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## 10th Anniversary of Golden Angels



Members of NSD Golden Angels 10th Group, 2013
They come from Japan, Taiwan and Korea and start
their dedicatory Service with a passion for mission



## **Evangelism 'TOKYO 13'**

### **Large City Evangelism in the NSD Territory**

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) chose Tokyo City for the NSD's large city evangelism. Metropolitan Tokyo is one of the most populated cities in the world with about 30 million people. Less than one percent of Japanese people are Christians, and it makes Tokyo an enormously challenging city as far as church mission is concerned.

In the greater Tokyo area, there are about 3,000 Seventh-day Adventist church members, and accordingly the ratio between the Adventists and the city population is 1 to 10,000. What a great challenge!

The Japan Union Conference (JUC), supported by the General Conference (GC) and the NSD, has planned to launch some significant evangelistic activities in the Tokyo area this year, and they call it "Tokyo 13." We appreciate Pastor Masumi Shimada, JUC President and church leaders in Japan for their serious commitment to "Tokyo 13." They are planning to reach a huge population of Tokyo with the Three Angels' messages using all possible methods and available resources.

They clearly understand that the spiritual revival among church members is inevitable for the success of evangelism in Tokyo, and they are holding spiritual revival meetings for all church members in the Tokyo area. They also give systematic training to all church members to equip them with the mission spirit and evangelism skills.

The church growth in Japan has been very slow for many years. Japan is an aging society. Accordingly, the church is also facing aging issues among church members. Fifty-three percent (53%) of church members in Japan are over 50 years of age. The church needs to become younger. "Tokyo 13" should have some special

strategies to attract more young people into the church. "One to one" personal evangelism is known to work more effectively in Japanese society. All departmental work will focus on soul-seeking and soul-winning. All church members should be united in doing evangelism. No one should be simply sitting by folding their hands, but everybody needs to stand at the front seeking souls for the kingdom of God. In this way, "Tokyo 13" will bring the result of a plentiful harvest of souls.

Large city evangelism is always very challenging because of the complexity of city life and secular and materialistic nature of its social structure. More and more people are moving to metropolitan cities from rural areas seeking jobs and a more convenient life. It seems that large city evangelism becomes more challenging as time goes by, and the church is helpless in starting new congregations in cities because in many places it requires an enormous amount of money to prepare meeting places.

There are numerous large cities in the NSD territory, and all of them have tremendous mission challenges. Millions upon millions of people in cities need to hear the gospel message of eternal life in Christ. As Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem (Luke 19:41; Desire of Ages, 576), He is also weeping today for modern cities because most people in urban areas are perishing without knowing the Savior of the world. Pointing at cities, Jesus is telling us, "lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest." (John 4:35) God is the Lord of the harvest, and we are His chosen workers in finishing the gospel work. Let us pray and work together so that the "mission to the cities" may be accomplished soon in the near future.

#### **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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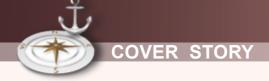
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## 10th Anniversary of Golden Angels, the Singing 'Battle Field is a Better Field'

## Golden Angels 10th Group is armed with the best musical quality and a special missionary spirit

The year 2013 is the 10th anniversary of the Golden Angels music ministry. The 10th group of Golden Angels had their first mission trip just as previous Golden Angels have done. In the beginning of the year, eight young people from different countries started the ministry of the Golden Angels. They have to be trained throughout the whole year in their music and spirit as singing missionaries. However, during January and February, before their very first mission trip, they have exceptionally strong and special musical training, day and night, with many different lessons about the Golden Angels music. They also have training for their missionary spirit through a prayer meeting early every morning, along with Bible studies, and a spiritual retreat. The Word of God and prayer are the key and core of the quality of their praise.

They are singing missionaries for God. The songs of the Golden Angels are not only music but also

testimonies of praise from their missionary life. The mission field is the most precious stage for the Golden Angels. Just like a highly trained Special Forces team turns the table of war when they go into the battlefield, the Golden Angels is also a Special team, turning the tide of war in the mission field with their talent and dedication. The Golden Angels breathe and pray through singing to deliver the breath of Life to the dying. They cry to the Lord with the Word of God to deliver the message of Jesus Christ to the mission field, creating tears of joy and salvation in people's hearts.

For this, the precious young missionaries from many different countries have dedicated more than one year of their life, doing their best to unite their voices and hearts. The Golden Angels are the singing missionaries of God in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) of the Adventist church.



### **Missionaries**

KunChun Park NSD Golden Angels Coordinator











- 1. Hwang An from Taiwan and Choi GoEun from Korea invite people on the street to their concert
- 2. Female Golden Angels sing passionately in the auditorium HongKong Adventist College
- 3. Aya Ikeda from Japan distributes evangelism pamphlets door to door 4. Outdoor Concert with hundreds of students in Taiwan

### Mission Trip in Hong-Kong, Macao, and Taiwan

During this year of the 10th anniversary of the Golden Angels ministry, the 10th Batch of the Golden Angels began their ministry by spreading the Gospel in Macao, Hong-Kong and Taiwan through their voice of praise, and various mission activities.

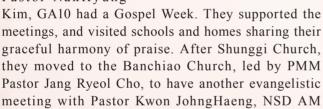
From March 3 to 9, 2013, Golden Angels 10 (GA10) supported a Week of Prayer with 700 students at the Macao Adventist Middle School, which is run by Pastor Wilson. They had a concert every day, sharing the love of God through their mission activities. The main speaker, Pastor NakHyung Kim NSD Youth Director, shared the Word of God under the title "The Power of One." Pastor Kim encouraged the

students with the wonderful message of Jesus Christ throughout the whole week. After the Macao mission trip, GA10 helped the Gospel Week of the HongKong Adventist School, which is a College, Secondary, and Primary school, prepared by Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) Pastor HaeJoon Cho, from March 10 to 16, 2013. Pastor SiYoung Kim NSD PMM Director, was the main speaker. Pastor SiYoung Kim delivered a beautiful message with the title 'Chosen' to hundreds of people. By the grace of God, through mission activities, passionate praises by the singing missionaries and the powerful message from the speaker, they all worked together to save souls at the

Hong-Kong Adventist School.

On March 17, GA10 departed from HongKong traveling to Taiwan for another four weeks of their mission trip. In the Pingzhen Shiwang Church, led by PMM Pastor YongHoon Lee, they began their Taiwan mission activities.

Together with Pastor SeonMan Kim, GA10 staved until March 23. The Shunggi Church, presided over by Tom Huang, Youth Director of Taiwan Conference, was the second mission field in Taiwan, From March 24-30, with the main speaker, Pastor NakHyung



Director. Pastor Kwon shared the message of the everlasting gospel with the people in the Banchiao region and the church members. GA10 also praised the Lord with their voices and services. Many people in the meeting were touched by the passionate

messages from the speaker and songs of testimony by the GA10 group. In the Beitun Church, led by PMM Pastor Im Cheol Jang, the group had the forth evangelistic meeting with Pastor. Si Young Kim.

They can't stop singing, sharing, and traveling, saving people in the mission

fields. They are singing missionaries and God's Special team for mission. They need your constant prayer support and encouragement. Their chanting is still ringing from their heart, "No Prayer, No Praise", "No Word of God, No Word of Song", "Battle Field is a Better Field". Therefore GO, GA10!





GA10th pray before the evangelism



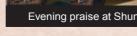
talking with people in the mission field











## Reviewing the Purpose of Golden Angels and Viewing The Direction of Their Future

### Golden Angels!

This name is not strange to us anymore, but familiar to both the adult and the youth, at least in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territories. There is no one who does not know what they do because the mission work of the Golden Angels is truly clear and obvious. They have served at Week of Prayer meetings in many Adventist schools, the evangelistic meetings in many local churches, various revival and tent meetings and have visited hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, and military camps during the last 10 years. They participate in various big and small activities, directly and indirectly, thereby faithfully strengthening their identification and mission.

The Golden Angels' ministry is not limited to the NSD territory, for they are turning into global singing missionaries. In 2007, the Malaysia Mega Concert was the start of their global participation, as they joined in the General Conference Autumn Council in Manila, the Philippines. Then in 2009, they traveled to the International Pathfinder Camporee in Wisconsin, USA. They gave a special concert during the 2010 General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, and received an invitation to perform a concert in Russia and the Ukraine, which are part of the Euro-Asia Division, in 2012. Many Adventist organizations and churches around the world have given sincere compliments to the Golden Angels' beautiful praise and have acclaimed their performances.

