcome by the local church members. Dr. Jairyong

Lee, the President of the NSD said, "I really want to thank God for your spirit of sacrifice and your passion to spread the last day Adventist message to your community.

That is the very reason why God has chosen us as His special people, because we are the people of His Mission." Dr. Lee led the delegation, and preached two Sabbath sermons which were filled with words of encouragement to our Adventist believers in China.

According to the statistics, there are more than 400,000 Seventh-day Adventist believers now worshiping in China within more than 4,000 churches and meeting places.



**Stanley Ng** Assistant to the President for China Affairs



The General Conference (GC) Communication Department held a Global Media/Communication Summit at the GC headquarters from September 26 to October 1, 2012. 80 Adventist media professionals and Division Communication directors had an inspiring time through lectures and discussion. The summit presented a vision for new media ministries to participants through beneficial lectures on vision for media collaboration, church branding, understanding media ministries, and social media evangelism. There were also various group discussions and presentations about global media teamwork, risk



Spiritual and Inspiring time before business session



Ted Wilson encourages participants with inspired message

management, communication, lay participation, video conferencing, and mobile technology. The summit went beyond merely having lectures and discussion. A proposal with outstanding ideas from the summit was created for actual implementation.

A group of Seventh-day Adventist media professionals recommended a greater focus on strategic planning for more effectively conducting mission, first with a worldwide communication audit and later forming a committee to organize global initiatives. They said the goals and mission will lay a foundation for greater collaboration and integration of global media ministries. The proposal came out of a five-day global media summit and it will be voted on at this coming GC Annual Council.

The summit, held here at the church's headquarters, was an initiative of the Adventist world church President Ted N. C. Wilson, who said the meeting

underscored unity among professional communicators. "One of the most striking results was the highly spiritual commitment on the part of these world class communicators and media specialists to actually see that the Adventist message gets to every person in the world," Wilson said. "I think that is a tremendous move forward and shows real unity and mission of the church."

Participants also visited the studios of the GC Communication Department and Hope Channel. The producing process of a 24-hour live broadcast and a broadcast network presentation were reported.

Williams Costa Jr., GC Communication Director, said, "The summit helped Adventist media professionals recognize the importance of collaboration and integration in the Gospel work and it resulted in actual and efficient cooperation among them."



Ben Schoun (front) and William Costa, Jr. (Back)



Pr. Wilson and Pr. Han Suk Hee, NSD Communication Director



Participants Visit the New studio of GC





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CHUM

### **CHUM Mission Day**



1. CHUM staff preparing for Mission Day 2. Visiting elderly people 3. Adventist Silver Center 4. Going out to distribute tracts

T o follow the Mission Day mandate by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) had a Mission Day on September 11, 2012 that involved all the staff. They went into communities in Hong Kong to proclaim God's salvation, and to let people know that Jesus is the only hope for this world. In the morning, some of the staff members organized into teams to visit friends and families who are not yet Christians. Another group went to an outlying island to visit six families, and they made moon cakes

together as it is now coming close to the Mid-Autumn Festival. In the afternoon, 40 staff members were divided into three groups to visit three centers for the elderly in different parts of Hong Kong. These centers are operated by the Hong Kong Macau Conference to provide daily activities for the elderly in the communities. The reason



CHUM chose to visit these centers was that we want to show our care to a group of people who often are neglected by society. By demonstrating our love to them, we hope they will come to know God. Our staff put on a variety of programs which included singing, games, a short sermon, a lucky drawing, and picture taking for the elderly. It was a time enjoyed by everyone, including staff members of the centers. There were a total of 207 elderly people present in three centers. The CHUM staff members enjoyed this activity immensely.

They all felt that with

this Spirit filled activity, they are more encouraged to work more faithfully as they prepare for the soon coming of our Lord.

Daniel Jiao CHUM Communication Director



### GC General Vice President Baker's Visit to Hankook Sahmyook High School



n August 24, 2012, Pastor Delbert Baker, General Conference (GC) General Vice President, and Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, Adventist Mission Director for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), visited the Hankook Sahmyook High School. All teaching staff at this school are Adventists as well as 90% of

KUC

the students. They start every single day with a praise song and the reading of the Bible through the central broadcasting system. The pastors visiting the school were so impressed with the vision of Kyung Hee Lee, President of the school, to take care of the students "whole-person." They were also impressed with the fine educational facilities which have a Bible class, Character Education and a Departmentalized classroom system. They gathered around together and had a friendly talk, encouraging many of the students, while other students were in choir practice. The pastors were so impressed by the choir's harmony. The school has put pianos everywhere in



the school to allow students to play them whenever they want, especially for singing practice. These are just a few of the things which seem to say how special this school is. Pastor Baker saw the statue of the Good Samaritan and complimented the idea of installing this statue because that is the symbol that reveals the

spirit of Hankook Sahmyook. He stated that he had the statue of the Cross installed when he was the president of Oakwood University. The President also explained the plan for setting up the prayer garden recently. Pastor Baker donated \$500.00 USD to the school for that. He

also promised that when he return to Korea, he would preach at the Hankook Sahmyook High School. They had a meaningful time and thanked God.

> **Kwon JohngHaeng** NSD Adventist Mission, Stewardship Director







## **Taegang Sahmyook Elementary School's New Facilities Completed**

T a e g a n g S a h m y o o k Elementary school has completed construction of the Onnuri-building, and the World Creation Museum. They thanked God during a Completion Worship on August 25, 2012, which was attended by many students, their parents and all the staff. The Onnuri-building has a land area of 2,800 square meters

and is a reinforced concrete structure. It has four floors above ground and one floor underground.

There is a World Creation Museum, library and gym on the underground floor. Floors 1~4 will be used as classrooms and after-class rooms. Seok Jae Lee, the President of the school, said, "We thank God for giving us these wonderful facilities. We will do our best to teach our precious children." Young Kyu Choi, President of the West Central Korean Conference, said, "I hope that this school will be God's blessed passage so that many great people in Jesus will come from this school."



Jong Tae Yoon, Korean Union Conference Education Director, also spoke, saying, "We have already known some great people who have graduated from this school. I am especially praying for the students who will study in the new facilities. Let's do our best to let the world know the excellent Adventist education."

Finally, Dae Sung Kim,

President of the Korean Union Conference, encouraged the staff by saying, "No matter how great the buildings are, most important thing is the holistic education. It is different than being beautiful, which is just a temporary thing. When you teach the children, please pray in every single situation."

Taegang Sahmyook Elementary school expects that they will be God's school, with more outstanding abilities than any other school. Through their new facilities, they will provide a time and place for deep relations with Jesus and a good education as well.

#### KUC

## **Seoul English Institute Church Holds a Seminar for Local Residents**

O n August 18, 2012, the Seoul English Institute Church held a health seminar on the topic "Is Your Skin Safe?" Dr. Tae-Ho Cho, a dermatologist at the Seoul Adventist Hospital, was a visiting lecturer at the seminar.

This event was co-hosted by the Adventist Mission Department of the church and the Cultural Center of the local community.

The seminar was held in an attempt to evangelize



people. Despite the poor weather, it was highly successful by God's grace. Over 100 people attended the seminar from the Cultural Center, the SDA Seoul Institute and local residents. This seminar was full of information that is very useful in our everyday life.

The Seoul Institute Church is planning to conduct seminars on various subjects every third

Sabbath afternoon before the evangelistic meeting.

## **JUC Shepherdess Ministry Blesses Many Pastoral Families**



Fellowship and communication among Japanese shepherdess

would like to share with you the fellowship among the shepherdesses and some activities they conducted this year.

seminar which will be held for the pastors of EJC at Deer Mountain in Korea this year. This subsidy is greatly appreciated!

Regarding the fellowship, though we have not

I appreciate the subsidy from NSD that will help

been able to meet on a Union and Conference level in recent years due a limited budget, we are able to strengthen the fellowship and encourage each other through the pastoral family retreat on a district basis, however.

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These photographs show how the retreats of the Tokyo, Kansai and Kyuusyuu districts were.



Japan union conference support for the project of sheperdess

them to attend. Though the frontline project for the church members has started in 2010, the JUC approved to support the shepherdesses to attend this spiritual retreat. To my delight, it has resulted in three pastors' wives beginning to study some material in preparation for this retreat.

It was great privilege for us to have the meeting for the shepherdess with Pastor Lynn Ripley from the NSD in Tokyo in April.

The NSD has given the JUC Shepherdess a subsidy so that seven pastors' wives will be able to attend the

I am also working to put out a newsletter for the shepherdesses and deliver some books to young shepherdesses about home worship that have been published.



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### **Korean Advanced Preparatory Academy Reaches Out to Their Community**



Learning English in the special program

et's Play English" is a specialized English program, 66T I free of charge to children who are in a low income family, are from a multi-cultural family, and live in the Yongmun-myeon area. The program has been run by Korean Advanced Preparatory Academy(KAPA), an International school in Youngmun-myeon, since April, 2012. Both students and teachers are in the middle of their busy school day, but they are still full of energy and have a strong passion for learning in this very special English class. But, there is a difference between this class at KAPA and a class at other schools. The teachers are in grades 10~12 and are students at KAPA. The only duty for the foreign teachers is to advise them. The whole curriculum for the program is developed by the KAPA students, only needing assistance from the adults in an indirect way. At this time, there are 20 students from the local community who were chosen to participate in this program. Each student takes a level test, and then is categorized as novice, intermediate, or advanced in their understanding of English. In this way they can receive the best English education in the level-differentiated classes. Each class is taught by two to three KAPA student teachers. In the class for beginners, students learn basic English conversations. In both the intermediate and advanced class, they learn about the English words for our body structure, instruments, sports and the world of animals. They also learn English expressions in each subject.



