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The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) holds the International Mission Congress at Jeju International Convention Center, South Korea from August 28 to 31, 2013.



We Are Missionaries of God

Until Jesus Comes

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

Seventh-day Adventist Christians believe in the imminent and literal Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It is our great hope, and that is why we sing, “We have this hope that burns within our hearts, hope in the coming of the Lord.”

We understand that this great hope of Christ’s Second Coming will be realized when the gospel commission is completed throughout the entire world as Jesus stated in Matthew 24:14. We also believe that the Three Angels’ Messages in Revelation 14:6-12 have been entrusted to us by God to proclaim to the world. It makes us the people of mission. Our mission is to preach the everlasting gospel to “every nation, tribe, language and people.”

● NSD International Mission Congress

About 4,000 people from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territories attended the NSD International Mission Congress, which took place August 28-31, 2013, on the beautiful island of Jeju, Korea. During the Mission Congress, we joyfully celebrated the 150th anniversary of the organization of the General Conference and renewed our commitment to the gospel commission. We also enjoyed listening to inspiring music, testimonies on mission activities and powerful sermons. We sang together, prayed together and meditated on the Word of God together.

From the beginning of the Mission Congress to the very end, every program was devoted to promoting the mission of the church. At every moment, we were strongly reminded of the gospel commission given by Jesus to all of His followers. With united hearts,

we talked, listened and meditated on the mission of the church. We spent time praying together for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and we recommitted ourselves to being more faithful and dedicated missionaries in our respective places. We were united for mission.

The Mission Congress is now over, and all of the participants have returned to their homes and churches. We thank God because it was a success by His grace. It was not just an event. It created a new momentum among the participants for explosive evangelism and witnessing in the near future. We all solemnly responded to God’s call for mission, “Here am I. Send me!”

● We Are Missionaries Until He Comes

Mission should be the top priority in our daily lives and in all church activities. When we are fully united for the gospel mission, we will be ready for the Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit. “The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children” (GC, 464).

As the disciples of Jesus went out to different parts of the world with the gospel message, we will also carry the eternal gospel to the people “in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). This is how the gospel work will be finished. We are to be missionaries of God until Jesus comes. When our job is done as the people of mission, Jesus will return as He has promised. May this be accomplished in our generation through us and by the grace of God!

Maranatha! Surely, He is coming soon.

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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2013 NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONGRESS



2013.8.28-8.31 AT JEJU, KOREA

Four thousand participants give themselves to the Lord, chanting "Here am I, Send Me!" while holding individual red scarves high, emblazoned with the chanted words.



People from all over the Division, from every corner, have been here learning principles and gaining enthusiasm for carrying the precious Advent message to every part of this vast division, and beyond. One of the most exciting things was at the end of the program where Pastor Jairyong Lee, the President of the Division, challenged everyone to be engaged in the mission of the church, and to understand that they are responding to God's great call "Who will go for me?" You can respond by saying "Here am I Lord, Send Me." To see everyone with special scarves on that have the beautiful message "Here am I, Send Me", to be holding little lights representing the opportunity of being a light for Jesus all over the Division, was such a thrilling experience.



Ted N. C. Wilson
GC President





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2013 NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONGRESS

Written by Pr. SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director

The NSD Successfully Held an International Mission Congress which Celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the Adventist Church. About 4,000 people from 25 Countries gathered together Under the Theme of “Mission, Passion, Vision”

Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held an International Mission Congress at Jeju International Convention Center, South Korea, from August 28 to 31, 2013.

This congress was organized to arm all churches, institutions, and members in the NSD territories with a mission spirit in order to accomplish the given mission. It was also an opportunity to renew their devotion to gospel evangelism.

Over 4,000 Adventist leaders and members from 25 countries (including China, Japan, Taiwan, Mongolia, USA, Russia, India, as well as Korea) attended this Congress which had the theme of “Mission, Passion, Vision.”

Elder Ted Wilson, General Conference (GC) President, along with G. T. Ng, GC Secretary; Derek Morris, *Ministry Magazine* Editor, and Jonathan Kuntaraf, GC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Director, shared their experiences, and visions of world mission with participants through various lectures and seminars.

In addition, Division presidents from the South American Division, the West-Central Africa Division, Southern Asia Division, as well as Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, graced the occasion with their presence. A variety of current and former missionaries, including those from Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM), HisHands, 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), Golden Angels, Adventist Volunteer Services (AVS), as well as self-supporting missionaries, were present to share God’s amazing plan and grace which they have experienced in the mission field.

During the event, participants prepared themselves for the presence of the Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit through praise and the Word of God. They also saw live news of mission work taking place around the world.

There were 53 booths representing missionary work, educational institutions, health-care institutions, publishing institutions, food factories, and many others. Colorful official banners and beautiful decorations around the venue encouraged the celebration atmosphere.

On August 27, 2013, a day before the Congress, Elder Ted Wilson and his wife, Nancy, arrived at the Jeju International Airport. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, many NSD officers and directors, and Jeju Central Church members, warmly welcomed them with a bouquet of flowers.

One hundred and twenty leaders of the Adventist church from the GC, Divisions, Unions and Conferences, come to the stage and lift a candle symbolizing their willingness to share the light of truth around the world.



Elder Ted Wilson stated "The reason we are here is that we have a great commission to accomplish through the power of the Holy Spirit."



Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, welcomes participants by saying, "We are gathered here together as God's special people and the people of mission."



Dr. SiYoung Kim, organized all of the program of the NSD International Mission Congress as the Mission Congress Chief Director

Opening Ceremony Starts with an Invitation and a Call to the Mission

The grand opening ceremony on the evening of August 28, 2013, was held with beautiful praise, touching videos, and glamorous cultural performances. The opening programs made participants recall the *mission* that was given to the *Remnant* and *God's calling*. Four thousand attendees from various countries listened to God's voice calling them through gracious and magnificent programs.

The ceremony at Tamna Hall lasted for two hours. It finished with the sound of a trumpet played by a priest. Dancers performed what was called 'Opening the Way' which created a door with fabric between four back gates. It expressed the way to God.

The hall was highly elated in an instant when flags in five colors appeared with rhythmical percussion sounds. Lights were turned off, and the resonant praise of tenor, JaeKwang Ryu, from the Golden Angels, deeply touched the audience.

"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" The Macedonian voice illuminated the urgent task of spreading the gospel, and the perishable world in need of the Three Angels' Messages. In the presence of the Holy Spirit, attendees were faced with their great mission.

A parade of the NSD nations highlighted the opening ceremony. Delegates of each country dressed in their traditional costumes. Following the parade of NSD nations, the Korean Union Conference (KUC), the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM), the Japan Union Conference (JUC), and the Mongolian Mission Field (MMF) all entered the hall, marching along the 'Opened Way' of mission. After that, the mission statement of each Union was read. The next stage of the program were beautiful traditional performances. The Korean delegates showed a colorful fan dance, while the Chinese delegates shared a traditional performance of the Miao which is a minority group in the Yunnan Province, China. The Japanese delegates prepared a ministers' choir, and the Mongolian and the Taiwanese delegates played traditional dances, respectively.

Although participants had different languages, cultures, and traditions, it was time to unite with one accord for global evangelism.

The Purpose of the Meeting was to Accomplish the Great Commission Through the Power of the Holy Spirit

In opening remarks, Dr. SiYoung Kim, NSD Mission Congress Chief Director, stated, “We are here to renew our vision to accomplish the great commission, and to be armed with the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Elder Ted Wilson, GC President, then stated, “The reason we are here is that we have a great commission to accomplish through the power of the Holy Spirit. That is to proclaim the Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14. May we all be dedicated to participate in doing God’s great mission in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and around the world.”

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, welcomed the participants by saying, “We gather here together as God’s special people, the people of mission. I pray that all of us will be filled with the mission spirit as God’s missionaries by receiving the Holy Spirit during the Congress.”

All Sermons and Lectures Focus on the Mission

During his sermon at the opening ceremony, Dr. G. T. Ng, GC Executive Secretary, emphasized the last mission of the Remnant, and said, “Adventists’ hearts should be Christ-like when we look at perishing souls. If you want to know how valuable one soul is, look at Christ on the Cross. Listen to the cry of Christ who gave His all on the Cross for each of us.”

Guest speakers, including Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President; Dr. G. T. Ng, GC Executive Secretary; Dr. Cheryl Doss, World Mission Institute Director, as well as Elder Ted Wilson, GC President, were invited to share spiritual messages.

Dr. Derek Morris, GC Ministerial Association Secretary and *Ministry Magazine* Editor, preached grace filled words in the mornings on August 29 and 30, 2013.

Citing Luke 10:2, he asked, “Who are the workers?” He then answered, “They are not angels, but each of us.” He also pointed out that, “The problem is not the lack of harvest, but the lack of workers. We need stronger prayer earnestly asking to send workers.”



Dr. Derek Morris, GC Ministerial Association Secretary and *Ministry Magazine* Editor preaches grace filled words based on Luke 10:1-3



Dr. G. T. Ng, GC Executive Secretary, emphasizes the last mission of the Remnant at the opening ceremony

‘Mission Live’ Programs Show Mission Activities of the NSD with the Motto of ‘Mission First’

The ‘Mission Live’ programs reminded the participants of the mission vision through vivid experiences from the mission fields.

There were reports and testimonies on the HisHands Mission Movement, North Korean mission, the Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM), and the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM). Missionaries BaekTo Jung, and Grace Lee shared their mission stories from the lepers’ villages in China where they have cared for 2,500 lepers in 49 leper villages, and where 677 people were baptized through their devoted work.

Elder HaengSeon Kim, Vice President of the America Sahmyook International Medical Association (ASIMA), gave a video report on the mission to North Korea and shared testimonies of mission activities there.

Many attendees were moved to tears when Mr. GilHo Hwang testified how a PMM missionary changed his life, sharing the re-enacted drama with everyone. They also learned the new vision for mission through Mr. JongSuk Han, a 1000MM missionary, who led 1,000 souls to the Lord during a year of service in the Philippines.