Why is there a strong need for this ministry?

The first reason is because of their professionalism. They are trained as a professional team with spirituality, along with their singing. Therefore, the ministry of the Golden Angels can convey a greater spiritual energy in the mission field. The second reason is because of their dedication. They leave their studies and work for at least one year, to concentrate on evangelism using praise. This is such a powerful commitment for the mission work. Group unity is the third reason. We have an intense identity of having a mission-oriented spirit in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), union conferences, conferences and local churches. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is present in the Golden Angels' ministry.

The Golden Angels have become a professional praise team with ten years of experience. They need to establish a solid framework of mission, because each activity will be of spiritual value and the standard for the cultural ministry of the Adventist Church. Furthermore, thousands of youth have heard the message of the Second Coming of Jesus and hundreds of people have entered into the church through the Golden Angels' mission work. Therefore, there is a dire need to support and encourage the Golden Angels.

Praise evangelism using music, which is the ministry of the Golden Angels, will be the major mission work to be continued in the NSD.

"Song is one of the most effective means of impressing spiritual truth upon the heart." (Ev. 500)





### **History of NSD Golden Angels Ministry**

Solution ince 2004, the Golden Angels have been supporting the Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM), through their music and various other missionary activities. The Golden Angels have increased the amount of its support of the PMM every year. The Golden Angels support more than 20 PMM evangelistic meetings yearly. While this has been their main mission, the Golden Angels have also supported approximately 30 other evangelistic meetings in different parts of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) each year. They have been saving souls directly and indirectly through their mission activities. These activities include school visitation, church visitation, youth meetings, and street concerts. As a music missionary team, the Golden Angels have released six regular music albums, two Project albums, five DVDs, Sound Tracks and Notes.

Pastor DongHee Shin (former NSD Youth Director), and Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng (NSD Adventist Mission Director), have also served in the Golden Angels ministry. Pastor NakHyung Kim (NSD Youth Director) is now in charge of this ministry together with Pastor KunChun Park (NSD Golden Angels Coordinator). The brief history of Golden Angels is as follows:

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2004 Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) President, Jairyong Lee, organizes the Golden Angels music ministry

Golden Angels begins to support PMM Churches in Japan

1st Group has a number of school and church visitations; First regular Album "Mission" is released First Annual Concert and DVD release "Champion of Love" held at Sahmyook University (SYU), Seoul, Korea

2005 2nd Group of Golden Angels supports PMM churches in Japan, Hong-Kong, and Taiwan
 2nd Group has a number of school and church visitations
 2nd Annual Concert "Throne of God" held at SYU, Seoul, Korea

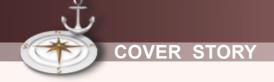
3rd Group of Golden Angels supports PMM churches in Taiwan, Japan, Hong-Kong, Mongolia and Macao
 3rd Group has a number of school and church visitations

4th Group of Golden Angels supports PMM churches in Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia and Hong-Kong
 4th Group has a number of school and church visitations
 Participates in the General Conference (GC) Annual Council held in the Philippines

2008 5th Group of Golden Angels supports PMM churches in Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia and Hong-Kong 5th Group has a number of school and church visitations Second Regular Album and second DVD "When We All Get To Heaven" released Participates in the World Conference on Youth and Community Service (WCYCS) organized by the GC in Taiwan Third Annual Concert "A Sinner Saved By Grace" held at SYU, Seoul, Korea



- 2009 6th Group of Golden Angels supports PMM churches in Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia and Hong-Kong 6th Group has a number of school and church visitations
   Participates in the World Pathfinder Camporee organized by the North American Division (NAD)
   Third Regular Album and DVD "God and God Alone" released
- 7th Group of Golden Angels supports PMM churches in Taiwan, Japan, and Hong-Kong 7th Group has a number of school and church visitations Participates in the General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia, US Fourth Regular Album and DVD "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" released Fourth Annual Concert "This Is My Story" at the Bonboo Church, Seoul, Korea
- 2011 8th Group of Golden Angels supports PMM churches in Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia and Hong-Kong 8th Group has a number of school and church visitations
  Fifth Regular Album and DVD "Harmony of Testimony" released
  Fifth Annual Concert "Harmony of Testimony" at the Bonboo Church, Seoul, Korea
- 9th Group of Golden Angels supports PMM churches in Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia and Hong-Kong
   9th Group has a number of school and church visitations. They support the mission in the
   Unorganized Territories (UT)
   Participates in EAD Youth Congress in the Ukraine, NSD Pathfinder Camporee at SYU, Seoul, Korea
   Sixth Regular Album and DVD "One Voice, One Mission" released
   Sixth Annual Concert "One Voice, One Mission" at SYU, Seoul, Korea
- 2013 10th Group of Golden Angels supports PMM churches in Taiwan, Japan, Macao and Hong-Kong



## Former Golden Angels Missionary Group

Sixty-nine singing Missionaries from six countries, have joined the Golden Angels Music Ministry. The first group in 2004 was composed of seven Korean young people. Soon members from other countries started to join Golden Angels in 2005. As of 2013, four Mongolians, four Filipinos, three Japanese, two Taiwanese, three Hong Kong Chinese and 53 Korean young people have joined the Golden Angels.





1st GROUP, 2004



2nd GROUP, 2005



3rd GROUP, 2006



4th GROUP, 2007



5th GROUP, 2008



6th GROUP, 2009



7th GROUP, 2010



8th GROUP, 2011



9th GROUP, 2012



10th GROUP, 2013





# Jesus@Tokyo -'TOKYO 13' Evangelism Mission to the Cities



Kwon JohngHaeng NSD Adventist Mission/Stewardship Ministries/Global Evangelism Director

The sophisticated and convenient railroad stations in the big cities of China are like international airports in appearance and size. All year long, these stations are crowded with so many passengers. It is not uncommon to see a great number of people rushing into the cities from rural areas. Train after train people pour out with heavy luggage on their shoulders. Statistics show that 130 people are moving into the cities every minute, 200,000 every day, 70 million a year. Since 2008, half of the world's population is living in the cities.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19; Mark 1:17. Just as good fishermen go wherever they believe there are many fish, fishers of men must go to the cities to bring more people to the Lord's net. Jesus Himself showed an example of winning souls in the cities, "and Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." Matthew 9:35.

In the Northern Asia-Pacific Division territories, there are 51 cities with a population of over a million: 30 in China, nine in Japan, seven in Korea, three in Taiwan, and one in Mongolia. More than 300 million people live in these cities. Adventist Christians, who are to be the light and salt of the world, are relatively small in number in the cities. While working to accomplish our goal of saving souls in this world, the idea for Mission to the Cities was born.

There are many ways to reach people, such as humanitarian support. But our ultimate goal is to save souls in the cities by sharing the love of Jesus. Starting in June, 2013, in New York City (which is one of the largest of the 650 worlds' major cities) evangelistic meetings will be held with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. New York City is known to be the world's center in many areas, and as a melting pot of many different people, groups, and languages. More than 200 speakers will come from 13 Divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church organization, to lead evangelistic meetings from June 7 to 29. A School of Evangelism is planned to open for the evangelists for three days a week. After the evangelistic meetings in New York, Mission to the Cities evangelism will be held in major cities chosen by the 13 Divisions in either the latter part of 2013 or in the spring of 2014, and then in 130 cities chosen by Unions in 2014. Also, 500 conferences/missions/fields with local pastors and lay leaders will set plans to reach their cities in 2015 before the General Conference session which will meet in July, 2015, in San Antonio, Texas, USA.



#### 'Tokyo 13' NSD Mission to the Cities

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) has chosen Tokyo as the target city for Mission to the Cities evangelism. Tokyo is one of the largest cities in the world with a population of 13 million, but the least evangelized and the most challenging city. There are 17 organized churches and companies, 14 pastors, and almost 2,900 members.