Full of energy and passion among students and teachers

Kim, Ye Rim, one of the teachers in the program, said, "The day is very busy, preparing the quizzes and homework for the students. But I feel really great about how successful this job is. I feel happy when I think of my students who I meet with every Wednesday." The smile never left her face as she said this. "Let's Play English" was chosen by the Education Office in Yongmun-myeon, Yangpyeong-gun, as a special education project, and has been welcomed by the local community. It has also drawn the attention of all sorts of press, and interest from the educational world, as well. One of the officials of Yongmun-myeon said, "Thanks to this brilliant program, which is done for free in our community, spreading of our sharing culture will be revitalized, and it will contribute to educational fairness. I think it can improve the quality of our life, and help with budget reductions."

Kim Hyun Min, who serves KAPA International School as a chaplain, said, We could feel how popular and fabulous this program is. We are going to plan to cooperate with other volunteer organizations in order to maximize our quality of education and also expand the

coverage of the application ages. We will make a lot of different programs for them, as well."



#### CHUM

## **Second CHUM Youth Leadership Congress**



O n Sep 28~Oct 1, 2012, the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) Youth Ministries Department held their 2nd CHUM Youth Leadership Conference at the Kenting National Park Youth Center. About 150 people participated from China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

The theme of the conference was "The Power of One." Those attending shared their own testimony and listened to various sermons which would help them in their ministries.

The titles of the various sermons were "Effective Ways to Train Disciples", and "How to Make a Dynamic Small Group."

Dr. Foo, the main lecturer for the conference, preached about "The Real Life of the Adventist Youth." NakHyung Kim, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Youth Ministries Director, also emphasized the "Mission and Role of Youth Leaders" in this generation. David Ng, President of the Chinese Union Mission, Steven Wu, President of the Taiwan Conference, as well as many other church leaders in China, made it their special mission to take part in this conference so that they could encourage youth leaders to work hard for the Kingdom of God.

When the CHUM Youth Leadership Conference meets, which is biennially, they tour each conference in China.

The next conference is scheduled to take place in Nanjing, China in 2014.



NakHyung Kim NSD Youth Director



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## **Report from the ASi International Convention** in the USA



The International Convention of ASI is held at the Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati, USA

f anyone knows anything about ASi (Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries), they know about its biggest event, the International Convention of ASi. It is held yearly during the second weekend of August in the USA, at a different venue every year. This year it was held at the Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, from August 8 to 11, 2012.

The four officers of the NSD (Northern Asia-Pacific Division) ASI, (Mr. Song JongHyun, President; Mr. Oh SooHo, Vice President; Mr. Song JaeHyun, Secretary; and Mr. Teru Fukui, Coordinator) attended this convention, eagerly learning how to invigorate the ASi of the NSD.

They hoped to gain hands-on experience. The convention consisted of mainly 3 parts: 1) Meetings, which were full of spiritual messages and testimonies, both plenary and sub-divided; 2) Exhibitions of all kinds of the Church's supporting ministries, health,

education, media, publications and many others, with over 300 exhibitors; and 3) Official Committees which were held with other programs simultaneously and offlimits to outsiders.





The Secretary-Treasurer of the NAD (North American Division) ASi, and the Head of Spiritual Affairs, Mr. Denzil McNielus, graciously met with our representatives personally, taking almost three hours to share stories of their work and the many blessings they have received.

All of our officers were so blessed to know how they operate the organization and its vision.

The members and attendees of ASi were so eager to assist Church supporting ministries run by lay creative people.

The amount of the offerings that they dedicated to support these ministries during the Sabbath worship service was nearly \$2 million whereas

the target was \$1.3 million this year, according to the announcement. Please pray for our NSD ASi.



#### Teru Fukui NSD ASi coordinator

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### The Completion of Sahmyook University's Whole-Being Education Center

T hrough the long cherished dreams of Sahmyook University in Korea, the Whole-Being Education Center was completed. An grand opening worship was held at the Center in Anmyeon-eup, Chungcheongnamdo, Korea, Sahmyook University on August 21, 2012. That day, Dae Sung Kim, Chairman of the Board, Sang Lae Kim, President of Sahmyook University, Ki Kon Kim, the former President of Sahmyook University, and Jin Tae Gu, the local governor, participated in the event. President Sang Lae Kim said, "We have a strong will for the education of the personality. This plan was an extension of our spirit."

Next, the former President, Ki Kon Kim expressed his gratitude, and celebrated the completion of the Whole-Being Center. He hopes that this Center will be one of the best institutions in Korea. The building was built as a multi-purpose hall, so that students can attend lectures, and participate in many other kinds of events. It can also be used for affordable music concerts and athletic



meetings. The University will also be opening it to the local people in order to contribute to the development of the community. The Center can accommodate up to 500 people. Sahmyook University is expecting growth in the student's satisfaction with their education through new and improved facilities and programs.



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### **2012** AHCA(Adventist Health Care Association) **President's Council Meets in Hangzhou, China**



Delegates of AHCA discuss on major issues

T he 2012 Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Presidents' Council of the Adventist Health Care Association (AHCA) was held from September 24 - 27 in Hangzhou, China. 18 hospital administrators, representing 11 member hospitals and one associate member hospital, came from Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Malaysia to join the Council.

The Presidents' Council is an annual event for the hospital administrators to meet and fellowship with each other for spiritual enrichment, networking and continuing education. The guest speaker at this year's Council, Dr. Gerald R. Winslow, is the Vice President for Mission and Culture for the Loma Linda University (LLU) Medical Center and also serves as the Chief Culture Officer for LLU's system of six hospitals. He is also Professor of Religion at LLU, specializing in Biomedical Ethics.

Dr. Winslow gave two presentations during two morning sessions, "Principles of Faithful Leadership", and "Creating the Corporate Character." Both were very timely and thought-provoking. The presentations encouraged the hospital administrators to become more deeply aware of God's purpose, seeking a



Dr. Winslow also shared with the participants the Core Values for the Loma

Linda University Medical Center: COMPASSION, INTEGRITY, EXCELLENCE, TEAMWORK and WHOLENESS.

On the afternoon of September 25, the participants went on a tour of Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital (SRRSH) which had signed a cooperative agreement with Loma Linda University about 20 years ago. It has now developed into a 1,200-bed hospital, and is often regarded as one of the best hospitals in both East China and the Zhejiang Province. Decades earlier, Sir Run Run Shaw contacted Neal C. Wilson, the then president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with his dream of building a modern hospital to serve the people of his native Zhejiang Province. Sir Run Run Shaw, and members of his family, had been impressed by the care they had received years before from compassionate Adventist medical pioneers such as Dr. Harry Miller, MD.





AHCA President's Council



Church officials were cautious at first, but they ultimately agreed to support the endeavor by providing vision and funding designed to help the proposed new hospital achieve the desired outcome of providing a core health ministry in postmodern China.

The business session of the AHCA was conducted during the mid-day of September 25, with the AHCA officers (Dr. Kenji Yamagata, President, Dr. Myung Sup Choi, Secretary/Treasurer, and Pr. Stanley Ng, Advisor) leading the meeting. The business session dealt with some routine agenda items, along with voting to accept Penang Adventist Hospital as an associate member of the AHCA. Next year the venue for the Presidents' Council will be in Penang, Malaysia.

The AHCA is the umbrella organization covering all the Adventist health-care institutions within the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). The purpose of the AHCA is to provide coordination, services, advice and networking among the hospital administrators.

> Stanley Ng Assistant to the President for China Affairs

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### Combined English Camp was held by Academies in the Chungcheong Province

O n September 14~16, 2012, the six academies in the Chungcheong province held a Combined English Camp for children at the Madalpy Teaching Center. 100 students attended the camp which was an English Immersion Course.

The names of the participating academies



The first day of the camp, the booth activities were prepared. The next day, they enjoyed various outdoor activities which included archery, dominoes, golf and so on. At night they spent time at a campfire doing some recreational activities. The students said that they felt that the stress of school have left them.

were Taejon Dunsan, Taejon, Songchon, Cheongju, West Cheonan, and Cheonan .

Many foreign teachers also participated in the camp so that the students could be exposed to the English environment more naturally. The students were bracketed into many groups. The English education programs were also prepared very well. The students participated in English pronunciation, English Twenty Questions and many other interesting programs. The talent show was very popular.

They also listened to how God shows His love through their parents love, as well as Bible stories every day.



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### 96 Year-old Active Deaconess in Japan



Pr. Shinmyo (Retired pastor) interviews Mrs. Misao Handa, who is now 96 year-old

I was invited along with Golden Angels 8, to hold a series of evangelistic meetings at the Tokuyama Church from May 30 to June 4, 2011 in the West Japan Conference of the Japan Union Conference. By the faithful preparation of the church members, the effort was blessed by a good number of participants, and we, visitors from Korea, were very satisfied with our services during the week in spite of quite busy schedules.