'Mission Talk Show' Program Touches the Hearts of Participants through Live Mission Experiences

The "Mission Talk Show" was a time to meet several individuals who shared their ongoing missionary activities in each country. The show was made up of several different ministries: Young adults devoting their talents for Internet Ministry in China; Pastor Abe serving those who were once in cult movements in Japan; Elder YongSun Lee working full time in prison ministries in Korea; a unique Gerr ministry in Mongolia; and Mrs. JuneHee Lee of the SDA Fair Mission in Korea.

Delegates from KUC on the stage

Mission Seminars on 15 Different Topics Introduce Actual Mission Methods to Participants

Throughout the Mission Congress, seminars were presented by speakers who are serving as mission professionals all over the world. There were many interesting seminars on more than 15 mission related topics such as "Preparation and Practice to be a Missionary", "Prayer and Spiritual Revival", "Pastors' Discussion with the GC President", "World Mission", "Church Growth", "Community Service", "African Mission", and "Small Group Ministries".



Each Union Conference's Mission Report

In the evenings of the second and third day, the Union presidents of China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Mongolia gave mission reports. Following each report, Elder Ted Wilson offered prayer for the success of the mission effort in each Union Conference.

High Quality Mission-Centered Performances Catch Participants' Eyes and Ears

Every evening, inspiring music, and videos, as well as beautiful cultural performances filled the hearts of the attendees with joy. One of the best performances was a Cantata that was specially produced for the occasion. The combination of the voice of baritone, KwangIl Kim, along with the dancing of a worship team, violin performance of violinist, EunHye Lee, and powerful graphics prepared by the KUC Media Center, gave an unforgettable impression to the audience. The Cantata was composed by Adventists with the theme of "Messiah", and "Acts of the Apostles". Also, the Sulammi Musical Team's musical performances elevated the participant's mission spirit.

4000 Participants from different countries in the NSD territory



Sabbath School, and Divine Worship Are Full of Missionary Programs

The Sabbath services in Jeju were well prepared with very special programs. The first program was a shadow play, and sand art by the Oulim. It contained touching messages on the life of missionaries who are walking to Heaven, following in Jesus' footsteps, and the endurance of the saints looking forward to Heaven. The "Abraham" musical play by the Chamsori Choir, and the testimony of Pastor JuWan Yang from the Mother Church in Wenzhou, China, were also impressive. Pastor Yang talked about his imprisonment due to gospel evangelism. Dr. Jonathan Kuntaraf, GC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Director, led the Sabbath School lesson study which emphasized Revival and Reformation.



Participants from Japan march forward for parade

GC President Emphasizes the Mission of the Adventist Church

During the divine worship, Elder Ted Wilson said, "The world is confused, tired, and worn out. As we carry forward the gospel message to the entire world, baptizing, teaching, and making disciples, we do so with a complete package according to Christ's method. And that package is that Jesus met the needs of people physically, socially, mentally and spiritually." He also commented, "Numerous people are perishing without any hope for the eternal life in huge cities such as Tokyo, Beijing, Seoul, and Taipei. It is the greatest mission and challenge for us to deliver the Three Angels' Messages."

"But God has power to accomplish the gospel work. God left this great mission in our hands, and He will finish the work through those who are living in the last days of the world's history," added Wilson.

NSD President Leads Mission Dedication Service - the Highlight of the Mission Congress



Adventist church leaders from the GC, NSD and Union Conferences hold candles as they sing songs of dedication to God

The "Mission Dedication" service held in the afternoon of August 31, 2013, was the highlight of the Mission Congress. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, emphasized the accomplishment of the mission. He also reflected on the life of Abram La Rue who came to Hong Kong as a self-supporting missionary where he passed away as an active missionary, remaining active in mission work until his death there. Dr. Lee reminded participants, "We must be filled with the Holy Spirit to go with the Three Angels' Messages to the ends of the earth. God is calling workers to harvest in the last days."

4,000 Participants Give Themselves to the Lord, Chanting “Here am I, Send Me!”

The Mission Dedication service was filled with a sense of God’s grace, His words, praise, and prayers. Participants renewed their calling to active mission service. One hundred twenty leaders of the Adventist church from the GC, Divisions, Unions and Conferences, were invited to the stage to reaffirm their responses by holding individual red scarves high, each emblazoned with the words “Here am I, Send Me!” As the Dedication Service came to a close, each participant lit a candle to express his or her willingness to share the light of truth around the world. They also prayed in pairs for restoration of the mission spirit. Some asked with tears, while others gave intercessory prayers for devotion.

The Music Festival was the Finale of the Event

The Congress concluded with a musical concert featuring groups from throughout the NSD territory. Participants were reminded of the harmony to be experienced, even in this world, as cultures blended beautifully, reflecting that we are one family sharing the same mission. The beautiful harmony of music ministries teams from each country such as Golden Angels, Voice of Praise Choir, and the Descendants, echoed through the Center.



Delegates of each country dressed in their traditional costumes are standing on the stage in the opening ceremony.



The main auditorium is filled with participants at the the Sabbath Divine Service.

The International Mission Congress Left a Deep Impression Because of the Wholehearted Praise, Graceful Messages, Fragrant Prayers, Touching Testimonies, Beneficial and Professional Seminars, Various Mission Programs, Latest Electronics Technology, Skillful Graphics, and Smooth Operation of Programs

The NSD Mission Congress held at the Jeju International Convention Center from August 28 to 31, 2013, included a variety of programs such as wholehearted praise, graceful messages, fragrant prayers, touching testimonies, and beneficial seminars.

About 4,000 members from all over the world, including a variety of current and former missionaries (such as missionaries from Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM), HisHands, 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), Golden Angels, Adventist Volunteer Services (AVS), as well as self-supporting missionaries), were present in this historical gathering. All the programs of the Mission Congress were broadcast live through satellite, Internet and mobile phone. Each day 3,000 people watched the live broadcasts of the event with a total of 7,000 people attending the event either online or in Jeju.

Above all, it was meaningful to renew the preparation and devotion of our hearts for the outpouring of the latter rain, and to hear live news from world mission fields. Each day, participants renewed their minds with powerful messages, and recalled the mission God has given to us.

Every program helped the participants remember that the mission given to those who live in the last days is to accomplish the gospel work. The event gave them the opportunity to dedicate themselves to mission work with a new resolution.

Praise going on from early morning until night, made this huge sacred meeting a happy festival. It was to worship God, and to acknowledge the living sacrifices which have helped the participants to recognize He is the Creator of all things.

Participants saw and heard the power of the Holy Spirit abundantly blessing the gospel workers through miraculous experiences, and testimonies from mission fields around the world. Their earnest prayer contains hope for reformation, and revival to cultivate this vast land of the NSD with the seed of the gospel.

The musical company Sulammi shares a splendid performance.



Mission Is the Reason for the Existence, the Purpose and the Identity of the Adventist Church.

Mission is the reason for the existence of the Adventist Church in this world. It is an everlasting value and tradition that will never be changed regardless of time, and culture. It is also the reason, the purpose, and the identity of our life as we are called to be an Adventist.

The event was over. The mission going to the base of the gospel, holding God's promise, was left. The will of the members to accomplish the mission through God's help and guidance, in spite of any hardships and difficulties, is required. It is time to give ourselves to the Holy Spirit, so that He can completely control our lives.

IMPRESSION

Sharing Your IMC

Ivanette Osborn – Ilsan English Church

IMC was a well-organized thoughtful event which gave opportunity for networking and encouraged us to recommitment ourselves to God as His ambassadors to others. Maranatha!

Dongjin Lyu – BonBoo Church

The event was full of gratitude. I strongly believe that everything was finished by the grace of the heavenly father.

JaeJin Lee, Mapo Church - WCKC

I heard the story of dedicated Adventists serving in the leper colonies in China to give them hope for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and to change their lives. It was very impressive that what happened at the early church is also taking place today.

Lily Cho - Seoul Chinese Language Institute Church

IMC gave me such a good object lesson that genuine R&R (revival and reformation) should come from my heart...then my action.

Blue Jin - Taereung Church

The event was crowded with many attendees, but proclaimed messages and actual mission experiences provided an opportunity to remind us of our mission. I could confirm that God is still telling me to go and tell people from the bottom of my heart.

YeonSang Choi - Daebang Church, WCKC

I was privileged to participate in the worship and praise team that glorified God before worship during the congress. The beautiful memory of praising God together left a pleasant aftertaste and it will remain in my heart forever.

Akeri Suzuki – Ilsan English Church

I thank God and everyone that the IMC came to a successful end through the united efforts of a great number of people. I've been deeply touched by the inspired testimonies of the dedicated pastors and lay people to ignite my heart for God's mission.

BongRan Kim - Suwon Saehaneul Church

Arriving at the Jeju airport with a great ambition for mission as part of the Remnant, my heart was full of Holy Spirit's voice, joy and expectancy. The bent edge of the logo of the mission congress represents the image of a wave in Jeju, but to me it was the arm of the Lord entwining me. Here am I. Send me. Amen.

Eiji Kwano – Easter Osaka Church

The experience to meet such a big Adventist family from each nation in the division territory really encouraged for me very much. After the IMC, my prayer was changed. Before I prayed, "Lord, help me to do Your will." But now I start praying, "Please use me as a tool for Your purpose." I believe the Lord taught me the perfect devotion to the Him through the IMC experience.

DaeSung Kim - KUC President

A Scattered charcoal fire is weak, but a heaped fire has strong power. This mission congress was a meeting which set a big fire by gathering small embers. When the Remnant shouts the gospel with one voice in harmony, the Holy Spirit will come and the gospel work will be rapidly finished by convulsing the world."

Ganbadral Monon - Erdenet Church

To live a daily in a closer relationship with God in order to receive the Latter Rain because we are living in the end times.



Bold Batsukh - MM ministerial Secretary

I have renewed my commitment to spread Gospel by attending the congress. I felt the power of the Holy Spirit. He had revealed His power and I appreciated the goodness of our Lord, I want to praise God for uniting us and leading everyone who upon this impressive program.