In spite of difficulties and barriers, leaders of the Japan Union are doing their best to meet the challenges, hoping that Tokyo 13 evangelism will be a turning point for a great harvest in the last days. Between September 7 and October 6, 2013, seven evangelistic meetings are planned: four in Japanese, one each in English/Spanish (Tokyo International Church), Chinese (Chinese Church), and Korean (Korean Church), For Tokyo 13, even the General Conference (GC) has shown a great interest by sending Elder Armando Miranda, a GC Vice President, and Pastor Robert Costa, GC Associate Ministerial Secretary for Evangelism and Church Growth, for preparation meetings and evangelistic meetings. Pastors GwangEui Hong, a NSD Revivalist, Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD Global Evangelism Coordinator, and other departmental directors, visited the churches in the Tokyo area to help with revival meetings, training, and seminars. The Golden Angels will be sent to Japan to participate in Tokyo 13 from the beginning to the end.

#### **TOKYO 13 EVANGELISM SCHEDULE**

		September														October						
Group	Church	7	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	3	4	5	6
Chinese	Tokyo Chinese Church			3																		
Harajuku	Tokyo Central Church					4																
Korean	Tokyo Korean Church					5																
English/Spanish	Tokyo International Church		6																			
Tama& Saitama	Tachikawa Church			7																		
Tokyo 13 for Youth	Amanuma Church	*									4											
West Tokyo	Amanuma Church		,	*							3							9				10
Yokohama	To be decided		4																7			

#### **Speakers**

1. Hong KwangEui - May 3-11(Korean Church)

2. Liang Chuan Shan - May 9-12(Chinese Church)

3. Daniel Jiao

4. Dwight K. Nelson

5. Kwon JohngHaeng

6. Armando Miranda

7. Shimada Masumi

8. Ninomiya Fumio

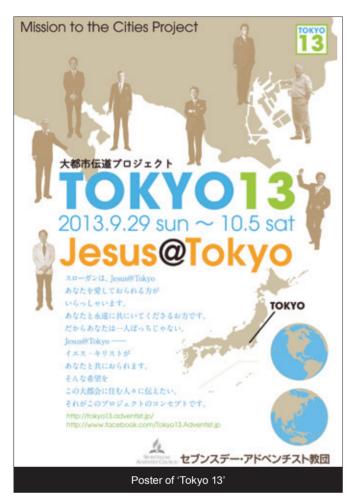
9. Hanada Norihiko

10. Meichi Shinsaku

\* to be decided







'Jesus@Tokyo' is the slogan for Tokyo 13. Pastor Hanada Norihiko, Japan Union Conference Evangelism Coordinator, says that 70% of the Japanese members have been led to the church by their family members and friends. Therefore, it is only natural that the Japan Union Conference places an emphasis on its network of members. Approximately a thousand graduates of Hiroshima Saniku Gakuin Adventist Academy alumni living in the Tokyo metropolitan area are to be invited to the Tokyo 13 evangelism event. Organizers of Tokyo 13 encourage members to contact past participants of Vacation Bible School and Pathfinders, people they have met through the HisHands project, as well as the Great Controversy Project.

"Evangelism in Japan is very difficult, but nothing is impossible with the love of God, grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. It will be possible." Pastor Shimada Masumi, President of the Japan Union Conference, says, "We will try to meet the great challenge of the Tokyo 13 evangelism. Please pray for Tokyo evangelism. Please support evangelism."

"There is no change in the messages that God has sent in the past. The work in the cities is the essential work for this time. When the cities are worked as God would have them, the result will be the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have not yet witnessed."—Medical Ministry, page 304









## **Bible Conferences**

### in HongKong, Taiwan, Korea and Mongolia

#### 1. HongKong

H ong Kong is the most densely populated city in the world today. There are more high-rise buildings in Hong Kong than any other city of the world; nearly twice the number of New York City in North America. This means that there are a great many people who need to know about Jesus in a relatively small territory. This is why it is so important that the pastors of the churches continue to be equipped for ministry. The Bible Conference is a wonderful event to encourage the pastors.

March 8-10, 2013 the pastors gathered at the Kowloon Seventhday Adventist Church on Boundary Street. They greeted each other and then settled into their seats for a wonderful blessing of learning more from God's Word. They were excited to be a part of a Bible Conference that only happens about every five years. They were ready for the blessings God would share with them

The speakers from the General Conference Biblical Research Institute were, Dr. Artur Stele, Dr. Angel Rodriguez, Dr. Clinton Wahlen, and Dr. Elias Brasil de Souza. Dr. Stele is the Director of the Biblical Research Institute, and Drs' Rodriguez, Wahlen, and Brasil de Sousa are Associate Directors. The Hong Kong Conference and Chinese Union Mission office leaders and staff worked very hard to make a very well organized program.

Dr. Rodriguez shared about Adventist Theology, Adventist standards, and the remnant. As church theologians it is important for the pastors to understand rightly how to interpret Scripture. As Adventists we do have standards that make us different. We will look different, sound different and act differently. He also cautioned the pastors to remind their members to be careful not to impose standards of their own devising on others. He also reminded us that we are the remnant of Revelation

Dr. de Sousa led us through the sanctuary doctrine and shared the importance of this message for us today. We were reminded that the earthly sanctuary teaches us a great deal of what is happening in heaven today and the great work of Christ on our behalf.

There were several goals of the Bible Conference. One goal was to strengthen the ministry of our pastoral leaders in Hong Kong and Macau and to encourage them in their day-to-day ministry efforts. Another goal was to strengthen the faith and understanding of our Seventh-day Adventist message. Still another goal was the refreshing of the pastors on how to understand the Bible and the prophecies that include prophecies of the end times of earth's history; this time in which we now live. Also a goal was to remind pastors of the importance of sharing the essential messages we as Adventists have for our world.

The pastors were encouraged to not only share with the world themselves, but to share the messages given at the Bible Conference with their church members who should be invited to be a part of the ministry of the Hong Kong Macau Conference.



#### 2. Korea



M adalpy Youth Training Center was the location for the first of two Bible Conferences in Korea. It is a beautiful location at the end of the road in rural mountainous Korea. There is a lovely river that flows by the Youth Training Center and just a hint of spring in the air as over 400 pastors gathered for the General Conference Biblical Research Institute Bible Conference. March 12-14, 2013 the pastors gathered from across the southern part of Korea. They came from Middle West Korean Conference, South East Korean Conference, South West Korean Conference, the Seventh-day Adventist Language Institute and from Jeju Island. The Bible Conference was divided into two locations since there are around 900 pastors in Korea.

Each day began with a worship time. First we joined in singing, and special music. Prayer was also a part of the worship as we divided into groups of two or three and lifted our voices together to the Lord.

Dr. Gerhard Pfandl shared about how to interpret the book of Daniel. He presented several challenges and the solutions to questions that come up about the prophecies in Daniel. He also shared a historical/Biblical approach to understanding the concept of the remnant.

Dr, Diop talked about mission of the church. His lecture was how to present the Adventist message in a multifaceted world and how to share a unified Biblical perspective. He also presented an understanding of the Three Angels' Messages and how to share it with different world religions and different worldviews.

Dr. Mueller lectured on an in-depth understanding of the beast of Revelation 17 and how it related to the other apocalyptic imagery in Revelation. He also shared a theology of the remnant. His last presentation was about challenges to the Adventist interpretation of apocalyptic prophecy. He shared how many were trying to understand the prophecies, but were not using good hermeneutics. He guided the pastors on how to carefully allow the Bible to interpret the prophecies.

Dr. Hucks talked about the importance of worship and an understanding of proper worship. He shared how we should be worshipping all week long, not just on Sabbath. He also presented the importance of understanding and teaching the Seventh-day Adventist fundamental beliefs.

#### 3. Taiwan



From the north, south, east and west the pastors of Taiwan gathered in Taichung for the Bible Conference. They greeted each other and then settled into

their seats for a wonderful blessing of learning more from God's Word. They were excited to be a part of a Bible Conference that only happens about every five years.

They were ready for the messages God would share with them. March 5-7, 2013, all the pastors and many other workers for the church gathered to listen to presentations from speakers from the General Conference Biblical Research Institute. The speakers were, Dr. Artur Stele, Dr. Angel Rodriguez, Dr. Clinton Wahlen, and Dr. Elias Brasil de Souza. Dr. Stele is the Director of the Biblical Research Institute, and Drs' Rodriguez, Wahlen, and Brasil de Sousa are Associate Directors. The Taiwan Conference office leaders and staff worked very hard to make a very well organized program.