After this event, I returned to Japan permanently. I was again invited by this church to help with the Sabbath School and Church Service on December 10, 2011 and on May 26, 2012. Whenever I visited this church, I was always very impressed by the active work of an older lady. Her name is Mrs. Misao Handa and she is 96 years old. In 2012, she is the head deaconess of a church whose average number of people in attendance on the Sabbath is around 25, including children. When I visited the church, I was so moved by her wonderful voice and her big smile as she greeted everyone as the Sabbath School Superintendent. I was also impressed by her earnest attitude, and wise questions and answers during the Sabbath School lesson hour that I conducted.

Although she was born in Korea before World War II, she moved to Tokuyama, Japan, with the help

of her relatives when she was in the fourth grade of elementary school. Since that time she grew up, married, and stayed in Tokuyama. She had three children with her husband. Though she was already a Sunday Christian, on October 10, 1964 (the opening day of the Tokyo Olympic Games) she was baptized to become a Seventh-day Adventist as a result of visitation by Ms. Takeko Kawahira, a literature evangelist.

Unfortunately her husband died at the age of 78 years old. Her current major prayer is the salvation of her children. Her favorite Bible texts are John 3:16 and 14:1-3. The secret of her young attitude seems to be due to her strong belief in God's love and the soon coming of Jesus Christ. In spite of the fact that she is 27 years older than myself, she wrote to me with her good hand writing as follows: "Pastor, you are also becoming old, please work according to your body condition not working too hard. I hope that you will be able to live with good health until the time of God's call."

When I read this phrase, I was amazed. This phrase is just like the tender conversation from mother to her son, "You are also old enough now, so do not work too much." Is this an evidence of her loving and caring character? 1 John 4:8 says, "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."(NKJV)

## Ministering to Women and Families in Japan

O ver the weekend of October 13 and 14, 2012, Dr. Sally Phoon visited the Tokyo Central Church, and the Tokyo International Church. She was there to do some foundation work in preparation for evangelism that will be done in Tokyo in the next couple of years. In her sermon on Sabbath,



Revival and Reformation were stressed and put into very concrete and practical terms. The two congregations were challenged to accept the transformation that can only come through the power of the Holy Spirit. She stressed that if we want to see success in evangelism, each member will need to first experience the miracle of change in themselves before they can share it with others. Sabbath afternoon was spent with the Tokyo International Church presenting a seminar on strengthening the family, which is another avenue for evangelism. On Sunday more than 40 men and women gathered for a Women's Ministries Seminar on how to prepare themselves to witness to others. At both seminars the participants were fully engaged

in discussion groups and question-and-answer sessions.

We anticipate that the next two years will be a time of inward soul searching that will result in a good harvest of souls through the work of the Holy Spirit.



Sally Lam Phoon NSD Women's Ministries Director, CLAP Coordinator

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## **The First SDA Cultural Ministry Conference**

The First SDA Cultural Ministry Conference was held on August 25~26, 2012, at the Yangpyeong English Village by the East Central Korean Conference (ECKC). About 200 people participated in this conference including the Geumgok



Ki young Youm, the Youth Director of the ECKC said, "This conference today is very important because we need to think of the past, of our cultural ministry's history and meaning. Then we can make the ministry more interesting and truthful. We have

Church, Uirimji Church, Yemun Church, and the Chuncheon Hyoja Church. Music ministry groups such as the Hosanna Singers, Sulammi Singers, Oulim, as well as many others, also participated. The conference focused on the union of cultural ministry for Adventist youth. They exchanged ideas on the future of cultural ministry, securing effective contents for evangelism. There were also performances by many teams. They praised God and gave glory to Him. Hymn arrangements, media materials, and play scripts were provided to all of the participants. a responsibility to our Korean cultural ministry." He also emphasized the growth of spirituality, saying, "We have to meet Jesus in every moment of our life, not just special situations. We should keep our mind humble and follow our true friend Jesus!" Many people realized that they have a responsibility to develop their God-given talents and share it with people who need the love of Jesus. They all thanked God and made new resolutions from that day forward. "We will devote our time and talents in order to change the people and the world."



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# MFSC(Multi-cultural Family Service Center) Launches Russian Study Room



T n September, 2012, the Multi-L cultural Family Service Center (MFSC), (Yung-Soo Kim, Director), opened a study room for Russian International families and their children living in Korea. With the help of this study room, we expect them to become more easily acquainted with the Korean

educational system. We hope that they will be better able to fit into society in Korea, and even in Russia. Most of the International family's children, especially if they come to Korea around elementary school age or older, have many difficulties because of the language barrier and cultural heterogeneity. Svetlana, the mother of one of the Russian student's, recalls how she and her son had trouble when they came to Korea, saying, "Before we came to Korea, we worried so much about if there were any schools for my child to study at. But, fortunately, we found that there is a care center for foreigners in the city of Ansan. Currently, my child is now in the first grade



Children of Russian Int'l. Families

at the Russian Study Room at the MFSC. My child and I are both very satisfied with the school." In the Russian Study Room, we not only have Russian curriculum but also various programs such as Religion, Korean, English, Art, Computer Technology, and Korean culture. There are also etiquette lessons

taught in cooperation with the Ansan Etiquette Education Center. Other aspects of life we also try to teach are the importance of labor through providing work-oriented education regularly, and the priceless value of creatures that God has created. We will keep on doing our best to educate the children in the MFSC to grow up to be well-rounded

people with talents and a good character through the Adventist education's focus on faith, diversity, and creativity.

Kim, Young Soo Ansan Multicultural Family Service Center



Sahmyook Foods is Awarded Grand Prize for the Sixth Year in a Row

The Sahmyook Soy Milk of Sahmyook Foods was awarded the grand prize of "Brand of the Year 2012. Korea."

This makes the sixth year in a row that they have been given this award. "Brand of the Year" is one of Korea's most prestigious awards. On September 20, 2012,

the "Brand of the Year, Korea 2012" awards ceremony was held at the Seoul Grand Hyatt Hotel. Sahmyook Soy Milk is now in the same league as other great brands, such as "Shinhan Bank", "Paris Baguette Bakery", "Daemyung Resort", and many others. Along with Sahmyook Soy Milk, "Hanskin" (which is a famous Korean cosmetic brand), "Jangsoo Bed", "Cheil Hospital", and "Design Wedding" were presented with their sixth consecutive Grand Slam award. Sahmyook soy milk is a choice brand in Korea's health drink



market, making the value of the brand steadily increase. The "Customers Council on Brand Evaluation", "Korean Customer's Forum", and "Korea Economic Daily" were co-sponsors of the event. The society is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. On the day of the awards, the

representative for consumers participated, as well as the officials of each awarded company. 500 people attended the award ceremony and celebrated together. Based on statistics, the awarded brands were decided by sales, market share, profit figures, and different media reports.

One of the Sahmyook Foods officials said, "We are recognized by Korea's consumers and this fact is very meaningful for us. We thank God for all things, and we also thank all of our employees. Without their dedicated work, we could not have done this."

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### **Pr. Shin, DongHee Receives Doctorate of Ministry Degree**

**P** astor Joshua Shin (Dong Hee) earned the degree of Doctor of Ministry at Andrews Theological Seminary on August 5, 2012. For nearly nine years (2002-2010), he has served the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) as Youth Director and Music Ministry Director. His Doctorate study's focus was in Leadership which was proven to be very useful.

He directed the NSD's singing

missionary group, the Golden Angels for seven years. The Golden Angels is the first singing missionary group in the NSD territories. Using all of his experiences, he has published a dissertation entitled, "The Positive Influence of Music Ministry for World Mission." He



(Former NSD Youth Director)

uses the specific examples of the Golden Angels and the PMM (Pioneer Mission Movement).

Pastor Shin started his new ministry on September 1, 2012, at the Milpitas Church of the Central California Conference in North American Division.

The Church is near San Francisco and the city of San Jose. Pastor Shin is now working for an American church. The

Milpitas Church is famous for running the only school which has shown growth in the Central California Conference. They have been running the Discovery Kindergarten and the Foothill Elementary School (which has grades one through eight) for 40 years.



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### Seoul Adventist Hospital Holds Worship in Commemoration of Their 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary





S eoul Adventist Hospital is rich in medical history and has recently celebrated its 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

A special worship was held in the hospital auditorium to commemorate this event, with all the employees attending.

The participants sang the hospital song, had prayer, and listened to a report on the hospital's history.

Dr. Choi, Myung Sup, the President of the hospital made these remarks.

"The medical ministry which was begun by our pioneers had the great duty of helping all the people of our Nation to enjoy good health. Many sacrifices were made by our medical missionaries.

Following their wishes, we need to work with passion and continuing prayer. We can make our workplace somewhere in which people would like to work and where they will wish to go when they are sick and in need of treatment. Let's proceed together towards our bright future."

As part of the Commemoration Ceremony, 36 employees were honored in recognition of their lifetime service.



The celebrants attend the special worship

### **The Korean Self-Supporting Mission Association** held a Revival Meeting



Participants of "the Korean Self-Supporting Mission Association" Revival Meeting

he Korean Self-Supporting Mission Association held a revival meeting on August 24~26, 2012. The theme of the meeting was "Mission Revival and Preparation for the Second Coming of Christ." Those attending were able to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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About 400 people took part in this meeting. Each works in various fields such as nursing homes, health food restaurants, schools and so on.