Chek Yat Phoon - Ilsan English Church

IMC has rejuvenated my love and goal for mission—a phenomenal time that will go down in history!

MyoungJo Sohn- Wonnaedong Church

I listened again to the voice of the Lord that called me to come out of the world 30 years ago. Now I hope I can be a grown-up apostle of Christ.

SungSun Hong - a retired pastor, WCKC

I watched “the fire has already kindled” at the Jeju International Mission Congress. I saw the fire of the Latter Rain Holy Spirit that had already kindled in order to accomplish the work in delivering the Three Angels’ Messages in the NSD territories.

Youngil Choi - Ilsan English Church

‘I have married Mission because of the IMC. Mission is not a difficulty but destiny because of the IMC’

GwangGu Choi -Sindoan Church

The NSD International Mission Congress was “Thanks” to God and “Touching” to me. All church members showed their maturity as heavenly citizens.

Sally Phoon - Ilsan English Church

IMC—a once-in-a-lifetime experience that was spiritually uplifting and inspiring; a foretaste of the joy of reunion in Heaven!

JaeCheon Lee - Daejeon Dongbu Church

I enjoyed the historical moment that Adventist members in the NSD became united simply by none but the Three Angels’ Messages. Especially, I could especially experience the presence of Immanuel God, and newly dedicate myself for the Lord, while I participated in intercessory prayer ministry. Maranatha!

James Torres - Ilsan English Church

“The IMC happened so fast. But what took place will have an everlasting effect on my faith and how I view God’s plan for my life in the cause of mission.”

BongHwa Baek - Toegyewon Church

Those who take care of Chinese lepers to preach the gospel and a pastor serving the church with a handwritten Sabbath School lesson book in a remote countryside are truly the people of God. As soon as I returned home, I did HisHands mission work. I heard, saw, and resolved at the congress, so it is time to put it into practice. Now I am going forward with the gospel.

KyungChae Min - Daecheon Central Church

The sentence “He will provide” that Dr. Derek Morris emphasized was deeply impressed on my mind. The personnels for this well-prepared event and witnesses from mission fields were good enough to give sympathy and wonderful impression which are virtues of 21C leadership.

Lynn Ripley - Isan English Church

On Sabbath, during the commitment service, to see everyone in our NSD mission family raise their scarves high was so moving. My heart was so encouraged to renewed mission for Jesus! Here I am, send me!

JinHyeon Lee - Jinaeri Church

The NSD Mission Congress was a meaningful meeting that showed me ast, present, and future of the mission. It was also an opportunity to think of revival and reformation of the church I am serving. In addition, I felt a thirst of the soul for the Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit.

Barbara Choi - Ilsan English Church

Is very nice to support in the medical area for the IMC.

Connie Wong - CHUM Media Center

“As a Media Center worker, to be able to participate in this mission congress is an eye opening and beneficiary experience. Each program was on time and beautiful, the foods are great, facilities are excellent, and the big screen was fantastic. Thank you for your hard work and efforts.

Bob Folkenberg - CHUM President

I was moved and blessed by the intentional and passionate focus that the IMC placed on the great mission we have to expand the Kingdom of God. It was inspiring to hear the reports and testimonies of what the Lord is doing in our territory and to be reminded again that God has called us to share the Everlasting Gospel in our part of the world. I left ready to fully commit myself to this cause.

Elbert Kuhn - MM President

From time to time, God needs to remind His people of what their mission is on this earth; to proclaim the Three Angels Message to the four corners of the world. I believe God has done it through the the IMC. Through IMC, we were all aware of the challenges in the NSD territory, but also the many opportunities we have if in humble spirit we do our best for the Lord.

ChunJa Kim - Jangheung Church, SWKC

It was very impressive that all Adventist members from many different countries praise the Lord with one accord. It brought up the image of the Kingdom of God.

Nobuto Sakamoto- Kamenokoyama Church

I really enjoyed participating in such a big event where I met many Christians who have the same belief. Also, it

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was good to learn what the Adventists in other countries are doing for evangelism.

HeeTaek Kim - Jangheung Church, SWKC

This Mission Congress was a touching time to vividly show how brothers and sisters in other nations in the NSD do mission work in their daily life and to feel affection as heavenly family who loves God, the church, and neighbors in spite of different cultures and languages.

KunChun Park – Ilsan English Church

I: I thank God

M: Mission must go on until

C: Christ comes.

ChunJa Kim - Jangheung Church, SWKC

It was very impressive that all Adventist members from many different countries praise the Lord with one accord. It brought up the image of the Kingdom of God.

Shengjie - Lanzhou church

Thank God for seven thousand in Israel all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal, today you let the blinded to see, and weak to gain power. We know we are no longer alone; you are with us whom shall we afraid! As long as you are with me Lord! I am no longer weak! And it is time for me to respond your calling! "Here am I, send me!"

Nyamdavaa Dovchinsuren -MM Evangelism Director

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the people who were involved in and worked so hard and organizing every program so well for the IMC. It was big blessing for our Mongolian delegates, feeling at the same time we felt that we are part of this big family. It was very good experience for our people.

YeongSook Kang - Taean Church

I could know that we are children of God and a

family, although we have different appearances and nationalities. I felt a heavenly atmosphere as I talked and asked questions freely with others. It was a time to recognize the mission that we need to accomplish as the Remnant and to ask God to make me a worker for the harvest with humble heart.

Tomoyuki Akashi- Hachioji Church

I enjoyed very much the fellowship of so many Adventist brothers and sisters which we could not experience in a small church in Japan. I appreciated the NSD providing us such an opportunity. I was touched by the active and impassioned reports from each nation in the NSD territory and was refreshed by the mission spirit. I started to think about what shall I do for our lord Jesus and pray for the His guidance.

SeongDae Jeong -Daejeon Dongbu Church

Every time was graceful during the Mission Congress. I was especially moved when I heard the report from the pastors who are working hard to share the gospel in Africa. When I saw the Adventist young people who came from Mongolia by bicycle to attend the congress, they looked like soldiers of Gideon.

Nyamsurem Miangmar - Darkhan church

Great big event, I hope, will be the beginning of greater mission works in the fields.

Masumi Shimada - JUC President

The 2013 NSD Mission Congress was so wonderful. The Holy Spirit had been with us and every program had touched and inspired all of us. The Japanese Adventist churches will forward on our knees with the Mission Spirit from the Mission Congress.

Steven Wu - TWC President

The programs strongly reveal our church's existing meaning and value which are mission and unity. Many attendees are determined to positively and bravely be a witness of God after this congress.









Dr. Dwight Nelson preaches to the attendees of Tokyo 13 at Kamenokoyama church

TOKYO 13 -Mission to the Cities

Kwon JohngHaeng

NSD Adventist Mission/Stewardship Ministries/Global Evangelism Director

Challenge

The population of Metropolitan Tokyo today (including Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama, and Chiba) is 37 million people; the world's largest population in a metropolitan city. But our Adventists number just 3,500 members with only 20 small churches. So the ratio to the population is 1: 10,000. Also many of the church members are over the age of 65, and the total amount of tithe has been decreasing in recent years. People living in the Tokyo area are like sheep that have lost their shepherd, and most of them have wavered in their value system.

In 2012, when the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) President, Elder Lee, picked up Tokyo as the target city in "Mission to the Cities," Japan Union Conference (JUC) leaders discussed the possibilities. Is it realistic for our churches that are getting weak and aging to set about doing such a big project? Wouldn't we let down the GC's expectations with no harvest? In spite of great fear in our hearts, the JUC finally decided to set about working on the project of "Mission to the City: Tokyo." Unless we stand up now, unless we take this great opportunity now, our church might have to just stand, and watch the Japanese people perish, not able to do anything about it.

It was at the end of May, 2012, that the JUC and the NSD leaders got together for the first time on this project. After that, on June 11, 2012, the JUC leaders had a meeting with local church pastors in the Metropolitan Tokyo area, and the next day the NSD leaders came to Japan again. We discussed and prayed together, and started the project.

To tell you the truth, not all the pastors here in Tokyo

accepted the project with faith, and believed in its success. Some had great fear; some thought they were forced to do this. Despite this, we began the project anyway.

Team Ministry System

We organized a 'Mission to the Cities' Committee in the JUC, and a committee of the same name in the East Japan Conference. Under this committee, there would be eight small committees- (1) West Tokyo team, (2) Harajuku team, (3) Tama-Saitama team, (4) Nishisugamo team, (5) Yokohama 13 team, (6) English and Spanish team, (7) Korean team, and (8) Chinese team (Tagalog team, and Youth team were added later). Since the center of evangelism are the churches on the front line, these teams made the way for them.

For instance, one of the teams invited a retired pastor to study about ministry so that the pastors can be better prepared. Another group started a joint prayer meeting among local churches just to make their relationship stronger.

What the JUC, and the East Japan Conference focused on first was revival by prayer and the scripture. The JUC invited Pastor Hong Kwang Eui, the Revivalist of the NSD. He came to Japan several times, and had revival meetings, visiting church to church. We also invited Elder Kwon Ki Young who shared his wonderful testimony on the pioneering evangelistic works.

Also, another team had a big camp-meeting to make church members feel Tokyo 13 was their own project. Others also had pre-meetings, and joint worships with other

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Kamenokoyama church



Tokyo Chinese Church members



Tokyo Central Church during Tokyo13

churches. Then the mission spirit grew.

Relationship Ministry

The basic concept of Tokyo 13 is “Relationship Ministry.” Ellen White wrote in *Ministry of Healing*, p.143, “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The savior (1) mingled with men, (2) as one who desired their good. (3) He showed His sympathy for them, (4) ministered to their needs, and won their confidence, then told them “Follow me.” There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit.”

So we decided to make His “Relationship Ministry” our method for the project.

To do that, we tried to re-discover our networks that we had. For example, Hiroshima Saniku Academy (grade 7-12) has sent out 4,000 graduates in last the 35 years. But, unfortunately, most of them don’t attend church anymore. The fact is that their graduation is also a graduation from the church. About 1,000 out of the 4,000 are said to be in the Tokyo area. Of course, they have already heard the Gospel of the Bible once. We wanted to reach them again, so in August, 2013, in Tokyo, with the Academy presidents, principals, and deans of the dormitories, we had the biggest alumni in our history. 450 attended the meeting!