Each day began with a worship time. First we joined in singing, and special music. One group that provided ministry in music was made of the lady pastors in the conference. Another was a group of the male pastors sharing with their singing voices. The Taichung Central Church provided the setting for the meeting and gave us a worship atmosphere.

Dr. Stele shared from Acts chapter 2 and the book of

Ruth. His messages were focused on the importance of our mission. He invited the pastors to remember how critical their work is even in difficult times and circumstances. We should never give up! We should speak boldly! We should be optimistic about the power of God to be with us.

Dr. Wahlen shared about principles for Bible study and how to exegete the Word of God. He reminded the pastors that how we approach the Scriptures will greatly determine our understanding of Scripture. He also shared about how to approach the writings of Ellen White and how they are to relate to the inspired writings of the Bible.

As the pastors were leaving we were told how much the pastors appreciated the meetings and how they desired to share these important topics with their congregations. We believe this Bible conference will bless the ministry of the pastors for many years to come.

#### 4. Mongolia



A sthe airplane descends toward Chingghis Kahn Airport, it makes a full circle as if to display the full city. Spread out below is the full panorama of Ulaanbataar; its industrial buildings as well as its neighborhoods of wooden homes next to traditional gers. Then the city is surrounded by the snow-covered mountains. This is a snapshot of the site for the first Mongolian GC Biblical Research Institute Bible Conference, March 12-14, 2013.

As the speakers from the General Conference arrive at the Ulaanbataar Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Descendants were singing to a full group of Mongolia Mission leaders, pastors, and church members. Their anticipation was palpable. Bold Batsukh, Mongolia Mission Ministerial Director, introduced the speakers to the group. Dr. Artur Stele, BRI Director; Dr. Angel Rodriguez; Dr. Clinton Wahlen; Dr. Elias Brasil de Souza; and Dr. Gerhardt Pfandl, had come to share in-depth messages from God's Word. The goal of the

Bible conference was to strengthen and encourage our pastoral leaders and members with the importance of our Adventist message and revive our willingness to share it. As Dr. Stele opened the Bible conference he shared three keys to mission from Acts. 1. 'Never give up!' 2. 'Speak boldly, be an optimist', 3. 'Expect God's intervention'. This enthusiasm was the foundation of the Bible conference.

NSD Assistant Ministerial Director, Lynn Ripley, summed up the response of the participants. "God's Holy Spirit has been present as we have met. The faces of the

attendees were shining with renewed courage to reach Mongolia for Jesus' kingdom. They are ready to engage their churches with new vigor in sharing the imminence of Christ's return."







GC

## Adventist World Magazine Steering Committee and Consulting Meeting

A dventist World (AW) which gives spiritual vitality all over the world to people who want to hear the message from God today, has been a special gift indeed. It has been read by people in approximately 152 countries.

AW is an international periodical of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and is one of the biggest mission projects of the General Conference (GC).

As co-publishers, the GC and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) have published the AW monthly, printing it simultaneously in Korea, Brazil, Indonesia, Germany, Austria, and the United States.



On February 28, 2013, Pastor Juan R. Prestol, Undertreasurer of the GC, Bill Knott, AW Executive Publisher and Pastor Claude Richli, AW Associate Publisher, went to Korea to elaborate upon a 2013 AW plan with Pastor Jairyong Lee, President of the NSD and other officers including Pastor Pyuong Duk Chun, Former NSD President. There were many particulars to report and a plan for a new year.

As well as the GC and NSD officers, Pastor Chun Jung Kwon and other Editors from the Korea Publishing House, participated in this meeting at the NSD office in Ilsan, Korea. They discussed the direction they would like to take the magazine and analyzed their results over the past year.



Dr. Jairyong Lee who conducted a meeting, commented that "AW has grown so much in just a few years. Since our first issue of September, 2005, it has been translated into nine languages for publication including Russian, Portuguese, Indonesian, Spanish, and Korean. It has a circulation of more than 1,490,000 making it the largest distribution of any of the magazines in this Church. Through this monthly periodical, we are able to express our own identity as an Adventist in this world. It has motivated us to be a people of mission. I hope that the various words and messages of this magazine take air all over the world continually. It is a valuable part of the world mission in terms of our calling to preach the Gospel."



### North Korean Mission Committee in the USA



The first meeting of the North Korean Mission Committee in the USA, was held at the Garden Grove Church on March 27, 2013. Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) President, and Dr. SiYoung Kim, NSD North Korean Mission Coordinator, also attended the meeting.

Various reports on North Korean mission were given during the meeting. Work of the Council for Peace and Cooperation, World Mission Association, Korean Union Conference, and North Korean Children Supporting project, as well as the opening of the Pyongyang Dental Hospital were introduced. Research on the current and future political situation of North Korea was also presented.

"Although there really are many limitations, the mission for North Korea cannot be neglected. NSD has supported North Korean people as much as possible and it will continue to do its best," said Dr. Jairyong Lee.

During the meeting, the Committee agreed to unify the different works of the many mission organizations into one and chose a new executive team.



**SiYoung Kim** NSD PARL Director, PMM Coordinator

KOREA

## Sahmyook University Faculty Makes a Generous Contribution to Scholarships



A t the start of the new term, professors and staff of Sahmyook University (SYU) created an endowed scholarship for students who are having difficulty paying for their tuition. After he finished the full marathon last year, Dr. SangRae Kim, SYU President, started fund-raising for the Vision-Dream Full Marathon Scholarship. The target figure for the scholarship is KRW 4,219,500,000, which means 42.195 km of a full course marathon.





To help with this scholarship, the SYU faculty contributed more than KRW 300,000,000 in three months. It was given to students by February, so that they could enroll in classes. "This scholarship is more meaningful than any other scholarship. We heartily thank the faculty for their kindness and devotion," said YoungJin Kim, President of the SYU student body.

News of the spontaneous contributions by the SYU faculty spread outside of the campus, bringing endowments from alumni at home and abroad. Dr. SangKyung Han, President of the SYU Alumni Association, shared an endowment of KRW 100,000,000 on March 2, 2013. KiSeon and EunSu Park, a couple who graduated from the SYU Chemistry Department, gave KRW 20,000,000. As a result, a total of KRW 500,000,000 in scholarships was donated for the Vision-Dream Full Marathon Scholarship.

Dr. SangRae Kim said that when the scholarship hits the target, he will run in a full marathon again to celebrate it.

#### **CHINA**

## Starting With the Little Ones, a Taiwanese Church Reaches Out

Stagnant is a word that can be used to describe the current church growth in Taiwan. The members in the Jiading Adventist Church, which was organized 61 years ago in the southern part of the island, decided that some changes needed to take place before any major growth could be achieved. So, they made a plan to start with the little ones. Their goal was to bring in the children from the disadvantaged families



in the community to attend their Winter English Camp, to learn English. Then, eventually, they

could reach out to the whole family with the Gospel message. The plan received its endorsement from a

legislator and a city council member. A major power company wanted to provide some funding. The local Taiwan Conference, Signs of the Times Publishing Association, and Taiwan Adventist College gave their full support. With the help of many, the Camp took off and lasted for three days, from February 3 to 6, 2013.

Seventy students applied to join but only fifty of them were accepted. In the end, 45 students completed the Camp. Best of all, it was free of charge for them. The whole congregation participated in the organization and operation process.

Foreign teachers, Dannie and Tamara Storie, Geneva, and other English teachers from the local schools, built an English-speaking environment for the campers. Fifty families in the community were exposed to the Adventist message. Ten children decided to attend regular church services from then on.

Church growth involves every member and demands creativity. The Lord blesses our efforts when we go out and do something.

#### CHINA

## Churches in Sichuan are Rebuilt on Ruins - Five Years after the Wenchuan Earthquake

n May 12, 2008, an earthquake that measured 8.0 on the Richter Magnitude Scale shook the Sichuan Province. More than 69,000 people were confirmed dead and at least 4.8 million lost their homes. The epicenter was Wenchuan County. Twelve Adventist churches in the cities of Shifang and Mianzhu, both within 50kms from the epicenter, were completely leveled during the seismic disaster. About five hundred Adventists were among the millions of refugees.