They have devoted themselves to evangelism without any other support, which means they are selfsupporting in their mission work. The participants received many touching and vivid reports from each other. Many shared ideas of effective and creative ways for evangelism.

The president of the Association, Bong Ju Lee encouraged everyone by saying, "Those who are working with the Holy Spirit will be powerful witness used by God for lifting up, strengthening and saving souls. We must watch and pray continually as well as read the Bible to have a truthful life."

Dae sung Kim, President of the Korean Union Conference said that abandonment of self and a true love for Jesus would make us faithful sons of God. He emphasized this through the example of how the 12 disciples were changed after Christ died on the Cross.

During this meeting, Elder Yong sun Lee, President of Onesimos Mission Work introduced a new company, KOMOTA that makes loofah sponges. Most of the employees are prisoners in the Seongdong Detention Center.

KOMOTA is his second missionary work after "The Dream House" which is a shelter. Elder Lee said that "We need to show more concern for the people who are neglected in our society." He also urged people to pray for these people.

The Korean Self-Supporting Mission Association, which was established in May, 2009, follows the teachings of apostles Paul. He said to us "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1)



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### Ilsan English Church's Creative Outreach Ministry



Newly baptized people with church members

• N orthern Asia-Pacific Division territories show a great potential for English speaking church development. One important characteristic of our region is the desire of local people to learn English... English in Asia has become an international language for the arts, science and business.

Based on this innovative idea, the NSD introduced this proposal to West Central Korean Conference for the year 2006 to plan the first English speaking church in Ilsan, Korea" (Proposal for the Development English Churches, 2006, Miguel Luna).

What began with these words on a ministry proposal document has become a church family. This worshipping community is also a center for ministry outreach.

Ilsan English Church meets in NSD's 7th floor auditorium. There are 30 members on the church books and 60-70 people in attendance for Sabbath morning worship.

## Here are ministry reports from this vibrant congregation:

**Youth Ministry:** "The Youth department of our church is a group of young people committed to learning more about the Lord. They serve the church in as many ways as they can. Participating in the church's Sabbath School programs is one of them. They also help with lunch preparation and doing dishes after meals. One of their main priorities is meeting on Sabbath afternoon for a Bible study. They schedule other activities that bring them together and provide opportunities for them to invite friends to know Jesus."

**Deaconess Foot Massage Ministry:** "Every Sabbath afternoon, foot massage service has been done by four church deaconesses. Church members and guests are welcomed, especially those whose health conditions are not good. One client shared, 'The foot massage ministry
felt so good, when I recover, I would love to learn and do it for others too!""

**English Classes and Bible** Studies: "Our free English classes began as an outreach to serve our community. So many people here want to learn how to speak the English language. We also have a Bible study group that meets after each class. We have recently surveyed our students, and asked them how we should improve our classes. Our goal is to advertise in our community again. One student was so excited she said, 'I will be glad to give my friends a paper about our classes. This is such a good English class, and I love the Bible studies.""

Sabbath Morning Orchestra: "The Instrumental Orchestra of our church is a group of men and women willing to dedicate their musical talents to the service of God. They practice every Friday afternoon in the children's room. They fully believe that playing music for the Lord is an act of worship. Through their ministry, church service is spiritually enhanced. They also extend their witness outside the church by inviting guest musicians to play with them."

**Email Newsletter Church** Family Connection & Outreach: "The goal of our weekly email newsletter is to communicate with our church family and



Foot Massage Evangelism





Ilsan English Church's Sabbath morning orchestra



Adventist Youth

their family, friends, and neighbors what ministries are available to serve them. Using a simple, cheerful format, we feature reports written by our ministry leaders." The fruit of church ministry was celebrated in a baptism

that took place on Sabbath, September 22. Our senior pastor, Dr. Ha HongPal reported, "IEC is a unique church that is characterized by come-and-go people. This baptism was very meaningful. Mr. Hwang, Jin Young and Brother Kim, Jung Ho entered into the kingdom of God as His precious sons. We welcome them as new ministry partners and enthusiastic witnesses of God's goodness."

The pastoral staff is made up of personnel that have shared ministry roles between the NSD and the church. Dr. Ha HongPal, is the senior pastor and Assistant to the President for General Affairs The associate pastor, Lynn Ripley, is an associate ministerial director and Shepherdess International Coordinator. Assistant pastor, Park KunChun, also serves as the Golden Angels assistant director. 1000MM missionary, James I. Torres, works with the CLAP program and ministers as another assistant pastor for the congregation. As a pastoral team, they anticipate growth in numbers and ministry outreach for their precious church family. "God has placed us at the heart of the growing Goyang City district. We anticipate many more new members of the Adventist

movement through our faithfulness in serving this community."

> **HongPal Ha** NSD Assistant to the President /Ilsan English Church pastor





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## **SDA Medical Association Holds 3rd Annual** 'Family Festival'



SDA Medical Association members

n August 14~15, 2012, the Seventh-day Adventist Medical Association and Korean Union Conference held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Festival at the Yangpyeong English Village. The doctors who work in God's ministry with their medical skills gathered together from all over the country. Over 200 people attend this Festival.

The theme of the Festival was "Happy Adventist Doctors." In this annual event they share information with each other and talk about their ministries. This event reminds doctors to keep their mission spirit up and work hard. It also helped them to realize that God assigns people the task of evangelism and prepares a great mission for each person.

Dr. Jea Sung Yoo, President of the SDA Medical Association said "Thank you everyone for doing your best in your work place. Through this same hard work we can also develop our Association."

Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) President gave a speech on "Condition of Happiness." He asked the people if they knew what happiness could be measured by. He emphasized that the only way to live a happy life is by knowing God as our Savior. We must stay away from money, any earthly honor, and fame.

There was a concert prepared by the Association members, especially for this event entitled "Am I a Happy Adventist? And a Happy Doctor?" The attendees thought it was very entertaining.

Later, they prayed together that their medicine would help the many people who come to them, and through this, they could spread the love of Christ. They decided that they will be the organization which can manage the Gospel mission in this last generation.

Meanwhile, the MSA (SDA Medical Students Association) members spent time with students who want to enter medical school. They prepared a program called, "Junior Medical Missionary Vision," which they had a very rewarding time presenting.

The SDA Medical Association voted that Dr. Jea Sung Yoo would continue to be the Associations president for two more years. Dr. Yoo agreed and renewed the confidence of the Association members.

In Korea, there are approximately 500 Adventist doctors.

#### **Revival & Reformation**

## **NSD Small Group Study Times Focus on Revival & Reformation**





His word and the books of EGW are the Lamp of our feets

he New Testament Church 667 powerfully impacted the world with the good news of the gospel in a single generation. Filled with the Holy Spirit, these New Testament believers shared the present truth message of a crucified and resurrected Lord with hundreds of thousands.

In the face of overwhelming obstacles, these praying believers proclaimed the gospel to the ends of the earth. It will happen again and in some places it is happening now. You can be part of something great for God. Revival is about a new experience with Jesus. It is about what He can do in our personal lives, in our marriages and with our children.

Revival leads us from heartfelt prayer to passionate mission" (revivalandreformation.org).

Twice each month during working hours, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division family sets aside special time to experience revival. The In House Revival & Reformation Committee has led this initiative by providing study materials. For the first part of 2012, the groups used Elder Mark Finley's book "10 Days in the Upper Room." For the remainder of 2012, the groups are studying the gospel of John. After joining the General Conference "Ten Days of Prayer" January 9-19, 2013, the groups will begin a study of "Christ Object Lessons" (for a copy of the study guides, contact ministerial@nsdadventist.org)

This new and deepening experience of revival takes place in the context of small groups that are made up of the different language groups that serve at the division office; Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and English. Each group member studies the passage of Scripture (or assigned reading) using a simple study guide. Then during the 45 minutes of group time, the group spends time in discussion, fellowship and prayer.

Group members have been blessed by these times of study, spiritual



growth, and prayer. One person shared, "Our group doesn't want to stop. We keep wanting to study more about revival and reformation.

We have grown spiritually through our time together."

Lynn Ripley NSD Sheperdess Coordinator



## What is "Revived by His Word?"

istorically, the Seventhdav Adventist Church has founded its existence in the Bible. Adventists are a Bible-based, Biblebelieving, Biblereading people. A new Seventh-day Adventist world church initiative titled "Revived by His Word," coordinated by the Revival and Reformation Committee, is aimed at strengthening the spiritual experience of each church member.

"My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your Word" (Psalm 119:25).

"And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word



give vigor to the faculties, as the broad, ennobling truths of the Bible. If God's word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose rarely seen in these times.

-Ellen G. White, Steps to Christ, pg. 90

The study of God's Word has three major components leading to revival:

1. It provides a foundation for true revival.

2. It stimulates, fosters and sustains true revival.

3. It counteracts false revivals.

Nothing can

of His grace which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

"The study of God's Word leading to a life-changing experience with Jesus is at the very heart of revival." Mark Finley, assistant to the world church president for evangelism.

"There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than the study of the Scriptures. No other book is so potent to elevate the thoughts, to replace listening to God speak to us through His Word. Prayerfully meditating on Scripture is a primary source of spiritual strength.