Also, there is a special group called ‘Ekklesia’ (whose headquarters is in Korea) whose purpose is to save young people through ‘the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity’ and to take care of their families. An earnest effort by this group for the last 40 years has resulted in 200 baptisms in the SDA Church. On the other hand, there are many who left the Association, and have not attended church. There are more than 1,500 such people. They also have heard the Gospel at one time.

In order to reach them, a special issue of a newsletter was printed, and the group had a retreat especially for them.

In the past, there was a youth activity called “Beehive Ministry.” Through this, many church workers were born and raised. But there are many who once were active in the Ministry, but don’t attend church today. Many are married

and have children. In order to reach them once again, the Koganei SDA Church has begun “Tokyo Worship” with a contemporary style once in a while.

The department of Colporteur Ministry in the JUC, and the Japan Publishing House had a special meeting together at one of the hotels in Tokyo, trying to reach the Signs of the Times subscribers. About 100 people attended that meeting. In addition to such efforts, each local church did their best to reach long absent church members, those who have attended evangelistic meetings, the VBS, and the PFC in the past.

These activities brought about a big change in many church members, for now they saw themselves as an evangelist, and began working for their loved ones, and their neighbors.

Support

We are grateful for so much support from foreign countries, both financially, and through manpower as well. The General Conference (GC) offered us a large amount of money, and showed a deep interest in the project. We had a TV conference with the GC leaders, including Ted Wilson, the GC President. G.T. Ng, the GC Executive Secretary, and Michael L. Ryan, GC General Vice President, have visited Japan twice to have meetings, not only with the JUC leaders but also with local church pastors. Also, other leaders in the field of Adventist Mission came to have seminars here in Japan.

We also feel a great appreciation to the support from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). Coming to Japan, President Lee presented pre-meetings. Pastor Hong Kwang Eui had revival meetings. Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD Adventist Mission/ Evangelism Director, visited Japan several times to help the ministry for the Korean and Chinese people, and conducted the preparatory seminars for Tokyo 13. Dr. Sally, Phoon conducted the Family Ministry seminars.

Not only that, we also greatly appreciate the support from Korea, such as the Foot Massage Team, Ephphatha Medical Mission Team, Dadelion Women’s Ministry Team from West Central Korea Conference, and Dr. Park UHyun from

Germany. The Golden Angels from the NSD had a Japan tour in May, 2013, and during the evangelistic meetings held this summer to autumn, they have sung at almost all the meetings for Tokyo 13. Their music has done something pastors cannot do by spoken words alone. Much appreciation also goes to the missionaries of "One Year in Mission." One missionary was sent to Tokyo

Central SDA Church beginning in August, 2013. Then in September, 2013, four other young missionaries have begun their work, mainly at the Tokyo Central Church and the Tokyo Korean Church. They will stay here in Tokyo until the end of this year, December, 2013. There may be a language barrier, but they are trying to give disciple-making training, especially for the young people.



Dr. Dwight Nelson appeals to the participants at Kamenokoyama church



Pastor Shimada, JUC president speaks at the Tachikawa church during Tokyo13



Pastor Kwon, JONGHAENG, NSD Adventist Mission Director preaches at the Tokyo Korean Church

42 Talks

The special evangelistic meetings' period for Tokyo 13 is September to October, 2013. At eight different locations, there are 42 meetings being held during these two months.

<Tama-Saitama Team>

For three days, September 14-16, 2013, at the Tachikawa SDA Church, Pastor Shimada, the JUC President, conducted the meetings with the main title, "The Decision for Eternal Life." On the second and third day, the Tokyo area was hit by a typhoon, and public transportation, such as trains, was greatly reduced, but we still had 167 for the first day, 117 for the second day, and 82 for the third day. Also on the second day, two new believers were baptized.

<Yokohama 13 Team>

The same date as the meetings at the Tachikawa Church, September 14-16, 2013, meetings were held at the Kamenokoyama SDA Church located just under the JUC headquarters in Yokohama. Pastor Dwight Nelson from the Andrews University Church conducted the meetings with the main title, "The Hope of the Rising Sun." He picked up the Adventist messages, and spoke well, so that even the Japanese people could understand his message. With less influence from the typhoon than in Tachikawa, the number of those attending was 204, 210, and 203 each day. The Golden Angels were involved in both locations of the meetings.

<Harajuku Team>

Right after the meetings in Yokohama, Pastor Nelson moved to Harajuku, Tokyo, and he conducted the meetings at the Tokyo Central SDA Church for five days. The number of those attending these meetings were 180, 164, 168, 175, and 410 for the Sabbath worship!!

<West Tokyo Team>

Mission to the Cities

Starting from the weekend of September 14-15, 2013, eight meetings were planned for four weekends, by four pastors from the western area of Tokyo (including the President of the East Japan Conference), with the title, "Salvation Is to Be Found through Him Alone." More than 200 attended the meetings each night.

<Tokyo Chinese Church>

A four day meeting in the Chinese language was held, starting from September 18, 2013, at the Tachikawa SDA Church. Pastor Daniel, Jiao, the Executive Secretary of the China Mission, came to Japan as a speaker. As a result, four new souls were baptized, and three other souls have already decided to be baptized.

<Tokyo Korean Church>

Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng conducted the meetings from September 20-28, 2013, entitled "We Still Have a Hope." A medical ministry group with 26 members came from Korea, and Germany. By their efforts, at least 35 are interested in the church and 13 souls were baptized. The church is planning to have three more baptismal ceremonies by the end of this year.

<Tokyo 13 by Youth and for Youth>

The meetings especially for the youth were held on September 7 and 22, 2013. There were more than 100 young people at each meeting. On September 7, the young members themselves spoke. Their feelings of witnessing Christ were shared, and had a strong impact on those who came that day. On September 22, Pastor Wilson gave the youth a wonderful message. The meeting was opened to the internet live, so it reached not only those who were there, but others also, wherever they were.

In addition to these meetings listed above, there will be more special meetings in Tagalog, one of the major languages in the Philippines.



1 : Amanuma Church during Tokyo 13, 2 : Tokyo 13 attendees get tracts at Amanuma church, 3: Pr. Yu, Chan Fu baptizes a new convert of Tokyo 13
4 : Health service at the Tokyo Korean Church, 5 : Golden Angels sing during the Tokyo 13, 6 : Tokyo 13 participants pray together

In November, 2013, there will be "The International Revival Retreat" in Saitama Prefecture. It will be a kind of follow-up meeting after Tokyo 13.

Speaking in general, most of baptisms are not done during the meetings, but sometime later in the near future at each local church. Some reported that Sunday-keeping Christians attended the meetings, and were interested in the SDA church. It is also great that those who have not attended the SDA churches for a long time have come back to the church. The meetings of Tokyo 13 seem to be good opportunities for the families of the believers, too.

Many of those who attended the meetings have given their address, e-mail address, and phone numbers. Such personal information will help the local churches to reach out for souls after the Tokyo 13 meetings. We would like to ask you to pray for the harvest of Tokyo 13. Thank you very much for your support!

NSD

The DVD Production of the IMC Report



The video report DVD of the NSD International Mission Congress has been released in five languages: English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Mongolian. Fifteen minutes of the minutes length of this DVD includes brief introductions on the programs, schedules, main speakers, and important guests. There are also interview of Elder Ted Wilson, General Conference (GC) president and Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) president, interviews of participants, event pictures, etc. To produce this DVD, the NSD Media Center staff have worked hard to take all the videos and pictures of the event, and have spent many hours to produce this DVD in various languages. This DVD will be available to each Union, Conference and Mission. This IMC DVD was first shown during the 2013 GC Annual Council (AC). After watching the DVD, the GC AC delegates, including Elder Ted Wilson and 13 Division officers and representatives were inspired and amazed at the grandeur of the IMC. They appreciated the DVD production of the IMC report.

KUC

First Family Counseling Conference (INTERNATIONAL FAMILY COUNSELING COACHING INSTITUTE, KOREA)



Dr. Sally Phoon(left) speaks during the Family Counseling Conference



International Family Counseling Coaching Conference participants

The First Family Counseling Conference, run by a brand new department called the International Family Counseling Coaching Institute was held at Sahmyook University in Korea, from August 18 to 20, 2014. Spearheaded by the Women’s Ministries Department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC), in collaboration with Sahmyook University (SYU), this Institute will play an essential role in meeting the dire need for more trained counselors.

Several years ago, with the help of the government, a family center had been set up at the WCKC headquarters to minister to the community. The director of the center, Ms Kim Jang Sook, had been struggling with trying to keep up with the growing needs for family counseling. The program was discussed at length between KUC and SYU in early spring. Pastor Lee Sun Mi (previous KUC Family & Women’s Ministries Director) and Ms Ahn Jae Soon (current KUC Family & Women’s Ministries Director) worked diligently with the Ministry of Education and SYU to get it certified by the Korean government. Hence, this two-year program in family counseling is recognized in the Asia-Pacific region.

SYU professors will be involved in the delivery of the course content that requires intensive classes at SYU, on-line classes through the Adventist Broadcasting Network of KUC as well as many hours of practicum. With its five-year terms of office at the Korean Union Conference, it was decided that it would be wise to set up the institute at SYU where it would continue to serve no matter who the Family or Women’s Ministries Director may be at KUC.

Professor Kim Sin Sup, Director of the SYU Counseling Department, emphasized the deep need for “high touch” in this “high tech” age in his remarks. Dr Sally Phoon, Women’s Ministries Director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, was present to celebrate the occasion with the 76 people who registered for the program. Many of the participants are church pastors, elders, and women leaders. Surely, this is a big step forward in providing the human resources needed to support community outreach throughout Korea.



by Dr. Sally Phoon,
Director of NSD Women’s/ Children’s/ Family Ministries

MM

South American Division Officers Visit Mongolia

It is a rare privilege for Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) to be visited by no less than the Administrative Officers of the South American Division (SAD) in the persons of Elders Erton Carlos Kohler, President, Magdiel Pererz Schultz, Executive Secretary and Marlon Souza Lopes, Treasurer. The three attended the International Mission Congress in Jeju then flew to Mongolia to grace the inauguration, and organization of the Amazing Grace SDA Church.