The Adventists living in other parts of China and the rest of the world did not overlook the plight of the victims. Many donated money and supplies to help the affected population. The surviving members in the disaster zone visited one another to give support. The Chinese Union Mission, the Hong Kong-based Adventist organization that supervises the ministries in China, organized teams of doctors from the two Adventist hospitals in Hong Kong, as well as church volunteers, to bring medical aid to the refugees.

To help rebuild the Adventist churches lost, the Northern Asia Pacific Division allocated over 1 million Hong Kong dollars for the purpose. Local church pastors and elders in the Sichuan Province listened to the expressed needs of the people and identified the priority of the rebuilding projects. The church in Luoshui, considered the mother church for the whole region, was the first to be rebuilt. Once the project started, many lay volunteers came to the building site to help. Most of them even put aside the rebuilding of their own destroyed homes. God's sanctuary was the most important thing on their minds. One year later, a new church that can withstand earthquakes of a similar scale was erected.



The May 12th earthquake tore down many buildings and took away many lives. But it made the Adventist churches stronger. Many local Adventists realized, for the first time, that they were part of the worldwide Adventist family when they received various forms of support and comfort from other Adventists who lived so far away.

Members who overcame the loss of their loved ones are dedicated to God even more. Sister Guojin Wang, who lost her 12-year-old daughter in the earthquake, believes that she can only be united with her daughter on the day of resurrection. So she turned her grief into a determination to work for the Lord. Her faith has been strengthened. Joy once again fills her life. Her second daughter, who was born after the earthquake and is now three, reminds her daily that the Lord's grace is sufficient. By the same grace of God, the Adventist churches in Sichuan rise again to testify to His greatness.

#### TAIWAN

### Northern Asia-Pacific Division Commission on **Accreditation Evaluations for TAA and TAIS**



aiwan Adventist Academy (TAA) and Taiwan Adventist International School (TAIS) were visited by evaluation teams sent by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Commission on Accreditation from March 4 to 7, 2013. Both schools are located in the Yu-Chih, Nantou County, Taiwan.

TAA, a government-registered school, with Mandarin as the medium of instruction, has 363 students. It was started in 1952 together with the Taiwan Bible College (the present Taiwan Adventist College). It moved to the present site at Yu-Chih together with the College in August 1980, In February 2001, the Nantou Education Authority permitted it to be an experimental school, separate from the College. In June, 2006, it was finally recognized as an official Taiwanese high school. Although student enrollment does not reach the minimum requirements of the government, in March of this year, the Taiwan Education Department ranked it as one of the schools of excellence.

TAIS was started as an extension of the work of Taipei

Adventist Preparatory Academy (TAPA) in Taipei. Initially, its focus was to have boarding facilities to cater to a Grades 1-12 international program, targeting children of Adventist parents in Nantou and Taichung. However, the costs of running such a program proved untenable. Eventually, TAIS offered only Grades 7 through 12. The special aid given as an incentive for Adventist parents to send their children had to be cut significantly, thus resulting in the reduction of students from Adventist homes. At present, it has only 52 students, although the financial situation is much better than before.

These two schools need the prayers of our church for them to fulfill their goals as Adventist schools in Taiwan. The commitment of the administration, faculty and staff to provide an Adventist education is admirable.

**NSD Education Director** 



#### KOREA

### Sahmyook University holds an MVP Camp for Freshmen

ahmyook University (SYU) implemented a Mission, Vision, Passion (MVP) camp which is a Character Education Program for the Freshmen on campus from March 23 to 21, 2013. The MVP camp is a program prepared to raise global leaders who have mission, vision, and passion which is the educational vision of SYU. It also includes Freshmen orientation.

At the camp entitled, "The First Step to Be a Future









Dr. SangRae Kim, SYU President poses with freshmen
 Students give a performance entitled "I Am a Future Leader"

2. Dr. Kim speaks to the SYU freshmen during the camp4. Sahmyook University's MVP camp participants

Leader," Dr. SangRae Kim, SYU President, who was the main speaker for the camp, suggested many ways to have a successful college life.

The unique culture of SYU was also introduced to the Freshmen through sharing the vision of SYU, community activities, and a cultural festival. The sky lantern flying, which carried the student's personal wishes, was an unforgettable event for them. Dr. SangRae Kim, welcomed the Freshmen, saying, "I hope this MVP camp can be a very valuable and meaningful first step of your college life."

"It was so fresh and meaningful because it differs from drinking and the pleasing orientation of other colleges. It was also good to build relationships with seniors and other classmates through the community activities," said OnSeon Park, a Freshman in the Counseling Psychology Department.

**KOREA** 

## The First Sahmyook Theology Seminary Dean Dies at Age of 101



Pastor James Milton Lee, the first Sahmyook Theology Seminary Dean in Korea, died of old age at his house in Colemont, Tennessee, USA, on February 19, 2013. at the age of 101. He was born in Sunan, Pyongannam-do, North Korea on September 12, 1912, to an American Adventist missionary couple. Pastor Howard Lee, his father served as the principal of the Euimeong School, the predecessor of Sahmyook University. Pastor James Lee studied pastoral ministry in the USA and came to Korea as a missionary in 1938. After the Korean War, he served as the first Sahmyook Theology Seminary Dean and established the foundation of Sahmyook University by securing a location for the school. He moved to the Philippines in 1954 and contributed to Adventist education in Asia by establishing a four year degree in the Theology Department at Mountain View College, Philippines. He is survived by his wife, Irene, and three sons, Alfred, David, and Paul.

KOREA

## **WCKC Pastoral Spouses Organize for Mission**

n Sabbath, March 23, through Sunday, March 24, 2013 the WCKC Shepherdess leaders met to continue their work of organization for mission. This was an historical gathering because prior to 2013, the pastoral spouses' leadership had always been a male conference pastor.

Under the leadership of EunJu Yu, WCKC Shepherdess International Coordinator,

the team developed an excellent governance document. Vice President, Lee, KiWha led out as they gathered information from the General Conference leader, Janet Page, and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) coordinator, Pastor Lynn Ripley. Their goal was to form a network of small group prayer and fellowship meetings for the pastors' spouses. They will also publish a newsletter and hold annual retreats for three age groups focused on spiritual and physical renewal. Secretary-Treasurer, JongSil Park, has facilitated the development of a blog site. There is a licensed counselor who responds to questions as well as sharing about birthdays, births, and other helpful information.

The event took place at Hankook Middle School on the campus of Sahmyook University. Pastor Lynn Ripley led the group through discipleship principles: spiritual practices



Pastor Lynn Ripley(center) with WCKC shepherdess leaders

knowing Jesus better every day; and mentoring new disciples. There was also a working session on establishing the governance structure components.
 Testimonies were shared about how small group meetings of pastors' spouses had blessed the attendees and lead to an actual physical healing.

Another highlight of the weekend was the Sunday

morning prayer meeting on the prayer mountain. It began with a devotional message on our call to salvation and witness. Pastor Lynn encouraged us to understand that every voice of witness is important: the young, young adults, older ones, women and men. Then the group divided up for prayer in each of the small buildings that represented the seven churches of Revelation.

Another important event will be the KUC Shepherdess Organizing Meeting, June 16-17, 2013. Please join us in praying for these initiatives as our Korean church leadership seeks to care for pastors' spouses and their families.

**Lynn Ripley** NSD Shepherdess Coordinator

**CHINA** 

## Health Evangelism in Qingdao, China

ingdao is a beautiful city with lots of opportunity for mission work! This city has a lot of European influences especially by the Germans. Dr. Choi, the Health Ministry Director, went for health evangelism on March 29 to April 6, 2013 for two churches. One is under

a Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) pastor and one is under an elder! One is a young church - a little over a year - and the other one is an old church with lots of youth!

The purpose for this trip is twofold: Health education for the members and health evangelism for the non-members. Dr. Choi visited several of our Korean brothers who own a food factory: a Korean food factory that produces all kinds of Korean rice products, as well as a seaweed factory. She also visited three restaurants that sell bread and Wudong, as well as selling Korean food! All of the food restaurants are closed to the university on Sabbath and provide Sabbath worship for 10 to 30 students.

They then went to the city of Zhazhang to visit the leprosy center and brought some fruits/food to share with the residents, along with an encouraging message,

serving their spiritual needs as well as their physical needs.

On the way back we stopped to visit two churches. One was under construction and all the work is being done by the church brothers and sisters!