As members of the world church family, we are each invited to read a chapter of the Bible each day.

The reading calendar and other materials to share with your church are found at the General Conference web site: revivedbyhisword.org

> David Ripley NSD Ministerial Association Director



## "Teach Us to Pray" – Luke 11:1

"S uppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'

I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs."

"'One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught



are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

To have us receive the Holy Spirit is the desire of God, our Father. Only if we have received the Holy Spirit can we deliver the Gospel to the whole world through His power.

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it.

Our heavenly Father

his disciples.' This is Jesus' word about conditions of answered prayer." - Steps to Christ.

Ellen G. White mentions many more important conditions of prayers answered in Steps to Christ. When the conditions are met, the promise in Luke 11:9-10 states, "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened," is accomplished.

The conclusion is that God will give us the Holy Spirit, as mentioned in Luke 11:13. "If you then, though you

is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children.

But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing. A revival need be expected only in answer

to prayer."

-Selected Messages 1:121 (1887).



Hong, Kwang Eui NSD Revivalist



## **Turning Despair into Hope**



L ong civil war. Widespread corruption. Political confusion and ongoing skirmishes. Ranking on the index of failed states: number 2. Ranking on the global hunger index: number 3. Placement on the world governance index: 178 out of 179. Few places in the world are as plagued with problems as the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

In the face of such turmoil, where do you begin trying to make a difference? And can your efforts possibly make any difference at all?

There have been few times when I have been as proud of our world Seventh-day Adventist Church as when I began reporting on the following story. It's easy to be impressed by stories of an individual person's passion for personal outreach, but I venture to say that it's less common to be awestruck by the activities of a group or organization. However, that's what I experienced when several members from the Washington-Spencerville Korean SDA Church, located just a few miles down the road from our office, approached us at Adventist World Radio with an idea for a joint project in the DRC.

A little context would be helpful in understanding how we got to that point. The chain of events came about through a network that stretches halfway around the world, from regional church headquarters in Goyang City, Korea, through the local church in Maryland, USA, to Rafiki Mission in Butembo City, DRC. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division developed a program called the Pioneer Mission Movement to plant and nurture churches in their territory. In 2009, they began sending missionaries to other divisions, and the DRC was the first location they chose. They felt the strongest approach would be to link individual Korean church congregations as sister churches directly with the North Kivu Field in the DRC. The Washington-Spencerville church was the first to join, and today there are 50 Korean churches involved.

Surprise: the purpose is not financial support. Instead, church leaders want to motivate members to spread the gospel far beyond their own backyards. So every sister church is required to hold public evangelistic meetings at least twice a year and report their mission activities every month. Let me tell you, these people know how to organize, and their processes and results are meticulously documented.

The Korean churches have taken up an array of projects, partnering with various church organizations along the way, and one project has naturally led to another. Amazingly, all of the following projects have been rolled out under the direction of a single missionary couple: Pastor Hyo Su Jung and his wife, Yun Ju Kim.

\* Angels and Children Orphanage – With support from ADRA Korea and a donor from South America, an orphanage has been established for children who have been handicapped as a result of malnutrition. Assisted by personal teachers and scholarships, all of the children managed to pass their school exams this year. \* Bethlehem Bakery Project – A for-profit factory is being set up – in the face of sizable challenges – to support the orphanage and other children.

\* Scholarships – Believing that education is important to young people's futures, scholarships are being funded for students at every level, from primary school through theology studies at university. At one Adventist academy in Korea, students held a rummage sale to raise funds for a cement floor at a primary school in the DRC. 

 Alady tuning into AWR



Another initiative is a sewing school created to teach technical skills.

\* Technical Secondary School – A dream for the future is to build a technical school to train young missionaries "who have efficiency and spirituality." Since there is no good school in the area, church members hope that business people and other well-to-do families in the area will also send their children to the school, where they will come in contact with Adventist teachings. Pastor Jung says, "If we achieve this goal, the future of our church will be quite different."

Without question, sharing the gospel is a top priority. The North Kivu Field has 429 churches and groups but only 45 pastors who are working in the field, so the Korean sister churches are training lay missionaries, providing amplifier systems for public evangelism, sending mission teams for events, supplying Bibles, and arranging youth mission trips. The sister churches are now assigned to support specific lay missionaries, which will further strengthen their outreach.

This is where AWR came into the picture. The Washington-Spencerville church had heard about special audio players, called MegaVoice Ambassadors, that AWR has been distributing in different parts of the world. The small players are powered by solar panels and come pre-loaded with hours and hours of audio recordings in a selected language. The church thought they would be a perfect tool to provide to the new lay missionaries, so AWR partnered with the church to provide 300 Ambassadors. The players have just arrived in the DRC, where they will be used by the missionaries in

small groups and Bible study meetings. We can't wait to receive the first reports from these partners in Christ, who are laboring in such a remote part of the world.

At AWR, we love to share stories of single individuals who hear one of our broadcasts and discover God's love all on their own. This scenario is at the other end of the spectrum: it demonstrates how AWR also works handin-hand with other parts of the church to enhance their ministry and together lead people to Jesus through an entirely different chain of events.

Can our efforts make a difference in a tumultuous place like the DRC? These dedicated Korean Adventists certainly believe so, and – through their efforts – confusion, hunger, and failure are being replaced with caring, community, skills, and newfound hope. We are proud to contribute in a small way to their vision.

by Shelley Nolan Freesland Communication Director Adventist World Radio - photos supplied



CLAP participants successfully finished their last session at Jeju, Korea

C LAP (Communication & Leadership Advancement Program) is a distinctive program initiated at the end of 2008 which addresses the molding of the future leaders in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD).

As a church, we are not very strong in planning for our second, third and fourth generation leaders in a deliberate way. In most cases, we assume that we just have to pray and everything will fall into place automatically, but that is a fallacy. Leadership training has to be intentional and focus on the specific needs of the particular region. Hence, in NSD the main goal of CLAP is to hone the spiritual leadership potential of our future leaders as well as to equip them with an essential communication tool—the ability to express themselves clearly in English.

How does CLAP work? Each run consists of four intensive two-week sessions over a period of two years at various locations with 2 sessions in Thailand, 1 in the Philippines, and the final one in Korea. In the time between sessions, participants study and practice their English and are required to submit their assignments to the Division every week on Mondays.

All participants are selected by their local unions, conferences, or missions who also provide partial funding. An English placement test helps us to shortlist the selected participants and to divide the group into two classes for more effective instruction and learning.

With two complete successful runs behind us, we have much to thank the Lord for. He has certainly worked numerous miracles on our behalf! To be honest, when I first read the initial draft of the proposal for CLAP, my instant reaction was—impossible! Pedagogically unsound! Can it really work? But God had His hand on this plan right from the beginning as He put the pieces together in His own time and way.

The first and biggest challenge was the design of the curriculum. For this significant task, the Lord provided one of the top ESL professors from Newbold College, Mrs. Erica Hole, an expert in the area of teaching English to nonnative speakers. She put together the entire syllabus for the two-year program. Better yet, she came to teach at every session to ensure its success. All who have sat in her classes testify of her unique expertise in drawing out the best in every student, inspiring all to loosen their tongues to speak English.

Since this is a serious attempt to accomplish our goals in a short time, participants speak nothing but English during those four intensive sessions when we meet. Fines are imposed on those who violate this strict rule.

Most of our participants suffer from "lockjaw" when it comes to speaking English. The very first of the four sessions is often the most trying. Some suffer from headaches, stomach upsets or the like because of the stress of expressing themselves only in English. One participant remarked on the third day of the first session, "I can't believe it! I have spoken more English in 3 days than in the last 10 years combined!" After this initial trauma, however, most find it rather comfortable to let down their guard and bond with new friends among the leaders from every territory in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

Another equally important aspect of the program is the leadership component designed primarily by Dr. Chek-Yat Phoon. Many other leaders and Division personnel have added value in teaching different facets of what it means to be a leader. All who have graduated return to their fields with a clearer understanding of spiritual leadership and the essence of what it means to follow God's agenda.

Our last session of the second run took place on the beautiful island of Jeju in South Korea, in August, 2012. Although Jeju is well known for its scenic spots, the participants were kept busy in their classrooms learning leadership and English. The day began with morning devotion at 6:00 a.m. that could incorporate a walk to watch



the sunrise, a climb up the road that runs by the beach or a hike through the vegetable farms in the area. Meditation on assigned passages of Scripture gave all a spiritual boost. Classes in leadership and English run throughout the day until the highlight in the evening where Prayer & Friendship Circles (PFCs) meet to discuss their thoughts gleaned from their morning devotion. Members pray for each other, for their families, for themselves and the work entrusted to them. Many have expressed their appreciation for this special time in our schedule and described

it as "uplifting," "refreshing," "reviving".

"Mission" is an important element of every CLAP session. In the Philippines, the CLAP group distributed books, and food to several hundred poor families on Sabbath afternoon. In Thailand, the Division provided funds for the repainting of a Buddhist school in Ayutthaya, in addition to buying some much needed school equipment. Poor students of the Central Philippine Adventist College have been helped with rice provisions, and scholarship funds. CLAP members have generously raised more than US\$6,000 to help these "cottage" students towards graduation. Yes, CLAP is a miracle of our gracious Lord, from its inception, to the planning, and execution of each session. Two successful runs (with 67 graduates) over the last four years have seen His guiding hand in the reviving of a drowning victim, to protecting us from Typhoon Bolaven in Jeju. Yet, I believe the greatest miracle of all is the transformation we see in our participants as they hone their leadership and English skills, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellowship with other leaders in the Division. To God be the honor, and the glory as we prepare for the third run which begins in March, 2013, and will conclude in August, 2014!