They also visited the on-going construction of the Yermack SDA Church, and attended the dedication of the *The Great Hope* book, which 10,000 copies being printed to be distributed on October 19, 2013. The aforementioned projects are financed in part by SAD, which donated to MMF a substantial amount of money in the amount of USD 130,000.00. In addition, SAD is also sponsoring five persons from the Mission to go to Brazil to attend SAD's Pathfinder Camporee on January, 2014, where 35,000 attendees are expected. The said trip will give our local leaders an opportunity to visit our big institutions and churches under the umbrella of the South American Division.

SAD leaders decided to invest in Mongolia because they find the place a very challenging field, and



Three officers of SAD visited Mongolia after the IMC

with all the enormous blessings that SAD is receiving, it is their gesture to share a portion that will promote the growth of the Church. Mongolia, on the other hand, is blessed to be a recipient of such benevolence, and kudos to Pastor Elbert Kuhn, MMF Director, for his network that brought extra funds to the Mission. Such financial aid is instrumental not only for physical developments, but for soul winning as well, which is our ultimate goal.

KUC

ADRA Korea Sends Youth Overseas Voluntary Teams

Under the slogan "Into the Dream and People", ADRA Korea sent two Korean youth overseas volunteer teams to Cambodia. From June 16 to 25, 2013, 16 young volunteers worked alongside local high school students, and participated in community services such as bathroom building, well sinking, and teeth-brushing education. It provided dropout adolescents, and teenagers at risk an opportunity to increase their sense of self-respect, and belonging. The other volunteer team, which consisted of disabled and non-disabled youth, socialized with Korean-major students in the Royal University of Phnom Penh. They also used their abilities visiting the Technique Academy for people with disabilities, conducted health education at XIA Evergreen School, and participated in library construction, fence repair, wall repair, and wall painting.



Korean Youth overseas voluntary teams with local school students

Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Acquires 'ISO22000 Certification' in Food Safety

The Department of Food and Nutrition at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital (HKAH) was awarded the ISO22000 certification in Food Safety and Hygiene Management, which made it the first hospital in Hong Kong to earn such certification. The ISO22000 is the only international standard in the field of food safety. It adopts principles of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) in the food safety management system. By acquiring the ISO22000 certification, HKAH demonstrates its commitment to providing healthy, and safe diets to its patients and staff.

Adventist Hospitals Promote ISF Day

The Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, in partnership with the International Self-care Foundation, and Sheenhok Charitable Foundation, held a press conference to promote the 2013 International Self-care Day, or ISF Day, on July 24, 2013. The Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital also participated in this initiative offering free physical examinations to 100 elderly citizens. The goal was to educate the public about the importance of having healthy lifestyles, and how to prevent certain health risks such as obesity, cardio-vascular diseases, etc.



Two children benefit from the APHF.

"Explore Your Health" Evangelistic Meeting Coming Soon

An evangelistic meeting entitled "Exploring Your Health" will be held in November, 2013, by the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital. The Media Evangelism Limited, a local Christian media producing group, will share its newest discoveries of Noah's Ark. Famous singer and actress, Agnes Chiang, will also give her personal testimony. The evangelistic meeting aims to present the gospel message through the sharing of health topics.



Healthy vegetarian food is offered at the cafeteria

One Week with Dr. Chen Tianji for NEWSTART

The Lifestyle Management Center of the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, plans to have a NEWSTART program from November 12 to 18, 2013. The venue will be the Hilltop Country Club at Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong. Dr. Chen Tianji, from the Taiwan Adventist Hospital, will be the main speaker. His message will help participants understand how to prevent cardio-vascular diseases, how to lower blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar, and how to prevent osteoporosis and depression.

The Adventist Pediatric Heart Fund Benefits Underprivileged Children

The Adventist Pediatric Heart Fund (APHF) held a press conference in mid-August, 2013, to educate the public about two kinds of congenital heart diseases: patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) and Tetralogy of Fallot (ToF). The Adventist Pediatric Heart Fund is one of the Charity Outreach programs of the "Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Foundation." It was set up in August, 2010, to continue the work of the Children's Heart Fund which had been established in 1991. Its aim is to provide life-saving treatments for underprivileged children suffering from congenital heart disease.



Alex Fong (left), famous singer and actor, is named the Ambassador of the 2013 International Self-care Day.

KUC

SDA Fair Mission Participates in K-Beauty Expo 2013



SDA Fair Mission booth

A SDA FM member provides facial care

Fair Mission members preparing material

Fair Mission Booth visitors

The K-Beauty Expo 2013 was held at the KINTEX, Goyang, Korea, from September 12 to 15, 2013. The total number of spectators was about 40,000, and the number of companies participating was 501. Participation of more than 300 foreign buyers from 31 countries showed international attention on this expo. Fairs usually have strong local characteristics, but this expo included attendees from all parts of Korea.

The SDA Fair Mission, which delivers the gospel in fairs and expos in Korea, also participated in the K-Beauty Expo 2013. Publications related to the Adventist health message and food, *Signs of the Times* magazine, *Home and Health* magazine, tracts, and booklets with the gospel were distributed to visitors. Since the KINTEX is located within a ten-minute drive from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Headquarters, the NSD supported, and encouraged Fair Mission volunteers. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, visited the venue and encouraged them. "I appreciate the courage, and passion of the Fair Mission team who go anywhere to convey the gospel. When we strive for evangelism "in and out of season," the gospel work will be finally accomplished, and the Lord we are longing for will come," said Dr. Lee. Pastor SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director, also visited, and discussed how to create a synergy effect by connecting HisHands Mission Movement, and Fair Mission with Mrs. JeongHee Lee, the General Manager of the Mission. This time, young volunteers participated in the work, which gave a special boost to the booth. More participation, and activities by the young people is expected.

NSD

NSD and KUC Pastoral Spouses Ministry Planning Training Curriculum

By Pr. Lynn Ripley, Director of NSD Shepherdess Ministries



On Wednesday, July 31, 2013, there was a very special meeting of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Ministerial Department with Kang Soon Gi, Korean Union Conference (KUC) Assistant to the President for Ministerial, and Dr. Kim Nami, Sahmyook University (SU) professor, licensed counselor, and pastor's wife. Our topic was the development of a training program for pastoral spouses. Dr. Kim Nami gave an important presentation on the need for continuing education for pastoral spouses. The goal of the meeting was to begin a new initiative to better serve pastoral spouses through a potential curriculum that will focus on mental well-being.

This planning toward a structured training program includes recognition of the training that is already being done by the KUC through the Adventist Training Center, and a Sahmyook University Counselor Training Program. The addition of a Mental Well-Being component would bring encouragement and practical skills to our pastoral spouses. Not only would there be a pilot program initiated out of the KUC office but we would like to invite Shepherdess leaders from our other NSD territories to come for training so they could share the blessing of the encouragement in their mission territory. Ultimately, we believe this initiative could be offered to pastoral spouses in other world fields.

The next steps toward an active pilot program will be to meet with Shepherdess leaders to ask for their response and suggestions. It will also be important to develop a format to make this training available to spouses in different geographic locations through technology such as video conferencing. If you would like to be part of this new initiative through your suggestions and/or expertise and experience, please contact Lynn Ripley at lripley@nsdadventist.org.



From the left, Dr. David Ripley, Pr. SoonGi Kang, Pr. Lynn Ripley, Dr. Kim Nami met together to discuss the Pastoral Spouses Training Program

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NSD

Interview with JongHo Yang, New President of Bangladesh Adventist College



Dr. JongHa Yang, the new President of Bangladesh Adventist College

Dr. JongHo Yang, who has served as chaplain at Sahmyook University, was appointed as the new President of the Bangladesh Adventist College (BAC). He is the successor to Dr. MyunJu Lee, who is now the new President of the Bangladesh Union Mission.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) voted to appoint Dr. Yang to be the BAC President in January, 2013. After the voting process in the local Union, and the General Conference, Dr. Yang began his term on September 1, 2013.

Q) What do you think of your new position?

A) I feel a great sense of duty for God's calling. I will work honestly, and faithfully. When I first began my ministry in the late 1980s, I heard of the experience of Elder PD Chun, former NSD President, how he helped needy Bangladeshi Adventists. Since then, I have been interested in Bangladesh. (Actually, he donated computers to the Bangladesh Adventist College in the past, so there is a classroom that bears his name.) In addition, the "Mission First" spirit of Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, also inspires my vision. Dr. MyunJu Lee had worked hard for the development

of the school for eight years. I can now go to Bangladesh as a missionary through the recommendation, and prayer support of Adventist members in Korea, and the U.S.A. I will do my best to live up to their expectations.

Q) What will be the first priority in your service there?

A) Everything will work out properly when spirituality is tightened, so I will make a campus filled with prayer, and words based upon a faith in Jesus Christ, the living God. I will lead the school to be mission-centered. Moreover, an amicable, and democratic educational administration will be realized. The persons concerned will have free discussion, and decision-making process, so that they will voluntarily share ownership and responsibility for the outcome.

Q) What is the reason that the mission work in Bangladesh is so important?

A) Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world. Among 160 million people, the population is 90% Muslim; 9% Hindu; and 1% Buddhist and Christian. The Bangladeshi Adventist Church has about 40 ordained ministers, and 33,000 members in four union missions.

The number of Muslims is estimated at 1.7 billion which is tremendous amount. They make up one quarter of the world's population. The number of Hindus is 1.2 billion. Over 2.9 billion people believe in Islam and Hinduism, and Bangladesh is in the middle of them.

Bangladesh is also the core mission field in the 10/40 window area. There are not many Adventist colleges established in Muslim countries such as Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Turkey, Iran, and Iraq. Bangladesh Adventist College was founded in 1969 in the Muslim area, just next to India.