We had nine people give their heart to Jesus (five males and four females). Let us continue to pray and support the work over there!



**Babara Choi** NSD Health Ministries Director







#### KOREA

## The Continental Mission Movement holds a Mission Conference





The Continental Mission Conference was held at the Madalpy Training Center under the auspices of the Continental Mission Movement, (which is a Korean laypeople missionary team), and the Adventist Broadcasting Network (ABN). This was the 11th conference that was attended by about 500 people, including missionaries preaching the gospel at home and abroad, as well as their families, and local church members.

"I wholeheartedly hope that this conference can be a glory to God, and not our pride," said Mr. YoungSu Kwon, President of the Continental Mission Movement.

"The most urgent thing to the Adventists today is a spiritual revival which is the requirement to win spiritual battles. When we are agonizing between physical reality and spiritual practice, we should do our best in getting ready to meet the coming of the Lord," said Pastor DaeSung Kim, Korea Union Conference (KUC) President.

Missionaries preaching the gospel in many different places by various ways, such as college mission, colporteur mission, and restaurant mission, went up to the platform to share their wonderful and marvelous mission stories, and testimonies. Under the theme of "Together to the Ends of the World", vivid domestic and foreign mission reports from fields were given. In addition, current situation and blueprints of the ABN ministry, Adventist Mission Movement (AMM) ministry, and the newly initiated Middle East Mission Project, were reported in order to share God's grace.

Participants introduced themselves to each other, and enjoyed fellowship. By words and testimonies, they developed a bond of sympathy and dedicated themselves once again for the mission.

#### KOREA

## **Reorganization of SDA Fair Mission**



Embracing the New Year, the NSD (Northern Asia-Pacific Division) Healing Fair Mission group, which has spread the Three Angels' Message throughout various exhibition events, changed its name to the SDA Fair Mission (SDAFM). They have reorganized their personnel system to accelerate the evangelistic mission. They appointed Young Ja Lee as President, and Jeong Hee Lee as the General Manager. On February 27, 2013, the SDAFM held an extraordinary General Meeting and Steering Committee at the 'Women's Happiness Center' in the Women's Institute of Korea. They elected a new executive team which has carried out a reorganization of the SDAFM.

At this time, they have ensured their affiliation as an Adventist Laymen's Services and Industry (ASI) member of the Korean Union Conference. As an independent organization, they will now be more in harmony with other organizations and institutions in Korea. They have also decided to run a mission center as a follow-up action after every fair is finished.

The reason they have made a change was not only to reveal their own identity clearly but also to encourage their members to participate in the ministry with vigor.

Mrs. Young Ja Lee (Former President of Women's Institute of Korea) expressed her resolution to devote herself sharing the Gospel message. She said, "God called me to tell the Good News to people and that is the only reason to live. God gave to us the prophecy to open the closed door of our hearts. He has given me a special vision of the mission to spread the Gospel in special spaces such as Fair and Exhibition areas, despite my age. I truly believe God will lead us and give us a heavenly wisdom just as He has shown us His power during the past two years."

During the meeting, they were also expertly trained, and discussed the next fair, "Baby Expo" which will be held at the Seoul Trade Exhibition and Convention (SETEC) center. They discussed the agenda items and decided a role allocation will play a key part as missionaries.

At the close of the day, all participants prayed together for the development of the SDAFM and had a meaningful time.

## The SDA Fair Mission Conveys the Gospel at the Baby Expo

The SDA Fair Mission participated in the Baby Expo held in Seoul, Korea, from March 21 to 24, 2013, in order to deliver the gospel. The mission conveyed the Three Angels' Messages by exhibiting Korean Publishing House books for babies, as well as some health foods. They served visitors wholeheartedly and creatively with a well-organized evangelistic team. They also provided counseling for expectant women, and mothers with children, on health and child education. During the Expo, about 5,000 visitors dropped by the booth and showed their keen interest in health, child education, and faith. The survey that visitors filled out during the expo will be used to invite them to many different seminars and lectures.

"Many pamphlets and books, which have the seal of God, will be the motive to change the lives of the 5,000 visitors. As there are many shortcomings to be improved, we need your interest and prayer to continue serving people," said JeongHee Lee, the General Manager of the SDA Fair Mission

Pastor JohngHaeng Kwon, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Adventist Mission Director, came to the venue to raise the morale of the missionaries through prayer and encouragement.















SDA Fair Mission leaders and members lift their right hands to chant their motto for sharing the Three Angels' Messages with other people



KOREA

## Korean Union Conference holds the Second Leadership Workshop

K orean Adventist institutional leaders gathered together in order to discuss the future direction of the mission work and development of Church institutions. The Korean Union Conference (KUC) held a Leadership Workshop for Korean Adventist leaders in Daejeon from February 18 to 20, 2013. This was the second workshop that approximately 90 institutional presidents and hands-on workers attended. Participants from many different fields such as administration, education, medical service, and food met together to find efficient operation strategies and effective promotion.

They thought of three guidelines for the KUC which are spiritual restoration, reformation of life, and missionary revival. They then came up with a road map to apply these guidelines to institutional operations.

Pastor DaeSung Kim, KUC President, emphasized spiritual restoration. "If leaders of a spiritual group lose their spirituality, there is no more hope. We need a spiritual spark."

Participants prayed together for revival and the development of the language-school 'SDA Education', as well as financial blessings on the Korean Adventist Church and its members. They also prayed for the unity of the church and presence of the Latter Rain Holy Spirit, spiritual restoration of ministers and the revival of the mission spirit.







## The Progress of the Great Controversy Project

The Great Controversy News of February 7, 2013, issued the testimony of Ms. Mari Fukaya of the Kobe Church. When the project started, she hesitated to distribute the books to her friends. But she started the distribution eventually, and the result was tremendous:

I completed reading The Great Controversy at the end of February, 2012, since the distribution of The Great Hope was scheduled to start in March. When the distribution was about to start, it didn't seem possible that my family members, friends, and acquaintances, who had never read the Bible, would understand it. Thus, I hesitated for a long time to distribute the books. Half a year later, however, I decided to start it. I wrote a letter of simple introduction about the book, adding my personal story, and sent it with The Great Hope to 15 or 16 old friends with whom I hadn't communicated with for the past few years. About a week later, nearly half of them sent me letters or phone calls, thanking me for the books. One of those who called confided in me about her troubles and worries after many sad things had happened to her family. When I explained about the world, where various things happen because of sin, my friend said she would read the book. Another friend told me that she felt invisible powers at work changing things in her life. She said she would read the book, too. My mother, brother, sister-in-law, and a taxi driver in my hometown also said they would read it when I sent the book with my letter. I received some insights from these experiences:



- 1) By putting a plan into action, what I could do to help that person was revealed to me.
- 2) It was a mistake to think that non-Christians wouldn't understand the content of The Great Hope (The Great Controversy). God works with the people who receive the book. It is good to put our plans into action while praying earnestly, "Lord, may these perplexed souls be guided to Your presence."

From the same church a seasoned literature evangelist, Motozo Murotani, reported his systematic way of distribution. He recorded the name of the receivers, the date of the distribution, the date of the follow-up visit and a brief comment. He prayed for them as a part of his 777 Prayer.

HONGKONG

## Young Adventists Bring the Gospel to the Streets in HongKong

A group of young Adventists decided not to be SDAs, which jokingly stands for Sit Down Always. "Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched

by your completion of it, according to your means" (2 Corinthians 8:11, NIV). They wanted to take action on the busy streets of Hong Kong during the busy time of Christmas in 2012.





After careful research and inspection, they chose a spot near the Causeway Bay MTR Station to carry out their plan. From 7pm to 9pm each night, they stood on the street and held their minievangelistic meetings. They preached, sang and gave away flyers to passers-by. Their listeners included many tourists from mainland China who happily accepted the abridged copies of The Great Controversy.

As you can imagine, preaching the gospel on the streets is not always a pleasant experience. The young Adventists were ridiculed, complained about, and insulted by some. They were even questioned by the police. But the young Adventists persevered. They kept the word of God in their hearts. "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrin. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry" (2 Timothy 4:2-5). I see hope in these young people. Don't you?

GC

## Andrew Kuntaraf Will Always Be Remembered



Andrew Kuntaraf, the Director of the office of the Seventh-day Adventist Church Membership Software for the General Conference (GC), passed away in a motorcycle accident on the afternoon of April 6, 2013. This is a tragic loss of one of our Mission Family members.