Sally Lam Phoon NSD Women's Ministries Director, CLAP Coordinator





The first Sabbath in September, 2012, five evangelistic meetings were held in Ntungamo which is a District in West Uganda, Africa. It was not easy to conduct five evangelistic meetings at the same time, but it was accomplished by the grace of God, and the church member's dedicated service. During the meeting period, there was a total of three times baptisms.120 souls were born again.

Unfortunately, the only place available for the baptisms was a small stream near the evangelistic meeting place, which had the stench of sewer.

Most of the people in Uganda are afraid of water so when they walked



Congratulations on your baptism

into the smelly stream, their body became stiff in fear. But they were determined to be baptized.

Their fears soon began to leave when they realized that God was accomplishing something wonderful, and just followed His will.

Just as the baptisms were taking place, a light rain began to fall,

which felt like the blessing of the Holy Spirit congratulating each new member on their rebirth.

A Pentecostal church pastor was among the people baptized. He said, "I believed the text, 'The truth will set you free,' and I finally found the truth. I couldn't deny this eternal truth so I decided to be baptized."

After the baptisms, they each received a certificate and some presents. We knelt down and prayed together. The water may have been dirty but it cleansed the sins from the peoples' hearts.

We give thanks to all the pastors, staff and participants, but most of all we give thanks to God who blessed this evangelistic meeting.





Orphans and orphanage building

O n September 9, 2012, a dedication ceremony was held for the completion of the Angels and Children Orphanage in Rukanga, Congo. Construction was completed with the help of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency's (ADRA) support, and the financial assistance of a sponsor from Brazil. It is able to accommodate 23 children at the present time.

Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) missionary, Jung, Hyo Soo, Orphans in the orphanage pose for a picture named it "Angels and Children." He said, "There are a lot of sponsors who are like angels which inspired the name. It is difficult to manage financially every month because we need approximately USD \$1000.00 to pay our bills. But our children are comfortable. through God's grace they are provided with food

Church leaders, town leaders, the President of Rukanga University, construction workers and welfare workers attended the dedication

and clothing."

service. After the service, they had a small party sharing goat meat, some fruits and beverages. Even special bread was shared which was made at Bethlehem Bakery which is an Adventist bakery in the Congo.

The fellowship and sharing was warm and enthusiastic. Pastor Jung said, "We thank God for all things. We are in a good environment and I am sure that our children will become workers of God. Please pray for them."





Small and humble party sharing meal and fellowship



**P** raise the LORD! We just finished our Chinese Evangelistic meeting in Tokyo, Japan last week. We started our meeting on September 4 and ended it on September 8. We had around 40 to 50 in attendance every night even though Tokyo is a very busy city. We felt it would be difficult to conduct five days of meetings but through God's helping hands and the Holy Spirits' guidance, we saw that God will prepare the people to attend and we just needed to share His love and words.

I would especially like to express my appreciation to the JUC (Japan Union Conference) for their support and help. We completed our Tokyo Chinese Evangelistic Meeting with the help of 11 His Hands singing members. I want to also thank Dr. Samuel Wang and his wife, from Taiwan, for holding the five day Evangelistic Meeting program. I would like to give another special thanks to my Chinese church members for being so very active and helping in so many ways to support God's work. I pray that God will bless them.

Usually the Japanese Church opens an Evangelistic meeting which is only held for one or two days on a weekend. But since I have been here, I always open at least a five day meeting. I received some suggestions from the Japanese people not open meetings for too many days and just have it only on the weekend. As you know, people are very busy in Tokyo and no one can attend the meetings. But during this time, I experienced again how God always has special ways to prepare people to attend the meetings. I do believe that God has plans for everything and for each one of us.

On the last day of the meetings, there were four people who decided to follow Jesus, and were willing to be baptized soon after. I hope that God will bless our Chinese Church in Tokyo, and that we will soon be set up to glorify His name!

Yu chuan fu PMM Missionary in Japan



## The Gospel Camp for Cultural Exchange between Hong Kong and Korean Youth

Hong Kong and Korean Youth having Cultural Exchange

The Gospel Camp for Cultural Exchange between Hong Kong and Korean youth was held of the Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) campus from July 23 to 26, 2012. It was the second time this camp meeting that was held. There were 24 Counseling Psychology students and two professors from Sahmyook University (SYU) and 41 college students and five staff members from HKAC, for a total of 72 people attending. At the opening ceremony, Dr. Samuel

Chua, the HKAC President gave the opening remarks and presented commemorative T-shirts. There were lectures based on Christian counseling given by Dr. ShinSeop Kim, a professor in the SYU Counseling Psychology Department and small group activities were held seven different times. During the day, beach activities, adventure programs and other interesting programs were provided. The Adventure programs, as well as the other programs were beneficial for team building, as they

required cooperation and unity among team members while they were visiting tourist attractions. The purpose of the camp was to identify Adventist young people in other countries of the world so that they can exchange their faith. The camp was also used to help the young people to be inspired for Christ. They asked God's blessing and wisdom through prayer early in the morning. They then gave thanks and praise to God for His blessings on this successful camp.



Pastor H. J. Cho (L) shows T-shirt



Making Chinese Dumpling





HisHands Training at the UB Central Church

inistries of the HisHands M missionaries are frosting on the cake at the citywide evangelistic meeting in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

As Jesus' disciples and seventy followers went out by pairs, 130 HisHands missionaries practiced His method of evangelism.

They came to Ulaanbaatar and had training from September 16 to 20, 2012.

Pastor KwangEui Hong led Spiritual Prayer training, while Pastor SukHee Han, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) HisHands Coordinator, gave a message on "Mission First".

Pastor Liang, a third generation Adventist youth pastor, shared his experiences in the China ministery.

Mongolia HisHands has a plan to evangelize each area of Mongolia and takes the lead in personal and public ministries in cooperation with Descendants.





Pr. Ha Sik Kang speaks to HisHands

## A Unique Ministry of Taekwondo HisHands in Mongolia



Taekwondo Evangelism Ministry

While beautiful testimonies from the Ulaanbaatar evangelistic meeting are touching people's hearts, the special ministry of Taekwondo HisHands is the talk of the town. Erkhemee is a HisHands missionary, serving the Uliastai area which is 1200 km from Ulaanbaatar.

He is running a Taekwondo studio and has led 30 students to the church by teaching them through a Bible correspondence school course.

He brought seven students to the evangelistic meeting and five of them were baptized. May God continue to bless his ministry.

## Bayartmaa, Maagi, Radio Host in Gobi Altai, the Examples of a HisHands Missionary

Bayartmaa, a recently retired school teacher, is a HisHands missionary in the Bulgan area. After she became an Adventist, she prayed and tried to think of how she could preach the Gospel.

God gave her an answer, so she joined the HisHands training and served as a missionary for three years. To visit all of the



missionaries to Hentii for a week-long evangelism meeting and won nine souls. A HisHands evangelistic meeting is also planned in Arhangai in October.

In Gobi Altai, the most remote area in Mongolia, there is a HisHands missionary named Maagi.

He is a college student majoring in nursing, and

houses in the city in which she lives, she made a map for herself and visited from house to house, every day to meet those interested in hearing about Jesus Christ. She also made a 60-page manual based on her missionary experiences.

She is still passionately working by organizing HisHands groups in Amgalan and the Hentii area, as well as Bulgan. In September, she led eight HisHands has hosted a radio program in the evening for seven years.

He shares news and songs of the Adventist church through radio, and listeners love his heartwarming show.

As a HisHands missionary, he has served the Gobi Altai area with his wife and has brought five people to Ulaanbaatar for baptism.



n September 8, 2012, a beautiful autumn day, Pastor Beom-Suck Oh, the West Central Korean Conference HisHands Coordinator held the HisHands launching ceremony for the Sihwa Church, Korea. There was a special dedication for those who had newly devoted their life to HisHands ministry. They pledged to be among God's remnant that will go out to share the Gospel. They decided to follow the message found in 2 Timothy 4:2, which says, "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction." Using the parable of the crippled beggar, Pastor Oh passionately preached a message about our true need for missionaries. "Getting a new, healthy life is the hope of the sick, not of the healthy. Being loved is the earnest hope for those who feel lonely. The only true solution is that Jesus must be our only need because He holds the key which can solve all of our problems. Let us be a man with real hands that helps the hopeless and the poor like the crippled beggar. We just need to take their hands and walk them into the bosom of Jesus." Before this

opening ceremony, on the evening of August 17, 2012, Pastor SukHee Han, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division HisHands Coordinator emphasized the life of missionaries through his gracious message. "To be a tool of God is the obligation of each Christian and that is all that we have to do." The Sihwa Church plans to expand and systematize their current ministry which has been conducted every Thursday, and on the first Sabbath of each month. The Church anticipates spreading the Gospel through their field activities so that it resonates with the joyful song of salvation.