In this geographical location, and with its' religious background, Bangladesh is a very significant strategic location in world mission. The college is the training base of missionaries who cover both Muslim and Hindu areas. That is why the mission work in Bangladesh is so important.

KUC

2013 United Pathfinder Camporee at ECKC

The Youth Ministries Department of the East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) ended the united Pathfinder Camporee, under the theme of "Father Abraham." In attendance were 750 Pathfinders and leaders from 45 churches at the Wonju Sahmyook Academy from July 28 to 31, 2013. Participants enjoyed their camping experiences divided into four companies. Although the weather was not good, 30 honors booths received a positive response. Every evening, Pastor JaeYong Shim reminded the Pathfinders about Abraham's life, and the Pathfinders resolved to be God's army, depending on Him.



JUC

Japan Health Conference



By Dr. Barbara Choi,
Director of NSD Health Ministries



Tokyo Group of the Health Conference

The three General Conference (GC) Health Directors, headed by Dr. Allan Handysides, GC Health Ministries Director and his two associates, Dr. Peter Landless, and Fred Hardinge, teamed up with Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Health Director, Dr. Barbara Choi, and the Japan Union Conference (JUC) Health Director, Pastor Hiroshi Yamaji, to plan and organize a Health Conference for our JUC church members.

On August 12 to 13, 2013, the CELEBRATIONS training program was held in Kobe Arinodai Church, located next to the Kobe Adventist Hospital. From August 15 to 16, 2013, the team moved to repeat the same program at the Amanuma Church next to the Tokyo Adventist Hospital. The training is based on our need for disease prevention, and the need to use Christ's method alone to do health ministry because Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people.

Ellen White writes, "The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" (Ministry of Healing p. 143).

During the Health Conference we emphasized preventive health care rather than curative treatments. The members were reminded that they are not medical personnel who can cure disease but rather direct their friends to the great physician--Jesus Christ. We also held a forum to plan and explore ways of sharing the health ministry in Japan.

The participants came mainly from the Arinodai Church, Amanuma Church, Central Church, Okinawa Church, and Kyoto Church. We had members who joined us from educational institutions located in Hiroshima and Yokohama. Japan's San-iku Foods, and Nihon Kensei Kyoukai (a privately owned food factory) also sent their representatives to learn. We had good fellowship sharing how to bring our friends and neighbors to Jesus through the sharing of our health knowledge.



The three GC Health Directors



Kobe Group of the Health Conference

KUC

105th Anniversary of Sahmyook Seoul Medical Center

Sahmyook Seoul Medical Center had a celebration for its 105th anniversary, and gave thanks to the God of Ebenezer on September 23, 2013. Dr. MyungSup Choi, President of the Center, along with about 300 staff attended the event where 46 employees were honored in recognition of their long service.

"The biggest crisis comes when we think it is good enough. It is our duty, and role to properly handle those challenges that threaten the existence of this center," said Dr. Choi in his commemorative message, talking about the "We've Arrived" syndrome.

He added, "The 110th anniversary is drawing closer. Let us go forward until we accomplish the vision of this hospital to meet the employees' and clients' needs."



Employees who were honored for 30 years of service

Difference in Views on North Korean Mission

South Korean and North Korean Dialogue which was planned on July 12, 2013 fell apart. It was sad news to the Council for Peace Cooperation (CPC) as well as businessmen who are still locked out of the Gaeseong Industrial Complex. Christianity in South Korea began its mission in North Korea in 1974. As public-direct mission activities are impossible, most denominations including the Adventist church engaged in indirect mission through aid projects. The conservative forces refer to it as an 'unconditional aid', while the progressive groups describe it as a 'movement toward reunification'.

The July 1st Measure which partly allows principles of free economy brought much change in our mission plans for North Korea. Before this measure, our mission focused on short-term and humanitarian aid. But now we have planned long-term aid that supports bread and noodle factories, hospitals or schools.

KUC

What Shall We Prepare for the Mission in North Korea?

The Most Realistic Alternative Is to Support North Korean Defectors.

While North and South Korea's military tension continues, we try to discover what would be the best way to uphold the North Korean mission? At the moment, it is prohibited to publically evangelize to the people of North Korea. Some North Korean defectors rarely went back to their homes with the gospel.

Mr. ChangKyu Choi, CPC President, strenuously insisted that we should raise 10,000 members who will go to North Korea when the gates open. Those who feel responsible for the North Korea mission and who are willing to share their skills with the people there are wanted. Anyone, whether they are well-sinkers, welders, professors, or rice cake makers could have a chance to deliver the gospel.

"More positive support, and help in the settlement process for North Korean defectors would be the best investment for the future of the North Korea mission," said Miss DaHae Kim, who defected from North Korea in 2007.

The North Korean people will accept the help and support of the Adventist church through their family or friends, rather than strangers. In this regard, the Adventist Church needs more people who are willing to be missionaries. The number of North Korean defectors who came to the South is more than 20,000 and most of them have trouble settling in South Korea.

How Far Along Is the North Korea Mission of the Adventist Church?

It was 1996 when the Adventist Church officially began their North Korea mission. To prepare for the day when the gates of North Korea open, the Korean Union Conference (KUC) and other conferences began saving 1% of the tithes in religious special funding for North Korea. As North Korea decided to designate Sinuiju as a Special Administrative Region in 2002, many Christian denominations expected the opening of North Korea. At that time, each denomination divided the North Korean territory by administrative units and made concrete plans for mission. The Adventist Church also assigned each North Korean administration unit to the church districts. Since 2003, KUC Overseas Mission office has held a seminar for North Korea mission once or twice a year. In 2004, lay people created a Free North Korean Helpers' Society. Many pastors and lay people visited Geumgang Mountain for a special prayer meeting in 2007.

KUC Overseas Mission office focuses on the settlement of North Korean defectors and supporting their studies. Nameless individuals in China are teaching Bible to the North Koreans and sending them back to their home as missionaries.



Changes in the Religious Situations in North Korea

The 1950s

There were about 250,000 believers, including 200,000 Christians and 50,000 Roman Catholics. However, since the establishment of the socialist government, many Christians escaped from the North, going to the South during the Korean War. After the war, Christians in North Korea were labeled as agitators and purged in public or put into labor camps.

The 1970s

North Korea amended the constitution in 1972 and allowed religious liberty just a little bit. In the same year, a Pyongyang Theology Seminary was opened and produced 10 graduates every year. (There are 30 pastors and 20 assistant pastors, as of 1997.)

The 1980s

As foreign tourists increased, a church was needed. So, Bongsu Church and Jangchung Cathedral were established in 1988 and in 1989. In the same year, Department of Religion was created, and offered theology lectures in Kim Il-sung University.

The 1990s

North Korea amended the constitution again in 1992. The expression 'freedom to promote irreligion' was deleted, while the article that 'citizens have freedom of liberty' was newly added. It meant that construction of religious buildings and religious rights were allowed. However this is merely for international propaganda. After the death of Kim Il-Sung in 1994, underground churches have grown in North Korea. Numerous people died from starvation during the Arduous March and the government was negligent in resident control. As a result, many people escaped to China and found Christianity and went back to North Korea to establish underground churches.

The 2000s

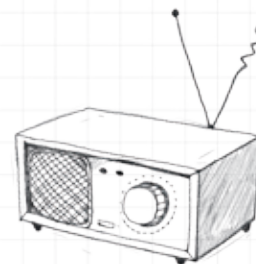
The number of defectors and underground churches are still increasing. Most underground churches consist of two or three members. The total number of underground believers is estimated to be 100,000.

The North Korean Society Classified as 51 Strata

North Korea classifies residents into three groups - core, wavering, and hostile. Those groups are divided into 31 strata. For example, those who are in the core group have strong self-reliance and socialism ideology and are loyal to the government. In contrast, those who are in the hostile group, like religious people, are placed under strict surveillance. They forfeit the opportunity to get higher education and they are underprivileged at working place and the community. Thus, we need to meet the needs of the mission targets first. For example, introducing the plan of Salvation of God who is ever gracious and fair to those who were treated unequally is the best way to carry out our mission.

Adventist World Radio at Guam

“From this tiny island ... to the world!”



Adventist World Radio (AWR) welcomed international and local guests to a rededication ceremony at its Guam shortwave station on September 3, 2013, to mark the completion of a major expansion of the station. The increased capacity of approximately 25 percent is comparable to adding a whole new station to AWR’s operation. This upgrade enables AWR to improve its broadcasts to numerous countries in Asia in several ways:

- by transmitting over frequencies that better reach its target audiences;
- by scheduling simultaneous broadcasts to multiple countries, in order to reach listeners during their respective peak listening times;
- by having more options to shift scheduling.

The theme of the event was “From this tiny island ... to the world.” During the ceremony, the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, Governor of Guam, picked up on the theme, saying, “There’s something I learned when I was in the retail business. You had three reasons for success: location, location, location. As I look at where Guam is ... and then I look forward, and I see that map of Adventist World Radio and where it reaches, you’re looking at nearly 3 billion people. Then you look at the contact with 3 billion people, and what is that contact all about? It is about spreading the good news. What greater mission can any human being or any enterprise have than to spread the good news?”

“There are a lot of things happening all over the world. ... We are in very complicated times. Why I’m so blessed to be here, and why I’m here to congratulate you all, and to give thanks for all you’re doing, is because in the midst of a contemporary world that is filled with a lack of spiritual direction, and meaning to what life is all about, there’s this: there’s ... Adventist World Radio. There’s a voice, and a message for eternity, and it is about bringing life to all of us, an eternal life.”



Guam station staff –
Powers, Shepherd, Garner



Elder Ted Wilson, GC President and
Dowell Chow, AWR President



Rainbow over the Antennas of AWR



Beautiful terrain of Guam Island,
US where AWR is located

The ceremony was held directly on the antenna field, at the base of the newest tower, which enabled attendees to experience close up the massive size of the broadcast equipment. They came away with a greater appreciation of the enormous effort that was required to complete the two-year project.