Andrew had worked hard in the Membership Software Department. He had also served in the Office of Seventh-day Adventist Accounting Software, implementing the Sun Plus software. His father, Elder Jonathan Kuntaraf, is serving as the GC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director. Elder G. T. Ng from the GC met with the other family members and requests that you please remember them in your prayers.

We have special memories of Andrew's friendship and his dedication to mission. His creative ideas, professional products, as well as his personable and service-minded nature, will be deeply missed. Please keep the Kuntaraf family, especially Andrew's beloved wife and parents, in your prayers.

## Discipleship and Evangelism

**Lynn Ripley** NSD Shepherdess Coordinator



hat would happen if the whole church -every member -across the Northern Asia-Pacific Division - were to intentionally spend their week praying for God to open doors for witnessing to specific individuals?

I believe in prayer with all my heart... and if there's one answer to prayer that God makes a priority, it's a prayer to reach the people we know and love with the gospel. What would happen if your church said, "This week, we're going to be deliberate about prayer, and we're going to ask God to give us a simple opportunity to reach out to just one individual in a tangible way?"

What that outreach looks like is entirely up to you. You might just want to pray with someone

who is struggling, or even just let them know that you're praying for them. Or maybe you know someone who's ready for something more. Maybe you know someone you'd like to invite to your small-group Bible study, or to study a set of lessons with you one-on-one. Maybe you'd like to invite them to church. Maybe you'd like to give them a copy of Steps to Christ and tell them what a difference it's made in your life. Maybe you know someone who could really use your help, and so you're going to ask God to give you a chance to help them this week, and you'll leave a card behind telling them that God loves them, and so do you.

No matter what the schedule for your coming week looks like, I pray each member will decide to be a courageous disciple and take a chance to be intentional about making a difference in someone's life. What I want you to do is to write the name of just one individual on your bulletin (or on a note card to place in your Bible) and then make a point of asking God for an opportunity to touch his or her life.

#### **Acting on Our Prayers**

Then, you will pray for that individual all week long, but this is actually something more –you are actually going to ask God to give you a chance –to make it possible to interact with that person.

So write down just one name, and then find a prayer partner and pray for that opportunity. And then this week, we're going to make it a point to look for God's answer and act on it.

Now, pay careful attention! I want you to exchange phone numbers with your prayer partner, and tomorrow, during the day some time, I want you to phone each other and pray for your names again. Ask God for a chance to interact with your person on a social level on Monday or Tuesday. Maybe you'll meet them for lunch, or go for a walk together, or hit the mall together, or just pick up the phone to see how they're doing. That's it - pretty easy, right?

Then on Wednesday, phone your prayer partner again and share with each other how God answered your prayer. Then pray together, over the phone, and thank God for what happened, and then ask Him for one more opportunity. Ask God, on Thursday or Friday, for a chance to share something spiritual with that same person. Maybe you'll pick up the phone and let that person know that since you talked earlier in the week, you've been praying for them, and you were wondering if they'd be open to prayer over the phone. Or swing by the house and do the same thing. Or share a copy of Steps to Christ. Or The Great Hope. Or any piece of literature you've found meaningful. Maybe you're ready to take the plunge and ask them to study a set of Bible studies with you. Or maybe offer to watch their children so they can go out and take care of errands - and then you leave behind a card letting them know you think the world of their family and pray for them daily. Whatever it is - ask God for the opportunity and the right idea.

Now, don't forget: I want you to call your prayer partner and pray one more time that God will bless your desire to impact one person's life with the love of Christ. And next week during our Sabbath school class, we'll share together how God has answered our prayers.

#### Our Goal:

Each church member, God's disciples in your community, will:

- Call the person on their prayer note to say that they've been thinking about them (and/or their situation) and offering to pray over the phone.
- Later in the week they'll do the same thing, but instead of phoning, drop by the house.
- Then they'll share a copy of Steps to Christ or some other meaningful piece of literature.
- They'll invite the person to church
- They'll invite the person to become part of a small-group Bible study (a home small group Bible study or a Tuesday/Wednesday evening small group prayer meeting or Sabbath morning Sabbath school class are wonderful times)
- They'll invite the person to study a set of Bible lessons one-on-one, saying that they want to do the lessons themselves, but think it'd be more fun to do them together. (Adapted for NAD 7 Days of Miracles)

#### And that's it! It's really that simple.

The point of Revival & Reformation, Discipleship and Evangelism is to emphasize these things:

- Witnessing is best when it's intentional and based on faith that God is willing to give us opportunities.
- Every member is a vibrant, active disciple, with the right and privilege to reach someone for Christ.

### Gospel Week at Hong Kong Adventist College

Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) held a Gospel Week from March 11 to 16, 2013. It was a blessed week that students and faculty experienced spiritual ardor through three meetings a day. Various programs including gospel preaching, sports day, and a music concert, made students experience oneness and helped them to draw closer to Jesus. Pastor SiYoung Kim, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) Coordinator, was invited to be the main speaker and gave inspiring messages under the theme of "Chosen." The campus had an air of heaven through the beautiful harmony and service of the Golden Angels. We pray that Hong Kong Adventist College continues to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit.









- 1. Students of the Victory English Bible Class
- 3. The Golden Angels concert at the HKAC

- 2. The elementary students participated in Gospel Week
- 4. The college students who take part in Gospel Week

### **Challenges Continue to Persist**



Challenge is not an easy task. It is not easy to carry out the given mission in an unfamiliar place for many years. But there are some people who have dedicated themselves for mission work. As Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) missionaries, Pastor WonBae Chun and his family went from Korea to Mongolia on March 6, 2013, while Pastor Aiki Saito came from Japan to Korea on March 12, 2013. Pastor and Mrs. Chun are alumni of the 1000 Missionary Movement. They have obeyed the call to be missionaries abroad. Pastor Saito will use his linguistic talent of the Japanese language at Sahmyook University and the Yongsan Japanese Church. May God's power be with two PMM missionaries who choose to love God rather than themselves.

## The First Issue of the North Korean Mission Magazine is Published

Korea is not our choice, but our duty. It will hasten the coming of Jesus. Many people have worked for the North Korea mission in many ways and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) finally accumulated segmental mission stories in a small publication. This magazine named "Vision for North Korea Mission"



Dept. on March 15, 2013. Mission work for North Korea is one of the greatest needs in our time, which we cannot postpone or stop any more. The Lord is looking for those who have an ambition for the North Korean mission, as well as those who willingly dedicate and work for it. We hope it

was published by the NSD North Korea Mission

enlarges the mission territory of all readers.

### There is Nothing Impossible



Participants of evagelistic meeting - They enjoy a close friendship together and study the Bible with Pastor J. H Jeong

hat is impossible? People usually say "it is impossible," not because it is really impossible, but because it seems impossible. That is, impossibility does not come from a situation, but from our thoughts. There is one Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) pastor who turned impossibility into possibility. Pastor J.H.Jeong has been giving all of his heart and strength to mission work in the Unorganized Territory, and finally got results by giving baptism to two young people. They decided to be children of God, paying no heed to the cold weather of -15 below zero. It is sure that Pastor Jeong will continue to write his mission history, and many people in the UT will meet the Lord through these two young people. May God be with Pastor Jeong always, so that he can make great achievements. There is nothing impossible, but we just think impossible.

## The Third Annual Communication and **Leadership Advancement Program**



Group picture in AIU



Dr. Erika Hole teachesCLAP participants





he third annual Communication & Leadership Program (CLAP) **L** saw 33 participants arrive at the Asia-Pacific International University campus on Sunday, March 10, 2013. Classes began in earnest the very next day as the participants were oriented to the strict regime of CLAP—no computers or cell phones or I-Pads, prompt attendance at all activities from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. after which they had homework assignments to do. Speaking only English was a requirement. If they broke this rule, they had to contribute to a "sin offering" of 20 Baht each time. Our little piggy bank for this sin offering became pretty full!

Despite the struggle of speaking only English, the participants soon became quite fluent in their classes, tutorial sessions and during social times such as meal times. Mrs. Erica Hole, our principal lecturer, took time off from her busy schedule at Newbold College, England, to be with us. Assisting her was her faithful co-teacher, Mrs. Leonore Carado.