The Longjing Banseok Church invited Pastor SukHee Han, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) HisHands Coordinator, to present HisHands training to their church from October 12 to 13, 2012. Last year, the church voted to give priority to mission work, using all organizations and budgets for it. While the church was searching for an effective way for evangelism, HisHands was introduced, and now 30 HisHands missionaries are actively working.

They devote every Tuesday afternoon to HisHands activities. From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. they report, and share their experiences and are armed with God's Word, grace and power. They then go to their assigned field by 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. to visit people and to seek interests. They distribute booklets, "Home and Health" magazine, Bible correspondence school textbooks, "The Story of a Happy Life" DVD series, books about health, and minister to people. The most

Longjing Banseok Church HisHands Missionaries



popular material is Home and Health magazine. However, these missionaries must take back the magazine after someone finishes reading it, and then give it to someone else because there is such a shortage of the magazine.

By handing out all of these materials, the Longjing Church is positively doing HisHands activities and gaining baptismal candidates every year. Of course, the church is always full of energy and vitality.

Pastor Han has introduced HisHands activities in other countries and areas in the NSD territories. The HisHands presence in Mongolia has especially encouraged them. The news that there were approximately 250 Bible correspondence school graduates, and that 160 baptisms resulted from the United Evangelistic Meeting held in Mongolia, renewed the hearts of the Longjing HisHands missionaries with the mission spirit. So much of this wonderful news was because of the work of HisHands missionaries. Pastor Han also emphasized that "above all. the HisHands missionaries must have a personal relationship with God through reading His Word and praying before they do outreach. Then, they can inspire souls they meet and succeed in the mission work"

We thank God for having this training at this time and for encouraging the church members through Pastor Han's message. The Longjing Banseok Church members will continue to work hard through His Spirit and by His power as His hands in 2013.



E lder SeongDae Jeong is a HisHands missionary, faithfully serving Daejeon Dongbu Church, in the Middle West Korean Conference. Since 1978, he has operated a small music store named "Gospel House", and has introduced Jesus to others.

Now, he is an example of actual and direct mission work as a HisHands missionary, driving his own cab and sharing tracts with passengers. "I used to distribute more than 100 tracts a day, about 10,000 to 15,000 tracts a year on average in 1986. But now I distribute about 50 a day, or 8,000 to 10,000 a year, simply because there are fewer clients. While I have been sharing about 250,000 tracts for 26 years, I have met many different people such as Protestant church pastors,



Elder Jeong sharing the gospel message



Jehovah's Witness church members, lost Christians, drunken people, Buddhist monks. Through this work, I have a chance to seriously talk about Jesus and share His truth with others. Some have accepted the truth and started to attend church. Others have studied the Bible and were baptized. The experiences are really rewarding to me and I believe that they would not happen without the presence of the Holy Spirit.

As a HisHands missionary at Daejeon Dongbu Church, Elder Jeong has been sharing tracts with precious souls in his cab, whenever he has the chance. "I will keep doing this work as long as I drive this cab, and there will always be more than four kinds of tracts here because I am a HisHands missionary who guides passengers to heaven," said Elder Jeong.

Even today as he is starting his car, he is holding tracts for today's passengers.

## The New Acts of the Apostles through the HisHands Missionary Movement

Park and Chae visiting door to door

There is a foot massage ministry at the Seoul Bonbu Church every Sabbath afternoon. The volunteers always have a wonderful time with the many people from the neighborhood who want to experience this ministry.

Park, Hyun Dong, and Chae, Tae Gi, are HisHands missionaries at the church and actively participate in the ministry. They have been HisHands missionaries at the Bonbu Church since 2010. As missionary partners, they visit their neighbors together regularly and distribute Good News fliers and pamphlets. When they find someone who is curious about Jesus, they give them a HisHands DVD which has many moving speeches from people like Kim, Ki Kon, Ahn, Jae Soon, and Lee, Sang Gu. The two also go to the Sahmyook Seoul Hospital to serve people there through their foot massage ministry every Tuesday.

After they go back to the church and pack their Bible and materials,

they canvass the streets of Hoegi, Hwigyeong, KyungHee University, and the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. As time has gone by, they have become friends with many of their neighbors.

Mr. Park and Chae talk with a VIP (very important person) about our church, and living in God's presence. They write down every VIP's needs, responses, the topic of conversation they had with them, as well as their prayer requests, on paper. They eagerly pray for them and ask God what they should do for them. They have shown us all the model of how to be a true missionary.

At first, they worried about all the things they had to do, and how many people rejected them.

They were rejected because they are Seventh-day Adventists. However, they found hope and courage through God's guidance, and the many special experiences they had. They said, "The flower shop is our favorite place. The owner always greets us with a smile, and she is willing to read the message of heaven." They feel as if they share the aroma of Jesus.

Their favorite Bible text is John14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." They said, "There is nothing more important than telling our eternal truth to people. Our God is the genuine Saviour. We just want people to know that." They are also praying for those who have rejected Jesus today.

Missionary Park said to Chae, "Shall we go on like this for 20 more years?" Chae replied with a smile on his face, "After 20 years, I will be a 90 year-old man. If God lets me evangelize until then, I just might make it." We wish to see their smiles

20 years from now.



NSD HHMM Office Manager



T he 1000MM (1000 Missionary Movement) campus welcomed 101 new missionaries on June 24, 2012. The 40<sup>th</sup> batch of 1000MM missionaries had a very busy training schedule ahead of them, as you can see in the following schedule.

On June 25, 2012, English training for the missionaries began. They woke up at dawn with loud chanting and singing. During the day, the missionaries studied English very diligently in order to communicate better with the people in their mission field. There was a celebration for the completion of the English training on July 26. Pastor KwangSoo Park, 1000MM Director, encouraged their efforts and the missionaries showed off their achievement.

The training in Mindoro was held from July 23 to 25, 2012. The intensive training included physical exercise, seaside exercise, mountain field exercise, and spiritual training. Although the course was very difficult, they fully depended on God, and became a strong army for Christ through His Word and prayer.

There was a Week of Prayer from August 13 to 18, 2012. Pastor GeunShik Lim was the main speaker, who gave spiritual food every morning and evening. The missionaries were touched and felt that they became so spiritually blessed through the messages.

A cottage meeting was held in the Batas area, Philippines, from August 26 to September 1, 2012. During the meeting, missionaries visited from house to house in order to meet people and to invite them to the evangelistic series. They also provided medical services, community services, and Biblical lectures. As a result, 41 precious people were baptized on Sabbath, and all the missionaries gave thanks to God for being with them.

A "Survival Revival" program for the missionaries was held in Batangas, Philippines, on September 3 and 4, 2012. The missionaries made a wood fire, baked bread in





it, and cooked rice in a can. These activities helped them learn to survive in any environment. They also learned to cooperate and become united with each other.

After the last training, the 40<sup>th</sup> batch of the 1000MM missionaries

attended a dedication and graduation service at the campus on September 7 and 8, 2012. They decided to devote one year of their life to serve the Lord and the people in the field, like a candle which gives out light in the darkness. They were dispatched

to their assigned fields including Mindanao (Southern Philippines), Visavas (Central Philippines), Luzon (Northern Philippines), India, and Cambodia. May God bless them to accomplish the Great Commission given to them in their mission work.

### A Letter from a 40<sup>th</sup> Batch 1000MM Missionary



Dear Colleagues,

It has been one month since a mission field was assigned to each one of us on September 8, 2012, and we left our beloved campus with laughter and tears.

I am now serving in a quiet countryside village in the southern part of Visayas.

When I arrived here on September 12, which is my birthday, God gave me a small house with two rooms as a gift.

Although it has no electricity, no water supply, no signal for my cell phone and 10 housemates, it is still a wonderful gift. There is no church here but there are three to four church members that I have.

At first, I felt helpless and miserable, but I believe that God sent me to the best place, so I gave thanks to God every day. Fresh air, blue sky, countless stars and firefly's light up the nighttime... God has given me the opportunity

SeongHoon Joo, 40th batch 1000MM missionary

to enjoy the nature He has created and to meet cute and unspoiled children. This was the best gift to me

How about you? I wonder how well you have adapted to life in the mission field. I think of you each night as I wait for sleep, and pray for you.

I hope all of you are healthy during the service and that you will always ask God for help. He loves us so much.

After we finish delivering His love to others, let us meet together and share our experiences with smiling faces. Let us pray for each other! Friends, hang in there!





The Northern Asia Pacific Division's singing missionary group, the Golden Angels 9, had a great opportunity to spread the gospel in the Euro-Asia Division (ESD) territory for the first time in the Golden Angels history.

Last August 15, they departed from Korea traveling to Moscow to start their ministry in Russia, arriving in Moscow at around 8 p.m. They moved directly to the ESD office and were warmly welcomed by the ESD. Their mission started the day after their arrival, with a 30 minute concert being held at the ESD Conference Hall for morning worship. At the worship, most of the officers, directors and families of the ESD attended the concert and had a great time with the Golden Angels and listening to their music.