Phase one of the expansion, which took place last year, involved the relocation of one of the station’s existing towers, to accommodate the replacement of a low-frequency antenna with a higher-frequency one. The second and final phase, consisted of erecting a new tower, and adding a new, high-frequency curtain antenna. This phase was even more labor-intensive, as it required staff to move countless tons of soil, fill in a steep ravine, bury 4-foot-diameter run-off culverts for erosion prevention, and pour 822 tons of concrete, before the 229-foot tower could be erected. The average size of the station’s curtain antennas is 236 by 260 feet – approximately the size of two football fields. During the construction, some broadcasts were shifted to commercial shortwave stations in Sri Lanka, and Europe for several months, so that listeners could receive uninterrupted service.

AWR Board Member, Don Martin said, “In 30 years of my practice as a communications attorney working with the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) licensing, this is about the most exotic project I’ve had the pleasure of being associated with. We worked under a lot of very tight schedules – we had suppliers, we had companies coming and going, we had the weather to deal with, we had the rainy season.”

Dowell Chow, AWR President, said, “This project was completed in record time: only two years. On average, it usually takes five years to install a project of this scope. Enormous appreciation goes to our staff on Guam, as well as our board members Loney Duncan, and Don Martin, who were heavily involved in the entire process. All of them put in countless hours and tremendous effort to ensure that we could meet the ambitious deadlines, and resume operations.”

Elder Ted Wilson, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, also paid tribute to God's leading. "What really powers this station is the Holy Spirit. It is technologically-driven, it is information-oriented, but AWR Guam, and AWR itself are not necessarily in the information business, we are in the inspiration business...God wants us to ask for miracles, He wants us to ask for something extraordinary. As we stand here today underneath all of the infrastructure...we can truly say that this is an answer to prayer, and we thank God in an absolutely marvelous way."

From AWR's shortwave station on the tiny island of Guam, listeners in countries such as China, North Korea, Myanmar, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal, and more can hear the Adventist message of hope in their own languages. Currently, the station is broadcasting programs in 34 languages, for 287 hours/week. It is the only station AWR owns; in other parts of the world, AWR leases broadcast time on commercial shortwave stations.

Worldwide, AWR broadcasts programs in nearly 100 languages, through shortwave, and AM/FM radio, on demand, and podcasts. The advantage of shortwave radio is that the signals can travel for thousands of miles, reaching listeners in areas that are geographically-remote or closed to local Christian broadcasts, and this continues to be a key component of AWR's service.

CHUM

Chinese Church Leaders Visit NSD Office

By Pr. Stanley Ng, Director of
NSD Mission Strategy and Research Center

NSD Leaders and a Group of Adventist Leaders from China



A group of 12 Church leaders from China visited the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) office in Ilsan, Korea, on August 13, 2013. They came from various districts of the Fujian Province of China. For most of them it was their first time visiting Korea.

The group spent about a week at a retreat center, located in the Southeast part of Korea, before visiting the NSD headquarters. During the week of retreat, Pastor David Ripley, the NSD Ministerial Secretary, gave a series of lectures focusing on the theme of "Vision and Mission" to the group.

Pastor Hong Kwang Eui, NSD Revivalist, also gave presentations on the Bible, meditation, and prayer. It was certainly an uplifting experience for the leaders.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, President of the NSD, welcomed the group to Korea, and the NSD office. He encouraged them to be faithful workers for the Lord, and to take back with them this precious experience to share in their respective areas. The group also visited the Mission Museum guided by Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, Director of Adventist Mission, and curator of the museum. The Golden Angels presented two beautiful and touching songs.

During this two week journey, the group also visited some of the church organizations and institutions before heading back to their own country.

One of the church leaders stated, "It was an eye-opening experience for us. We learned so much, and hope we can visit Korea again."

KUC

ECKC Shepherdess Active in Ministry

From June 23 to 24, 2013, 150 pastors' spouses from the East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) met at Yangpyeong English Village. They met for spiritual fellowship, encouragement, and sharing ministry experiences.

Yong Dong's North District, with the motto "Return to the Word," focused their activities around reading God's Word and the Spirit of Prophecy. They meet up once a quarter. These planned gatherings have led to helping one another through the opening of their hearts, and the sharing of their experiences. They have found comfort and common ground by praying for each other. The long distances between churches in their district have been one of their biggest challenges.

The Dong Bu District has focused their ministry fellowship around prayer meetings, and ministry gatherings. Once a month they have sponsored workshops on massage, and natural remedies.

Young Dong's South District members have focused their service and outreach on their community. Every morning they send out a text message with an encouraging quote from the Spirit of Prophecy. Group members visit nursing homes to "serve them with our hands, voices, and through prayer." They have produced a video of some of their creative activities. They also are a singing group that gives small music concerts.

Pastors' spouses from this district have named their group, "Engabi."

Pastoral Spouses from the YoungDong South district



EN – to be like a jade ball on a silver plate
GA – to touch the souls of the poor with our hands and voices
BI – following our Lord's incomparable heart

This poem of witness expresses the desire of our Korean pastoral spouses. They want to partner with their spouses in reaching people with the good news of Jesus' love, salvation, and soon return. As they meet together, their hearts are encouraged. As they witness and serve in their communities, they model courageous outreach to their church members.

CHUM *My Testimony* by Yau Kahei (Hong Kong)

I am a graduate of Taipo Samyuk Middle School. But, to be honest, I wasn't an outstanding student at all. I didn't know anything about the Bible until I came to Samyuk where Bible was a required subject for all students! Even though I had little interest in it, I had no choice but to study it. On Saturdays, I followed the school policy and came to school to learn moral discipline. I often wondered if the stories in the Bible were real. Did David really defeat Goliath the giant? I wasn't so sure.

After graduation, I never touched the Bible again. Ten years flew by. My brother Yau Winghei, and another sister from the church, invited me to attend Taipo Church. By then my perspective of many things in life had changed because of my experiences. The Bible says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7). These verses brought much comfort to me. I believe that prayers can help me face life challenges, no matter how big or small.

I saw many changes take place in my brother. He used to be a hot-headed person. But now he is calm and prudent. I want to be changed. I want to have the same kind of inner peace.

I thank all the church members at Taipo who give me support. Sister Cheung Meitin patiently gave me Bible studies. After a year of regular church attendance and study, I decided to accept Jesus as my personal Savior. Now I'm convinced that God's mercy and protection will accompany me for the rest of my life.

MM

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP TRAINING LEVEL 3 IN MONGOLIA

by Dr. Sally Phoon, Director of NSD Women's/ Children's/ Family Ministries

A group of 38 enthusiastic women leaders and women pastors met in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from September 26 to 29 to complete the Level 3 of the Women's Ministries Leadership Certification classes. Local leaders joined forces with the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Women's Ministries Director, Sally Phoon, to deliver the 10 classes required. Classes such as Women of the New Testament, Personality Assessment, How to Prepare a Talk, Women's Social and Legal Issues, and Outreach Programs were taught by local leaders like Pastor Nyamdavaa (Evangelism & Sabbath School Director), Mrs. Cleidi Kuhn (Education & Family Ministries Director), Pastor Elbert Kuhn (President), and Purevdulam (Women's Ministries Director), and Dr. Josue Orelhana (ADRA Director). The Ministerial Secretary of the Mission, Pastor Bold, led out in the worship every morning after which the group prayed earnestly for the infilling of the Holy Spirit and for each other.

Dr. Sally covered the rest of the four classes. The group was most interactive and eager to participate in discussions, and all kinds of activities during the training. On Monday, the certificates for Level 3 were given out. Purevdulam has planned to complete the last level of the series of leadership certification classes by 2014. A graduation for Level 4 has been scheduled during the Women's Congress which will be held in June next year. A number of women have faithfully attended all three levels during the last few years. They will receive special recognition after completion of the last level next year. These certification classes have been very helpful in leadership training; some have reported that they have used these certificates as part of their dossier in seeking employment.



38 Mongolian women leaders and pastors who came for Women's Leadership Training. These certification classes have been very helpful.

KUC

The First WCKC Summer Camp Those in Their the 30s & 40s

As evangelism for those in their 30s and 40s are being seen as important, the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) held a 30s40s summer camp at MWKC Training Center from July 25 to 28, 2013. The theme was 'In Focus.' Around 250 participants including 100 couples attended the camp and listened to God's voice calling them. As family ministry is a significant and growing work, well-prepared programs gave the attendees solutions to practical issues like marital education and parental education.

Experiencing the grace of the Cross, which leads us to salvation, attendees were reassured of the love and importance of family through the love of Christ.

Japan Union Conference Holds Its 11th Youth Congress

A youth conference was held in which about 200 young people, church leaders, and church workers gathered at the Saniku Gakuin College from August 1 to 4, 2013. The topic was “Body of Christ.” Participants experienced the unification of Christians through discussions on the spirit of faith, the reason for hope, and the source of love.

This conference which has been held for eleven years by the Japan Union Conference (JUC) Youth Ministries Department, was more energetic, and touching than ever. Pastor Masuda Shimada, JUC President, strongly conveyed the message on true Adventist identity. Pastor NakHyung Kim, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Youth Ministries Director, powerfully asked them to heat up Japan with the gospel as a bearer of the mission.



JUC 11th Youth Congress participants



Foreign Youth group members



Kim, Nak Hyung, NSD Youth Director delivers message



Kang, Dong Won OYIM missionary(right)

KUC

Homecoming Celebration for 1000MM Missionaries

The 40th batch of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionaries successfully finished their service, and returned to Korea. To welcome these 13 missionaries, there was a special worship at Sahmyook University on August 18, 2013. HongJun Ahn, the youngest missionary, shared God’s grace that he had experienced in his mission field. Pastor HoYoung Choi, Korean Union Conference (KUC) Youth Ministries Director, asked for their rededication as a missionary, saying, “If last year was a time for missionary training, now you are sent again to your home and church as a life-long missionary.”