Dr. Chek Yat Phoon organized the leadership lectures, and Dr Barbara Choi, NSD Health Director along with Dr. Sally Phoon, CLAP Coordinator, assisted with teaching leadership. On Sabbath, Dr. Sally led the church worship with a "children's church" program that involved many children in the local congregation. Feedback on the suggestion of including our kids often in worship was very positive. A number had tears in their eyes as they experienced how children's church could be so meaningful.

Except for one participant who came down with stomach flu, all 32 participants were in the pink of health, thanks to the sumptuous meals provided by the cafeteria under the able management of Mrs. Daranee. Ms. Suwanee Lansri was always on hand to assist us with our every need. Thanks to her good coordination, CLAP3A proceeded without a hitch.

All our participants are eagerly looking forward to the next CLAP session but in the meantime, they have their weekly assignments to complete before meeting together again. We are confident that if they faithfully complete these assignments, they will be well

rewarded with greater competence in speaking in English. They will be supported with the prayers of the staff over the next few months.





# 41st Batch of the 1000 Missionary Movement Missionary Training and Dispatch

n the Sabbath afternoon, the 9th of March, 2013, there was a graduation ceremony of the 41st batch missionaries of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) at the chapel in the 1000MM Training Center.

They had finally completed their training in English and Missionary education. During the last three months, they struggled with their new challenges but under the wings of God, they came through the training successfully.

The total number of the 41st Batch of missionaries was 75, which consisted of 25 Koreans, 44 Filipinos, 3 Chinese, 2 Mongolians, and one Taiwanese.

They started their training on December 24, 2012, and finished the course on March 8, 2013. The contents of the training course were very instructive and valuable for missionary discipline. For those who live in the non-English speaking world, the training was conducted according to each student's level of speaking abilities. They also had practical exercises for the salvation of souls such as homiletics, evangelistic skills, health care and speaking in local languages.

On the day of graduation, the 41st Batch of the 1000MM missionaries were each assigned a partner and the work station which they will stay for one year. They participated in a footwashing ceremony with each other, praying for the ministry they will face.

The next day, there was a dispatch ceremony in front of the Tower of Dispatch at the 1000MM Training Center. It was a short but meaningful time, in which the participants prayed for their daily life as missionaries and shared joy and encouragement with each other.

The mission fields where the missionaries will be sent total seven countries: various regions of the Philippines, India, Cambodia, Taiwan, Laos, Thailand, and Korea.

As true children of God, they will do their best to spread the Gospel in this last generation until Jesus comes to Earth. Although they will meet some challenges and hardships in their mission fields, they will overcome these with the grace of God, following His example which was shown to us. We have great expectations in the performance of the newly trained 41st Batch of missionaries this year.



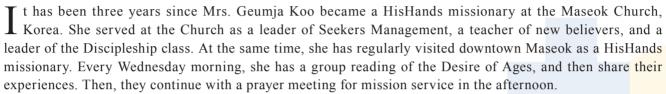
Group picture after the graduation ceremony of the 41st batch







## There Will Be Joy When the Work Is Done



She visits houses, and stores with gospel leaflets and booklets with her partner, for intensive evangelistic work. Five people were baptized in 2011, and three were baptized in 2012 through the service and dedication of a Maseok church pastor and his church members, as well as Mrs. Koo. In addition, the church is planning to open a book café to gather seekers to the church.

With her partner, Mrs. Koo steadily visits those interested in learning more about Jesus. She delivers God's Word to many people including a person whose face was injured in a car accident. In 2012, she met a woman whose husband is paralyzed from the waist-down from an industrial accident. She continued visiting the house once a week for a year and a half. Finally, the woman studied the Bible with a pastor and was baptized last winter.

Mrs. Koo said, "We cannot do anything without God's Word. It should be the foundation of our life." As God says in Isaiah 43:25, "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for My own sake, and remembers your sins no more." We should deliver the precious gift of life to our neighbors. Upon this word, the faith of many people in the discipleship class has grown by an unshakable belief, and through eager prayer.

Quoting the Adventist Hymnal, "Joy by and by," she wishes that her small work can be a spark of revival for the church. She prays to see Jesus' face on the bright day of His coming.









# HisHands Dedication at the Jangsu Haneulbit Church, Korea

S ince the Jangsu Haneulbit Church, which is located in Jangsu, Jeollabuk-do, Korea, was organized in December, 2011. the church has developed the HisHands Mission Movement (HHMM). Ten HisHands missionaries were dedicated to be His hands on March 16, 2013.

The church began with three to four members, but its membership has rapidly grown to 20 persons within just one year. Although most church members are new believers, they have held evangelistic meetings three times and visited home-to-home to share evangelistic leaflets and booklets. Among the 2,000 households in the Jangsu area, HisHands missionaries have visited 1,000 of the households in a densely populated part of the county. It was hard to preach the gospel in a remote area because of limitations in transportation, communication and geography. However, in obedience to Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 24:14, they visited 300 to 400 houses in the area. The number of booklets magazines, health books, and Steps to Christ that they have been distributed since 2012 reached 60,000 copies.

At the dedication service, Pastor SukHee Han, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Communication Director, asked missionaries to tell about Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, to the lost souls. We expect a bright future for the church through the devotional service of the HisHands missionaries.







## You are invited to The 2013 Northern Asia—Pacific Division

## **International Mission Congress!**

The International Mission Congress for missionaries and gospel workers, which will be hosted by the Northern Asia—Pacific Division (NSD) and the Korean Union Conference (KUC), will be held at the Jeju International Convention Center from August 28 to September 1, 2013.

The purpose of the NSD International Mission Congress is to help all Adventist churches, institutions, and members to be refreshed, and equipped with a mission spirit in order to accomplish the mission given to us. It also provides the opportunity to be spiritually renewed, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

#### • During the Mission Congress, we will:

- 1. Praise God for His guidance to those who are working in the mission fields.
- 2. Be filled with grace through living testimonies from missionaries serving in mission work.
- 3. Enjoy wonderful musical and traditional performances that will create a heavenly atmosphere.
- 4. Be refreshed and be equipped with a mission spirit through special messages which will make us burn with a new passion for mission.

Please attend the Mission Congress which will be held on the beautiful island of Jeju in South Korea, this coming August, and share heavenly grace which will be the subject of this touching and inspiring Mission Congress.



#### Touching Programs Filled with the Holy Spirit Are Waiting for You

Well prepared programs are ready for the Mission Congress. Touching programs including miraculous mission stories, testimonies, high—quality musical and singing performances, and inspiring messages are waiting for us.

All programs of the 2013 NSD International Mission Congress are focused on mission alone and how to deal with it as Adventist members.

- Part 1 (9:00-10:30 AM): Morning Devotional Our Preparation for the Descent of the Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit
- Part 2 (10:30-12:00 AM): Mission Report Lively Fields of Global Mission
- Part 3 (2:00-3:30 PM): Mission Festival & Mission Guinness This is the core of the lay mission movement, with many unusual and touching mission records
- Part 4 (3:30-5:00 PM): Seminar A forum for conversation with internationally well recognized mission professionals, discussing the current situation of global mission through customized learning for mission and mission solidification
- Part 5 (7:00-9:00 PM): Various cultural festivals and impressive traditional performances under the theme of "Thanksgiving, Mission, and Vision" every night.
- The manifest mission and mission field will be renewed in each of us through the Mission Dedication Service which will be held at 2:30 PM on August 31, Sabbath, as one of the highlights of the congress.
- · Others: Various mission booth activities, instant mission performances, prayer meeting for mission, etc.

#### World Famous Speakers Welcome You

World famous speakers armed with spirituality and the spirit of mission first are invited to the 2013 NSD Mission Congress in order to make the meeting dynamic enough to hasten the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, Speakers include Elder G. T. Ng, General Conference (GC) Secretary; Jairyong Lee, NSD President; Derek Morris, Ministry Magazine Editor; and Cheryl D. Doss, World Mission Institute Director, as well as Elder Ted N. C. Wilson, GC President,

In addition, 15 other speakers from various fields such as ministers, missionaries, and lay people who are devotedly serving the Lord in their area will conduct 15 different seminars so that you can experience effectual mission work.

If you attend this mission congress, you will surely have a meaningful time. It will be one of the most worthwhile choices in your life.