On August 17, they traveled to Zaoksky Adventist University to have a concert. At Zaoksky University, the Golden Angels successfully carried out all the programs, with the church members and students enjoying the time together. Many students came to take a picture with the Golden Angels and they encouraged the Golden Angels with smiles. After the concert in Zaoksky, the Golden Angels went straight back to the ESD office again, and prepared for the Sabbath. On Sabbath morning, they had another Musical Worship at the Eastern Moscow Church which is located right next to the ESD building. Then, in the afternoon, they traveled to Nagatingskaya and the International Church in Moscow. Moscow was not the only place that the Golden Angels had a concert. They also visited Saint Petersburg in Russia. They took a train from Moscow to Saint Petersburg, which took around nine hours. Many people gathered at one church and they had a great time in worship with music.

On August 21, the Golden Angels flew from Moscow to Kiev, which is the capital city of Ukraine. There were two big occasions which were waiting for them. One of the big occasions was the ESD Youth Congress in Bucha, Ukraine. They spent a week at the Youth Congress and they also attended all the programs of the Youth Congress. They gave a special number for the Congress every morning and evening. They also provided a special seminar with the title of "How to be Singing Missionaries." Many people attended this seminar, which had lectures as well as some testimonies. After the Youth Congress, the Golden Angels supported the ESD Creationism Congress as well. They had a great and blessed time during the Russia-Ukraine Mission trip with the people in the mission fields. They also experienced "the power of one", spending time with those of the same faith in Christ as Seventhday Adventists.

On August 30, the Golden Angels arrived back in Korea safely by the grace of God. Their next mission trip will be traveling to Mongolia on September 11th, 2012. Their mission

still needs to be supported by your continuing prayers.

Park Kun Chun Golden Angels Coordinator





### 2013 NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION

## INTERNATIONAL **MISSION CONGRESS**



- **Powerful Mission Reports**
- Inspirational Testimonies
- **Seminars on Mission**
- Cultural Encounters
- Music Performances
- Golden Angels in Concert
- **Exhibition Arena for Mission**

Be inspired to recommit to Mission!

Date: August 28-31, 2013 Venue : Jeju International Convention Center, Jeju, Korea

### SPEAKERS









Jairyong Lee Derek J. Morris Cheryl D. Doss

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#### Direct Flights to Jeju Island

#### 1) From Japan

- NARITA, OSAKA: Every day
- NAGOYA: Mon, Wed, Fri
- FUKUOKA: Sun, Tue, Fri

#### 2) From China

- BEIJING: Every day
- SHANGHAI: Every day
- DALIAN: Sun, Thu
- CHANGCHUN: Sun, Thu
- SHENYANG: Sun, Thu
- NINGBO: Fri

#### 3) From Taiwan • TAIPEI: Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat

4) From Hong Kong • HONG KONG: Mon, Tue, Fri

#### O About the Location: ICC Jeju

ICC Jeju is located within the Jungmun Resort Complex. The Complex is surrounded naturally by the cobalt-blue Northern Pacific Ocean to the south, and towering Mount Halla to the north.

China

Russia

ICC, which has a total building area of  $62,125 m^2$ , contains 7 floors above the ground. The Convention Center specializes in international meetings, and is fully equipped with a convention hall that can accommodate up to 4,300 people.



#### O About Jeju Island

The Jeju Island is an extremely popular too a clean environment and a distinctive cultur Korean peninsula, the Island is surrounded b formed landscapes and cinder cones, and is a

















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05. Seopjikoji 06. Sanbangsan (Mt.Sanbang) 07. Y
09. Oedolgae 10. Mt.Halla 11. Cheonjeyeon Wa

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urist destination blessed with natural beauty, al tradition. Geographically isolated from the y the emerald colored ocean, has volcanically also enriched with subtropical vegetation.









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INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONGRESS

August 28-31, 2013

International Convention Center Jeju, Korea www.goimc.org

# 2013 NSD Internation

## Be a Part! **3,000**

#### MISSIONARIES AND GOSPEL WORKERS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONGRESS



## Registration begins on November 1, 2012

#### Registration

- 1) Please register at your local union confer
- 2) Registration shall commence on Novemb3) Registration Fee: USD 140 (airfare and b
- \* Early registration fee before March 31, 2
- 4) Boarding accommodations shall be reser
- 5) Each conference shall report registration
- 6) The registration fee covers the following:
   ① Transportation shuttles: includes trans to/from the lodging and meeting location
- ② Lunch and Dinner for each day of the '

   ③ Name tags, programs, souvenirs, transi
   ④ Insurance for the duration of the event
- Reservations for lodging shall be made in lodging fee must be deposited in order to

#### **O** Airport arrival and transportation

- 1) Arrivals should be before 3:00pm local tin
- 2) After arriving at the airport, the 2013 Cong
- 3) The shuttles to the lodging location and m
- When arriving at the lodging location, staf and room number. A program book, sched
- 5) Dinner is scheduled at 5:00pm on the 1st f
- 6) The shuttle will depart for the ICC at 4:00
- 7) After the evening meeting, shuttles will be location.
- 8) During the daytime, shuttles shall operate
- On Sabbath morning, August 31, there v operate in the afternoon on the hour start
- 10) Shuttles can only be operated to/from yo

#### Opening Service

- 1) Opening Service shall begin at 7:00pm A the main auditorium (5th floor of IMC) by
- 2) Seating shall be assigned. The layout provided in your program book.
- 3) After the opening service, staff will be lodging locations.





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- er 1, 2012 and close on May 31, 2013
- oarding fee not included)
- 2013: USD 90
- ved at the same time when registering. details to the NSD IMC Registration Department.
- sport to/from the airport and lodging areas, and ons.
- event (Wednesday-Sabbath: total 7 meals) slation unit.
- . n conjunction with registration fees. 100% of the assure that your reservation is held.
- ne, August 28, 2013, at the Jeju Airport.
- gress staff will be waiting for you. neeting place will be arranged.
- f will be on hand to greet you with your room key
- lule, name card and a gift will be given to you. loor of the International Convention Center (ICC).
- 5:00pm.
- e arranged to go back to your respective lodging
- on the hour.
- vill be a shuttle for ICC one time only. They will ing at 1pm.
- ur reserved lodging locations.
- August 28, 2013. Attendees should plan to be in 6:45pm.
- is based on your local conference and will be
- present to provide shuttles to your respective

#### 4 Meals

- 1) The first dinner of the Congress will be provided at 5:00pm, on the 1st floor of the ICC.
- 2) Breakfasts for the duration of the Congress, shall be accommodated at your respective lodging locations.
- 3) Lunch and Dinner, on the 1st floor of the ICC, will be 'buffet' style.

#### Internet Café

The Internet café provides Internet access to event participants. There will also be a wireless Internet Zone, where guests can use the Internet on the 3rd floor of ICC.

#### **G** Booking your Lodging Accommodations

You must reserve your lodging accommodations when you register for the Congress. Please reserve one of the accommodation options provided by the Union/ Conference/Mission Sabbath School and Personal Ministry Department. For your convenience, the accommodation options are divided into several categories:

- Hotels
   Condominiums and Resorts
   Low budget accommodation
- Room Rates (per night/per person)

н	lotel Category		Persons per room	USD			
	А		2	70 - 80			
Hotel	В		2	60 - 70			
	С		2	50 - 60			
	bed	А	2	45 - 55			
		В	2	40 - 50			
Resort	bed + floor	А	3 - 4	40 - 50			
neson		В	3 - 4	30 - 40			
	floor	А	5 - 6	25 - 30			
		В	9 - 10	20 - 22			

\* Breakfast included, VAT not included

\* More detailed information will be given through the Union/Conference/Mission Sabbath School and Personal Ministry Department, and the IMC website (GOIMC.ORG).





**2013 Nothern ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION International Mission Congress** 



### **Exhibition Booth Guidelines**

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) will hold the 2013 NSD International Mission Congress on Jeju Island, South Korea. There will be more than 3,000 Adventist leaders, and members attending this great event. This Mission Congress will be a golden opportunity for your institution, business, or organization to advertise, and communicate with other people. The exhibition booths will be located around the main entrance gate so that many people will have easy access to your booth. Because of the limited space, we have a limited number of booths available. We expect that the registration will be closed early. Grab your chance! Let people know about you!

#### A. Dates and Location

1. Dates: August 28~31, 2013

2. Location: International Convention Center, Jeju, South Korea

#### **B. Registration Price**

Register before	Booth	Price	Benefit
January 31, 2013	3m x 3m(9.8ft x 9.8ft)	US \$500	Register early to get a better location

1. Early Registration: Register early to get a better location.

2. Booth size: The size of the booth is 9m2(3m x 3m/9.8ft x 9.8ft)



#### Booth Details

- 1) Booth
- 2) Booth Title in English (width: 220mm/8.6 in)
- 3) 3 Spotlights
- 4) Carpet flooring (grey color)
- 5) Information desk and chair
- 6) Electricity 1kw (220 volts)
- 7) 1 Fluorescent light

#### C. How to register and pay

#### 1. Registration

\* You can send your payment to your Sabbath School & Personal Ministries(SSPM) Dept. of the local Conference or Union Conference or you can send your payment to the account number below. Your registration will be valid when you pay in full.

\* Please send us e-mail after you have sent the payment to ensure that we have received it (yejee@ nsdadventist.org)

2.	Bank	Account	Number
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Bank	Account number	Account Holder
Kookmin Bank(KB), Korea	293201-04-097597	Northern Asia-Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventists

3. Tel: 82-31-910-1545 Person in charge: Yejee Shin (yejee@nsdadventist.org)