40th batch 1000MM missionaries

KUC

The 2nd Campmeeting for People with Disabilities



The 2nd Camp Meeting Participants

Korean Union Conference (KUC) Health Ministries and Relief Department held the Second Annual Campmeeting for People with Disabilities at the Madalpy Training Center from August 9 to 11, 2013. The 205 people, including Adventist members with disabilities and their families, gathered from all over Korea to build friendships, and to be united by the Word. A variety of meaningful programs such as Sand Art, musical performances, Sabbath School by disability types, messages, outdoor exploration, and campfire were prepared. Disabled and non-disabled members gained joy, and spiritual vitality by participating together in downhill, rafting, swimming, and archery. Besides the foundation for unification of Adventist members with disabilities, their spiritual revival was laid through network leadership meeting by disability types.

NSD

2013 AHCA Presidents' Council Meets in Penang, Malaysia

Pr. Stanley Ng
Director of NSD Mission Strategy
and Research Center



The 2013 NSD Presidents' Council of the Adventist HealthCare Association (AHCA) was held from September 23 – 26, in Penang, Malaysia. Twenty-seven hospital administrators participated, including the speakers, representing 11 member hospitals from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), one associate member hospital, and four sister hospitals from the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD). Participants who joined the Council came from Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Singapore, and USA.

The Presidents' Council is an annual event for hospital administrators to meet, and fellowship with each other for spiritual enrichment, networking, and continuing education. The guest speaker at this year's council was Mr. Edward F. Reifsnyder, who is the President of the Reifsnyder Group from the USA. He helped start Adventist Health System, Orlando, Florida, and had served as Chief Financial Officer for 11 years, since 1973. He then helped start Adventist Health System/United States in 1985, and served as Chief Financial Officer during its five year history. He was heavily focused on strategic financial planning, developing capital to support growth, relationships with the capital markets, and building financial infrastructure.

Two morning devotionals were given by Pastor Joshua Mok, the President of Southeast Asia Union Mission, on the topic of Revival and Reformation, with emphasis on the Health Message, to challenge, and remind our hospital administrators the Mission of our healthcare institutions.

Mr. Reifsnyder gave his presentation "Forming a Health

System - Discussing the Potential", which was very timely, and thought-provoking, in two morning sessions. On day one, focus was on the case study of the Adventist Health System (AHS) in the USA, and its Mission, Philosophy, and Realities with the group discussion on "What mission achievements are most important to our Healthcare Institutions?", and "What strategic and business results would you want from a Health System?" On day two, focus was on the legal, and governance structures, functions, and services provided by AHS, with the group discussion "Desired functions in a Health System", and "Recommendations to church leadership about forming a Health System".

The business session of AHCA was conducted in the afternoon of September 25. The business session dealt with some routine agenda items, and a vote was taken to appoint a Feasibility Study Committee to find if there could be a possibility of forming an Adventist Health System within the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. It was also voted to accept the nomination of AHCA officers for the year 2014-2015. The newly elected President of AHCA is Dr. Toshihiro Nishino, President of Tokyo Adventist Hospital, and the AHCA Secretary/Treasurer is Dr. Choi Myung Sup, President of Sahmyook Medical Center - Seoul Adventist Hospital. The AHCA advisor is Pastor Stanley Ng, Assistant to the NSD president.

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



AHCA Presidents' Council Participants

KUC

Jeju Mission Center Is Finally Completed

Front view of the newly built Jeju Mission Center



The Jeju Mission Center which was a long-cherished desire of Jeju Adventists finally opened its doors after a year of construction. The center has four floors above ground and one underground with various spaces, spending three billion one hundred million won. There is a dining room, and a pastor's house on the first floor, and the Jeju Attached Field office, and guest room on the second floor. The third floor has the Jeju Central Church, children's room, and Healing Center. The fourth floor includes guest rooms, and prayer rooms. About 300 church pastors, and members were present at the dedication service at the Jeju Central Church on August 24, 2013. "I hope this center will be the epicenter of unity, and mission in the Jeju area, so

that the Three Angels' Messages can be strongly delivered, and many souls can be gathered," celebrated Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President.

Pastor DaeSung Kim, Korean Union Conference (KUC) President, explained methods of unity, repentance, and evangelism from Acts 1:4. He also expected church growth, and spiritual revival through the construction of the mission center. About 600 church members in ten churches are shining a light of truth at present.

KUC

KUC Women's Ministries Department Holds a Public Praise Leader Seminar

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) Women's Ministries Department held an Adventist women's Healing Praise and Public Praise Leader seminar. Around 60 people, including female song leaders and small group leaders from each church attended. The main targets of the seminar were the song leaders. There have been seminars for church choir conductors and professionals, but it was hard to find the right course for the small church praise leaders.

This seminar was more meaningful because many churches have brought up the necessity for praise leader. The contents were easy to understand even for nonprofessionals. The seminar was less theoretical and more practical.

Based on his experiences in pastoral ministry, Pastor JeongTaek Park introduced the process of planning and preparing worship. He also explained the music-related guidelines that are according to the Bible and the *Spirit of Prophecy*. "Being a good praise leader requires memorizing lyrics, practicing a cheerful look and smiling, keeping a legato voice, and breathing abdominally," suggested Pastor Park. He also advised to select songs in accordance with the topic of the sermon and to talk with the pastor for selecting songs. Praising usually begins with a quiet song followed by songs that can heat up the spirit. Then, just before worship, the songs end in a quiet mood.

Not all praise leaders are professionals, however, through the well-prepared leaders we hope all the church members are touched by the Holy Spirit.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Adventist Mission Office held a Field School of Evangelism for Global Mission Pioneers from July 15 to 20, 2013, in Erdenet, Mongolia. Fifteen people registered for the Mongolian Global Mission Pioneers, and were trained.

Some of them came from Gobi Altai which is 1000 km away from Erdenet. For those who took public transportation, it probably took them several days to come for the training.

During the training, when a lecturer announced a ten minute break the students said to keep going without a break. This kind of passion has accelerated the spreading of the gospel in Mongolia. In the morning, they had the Field School of Evangelism. Then in the afternoon they practiced what they learned, and in the evening they had public evangelistic meetings. Mongolia is located at a high altitude, so sunset time is later than in other parts of the world. Evening meetings were held at 6:00 in order to finish before sunset.

Twenty-four people have accepted Jesus, and decided to be baptized as a result of the Field School of Evangelism, and evangelistic meetings. Eleven of them were baptized on the closing Sabbath of the meetings. It helped them to have a bigger dream, and vision for the future.

Pastor Ganbadral, Pastor of the Erdenet Church, said that it was more effective and fruitful to have both the Field School of Evangelism, and evangelistic meetings, simultaneously. He suggested that the same thing should happen next year as well.

Both the Field School of Evangelism and the evangelistic meetings were sponsored by the Division office of Adventist Mission. The expenses were paid for by the Panchiao Church in Taiwan where Pastor Cho JangRyul, one of the Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) missionaries, is ministering in Taiwan.

By Kwon JohngHaeng, Director of Adventist Mission/Global Evangelism, NSD

Mongolian Field School of Evangelism in Erdenet, Mongolia

Kwon JohngHaeng

By Kwon JohngHaeng, Director of Adventist Mission, NSD



1 : 11 precious souls got baptized on the last day of the evangelistic meetings 2 : Almost all of the participants raised up their hands as an expression of accepting Jesus Christ as their own Savior 3 : Dr. Park UHyun, a physician from Vienna, Austria and leader of Ephphatha Medical Mission Team is checking one of the patients 4 : Mongolian Global Mission Pioneers who attended the Field School of Evangelism

KUC

The Need for Music Ministry Finds Korea SDA Orchestra

The Korea SDA Orchestra made a start to improve Adventist culture and arts, and to support evangelism. The orchestra held its inaugural meeting at the Korean Union Conference (KUC) auditorium on September 9, 2013. Most of the members are talented contributors who use their God given talents for neighbors, and gospel work. Many different people from all walks of life, including musicians, empowered the project through taking part in each area of the orchestra. The Korean Union Conference (KUC) also promised to positively support the project by forming a new musical tradition in the Adventist Church.

At the general meeting, articles of association were voted on, and officers were chosen. "The launch of the Korea SDA Orchestra is very meaningful, as it will establish the foundation of praise, and music ministry by discovering quality Adventist musicians," said Elder JeSeong Ryu, the newly appointed leader of the orchestra.

"It is good to form such an orchestra as it is difficult for graduates in music, or the young who are interested in music, to continue musical activities in the church," encouraged Dr. HaengCheol Seo, a music professor at Sahmyook University, and the Art Director of the

SDA Orchestra Association members



orchestra.

Pastor DaeSung Kim, KUC President, also blessed the orchestra in the inauguration worship. "Recently, interest in cultural ministry and evangelism is picking up, and its importance is becoming an issue. I hope the Korea SDA Orchestra will be the center of Adventist music, delivering Biblical messages to many people, and will deeply move them through music."

KUC

Women Pastors' Family Retreat

By Pr. Lynn Ripley, Director of NSD Shepherdess Ministries

Beginning Sabbath afternoon, through Monday afternoon, September 7-9, 2013, the Korean Union Conference (KUC) held a Women Pastors' Retreat at Yangpyeong English Village. Nine of the fifteen Korean lady pastors were in attendance with their spouses and children. Kang Soon Ki, KUC assistant to the President for Ministerial, and Pastor Lynn Ripley, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Assistant Ministerial Secretary, were the featured speakers. The schedule for the special retreat time was coordinated by Pastors Park Seon Kyeong and Jung Sun Hwa.

The weekend began with a meaningful devotional time provided by Pastor Kang Sung Ki. Cha Min Kyung, East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) Center for Student Mission Pastor, lead a group of Theology students that graciously provided programming elements and activities for the group. On Sabbath evening, they lead out in a special "Thank you" program for the pastoral spouses.

On Sunday morning, Pastor Lynn Ripley shared from John 13 focusing on discipleship by following Jesus' example of servant leadership and mentoring. Then on Monday, the group moved to the Yongmun Church pastored by Yun Mi Na. Pastor Kang Soon Ki lead out in a very practical discussion about pastoral

Women Pastors' Family Retreat participants



ministry focused on Family, Spirituality, and Church Administration.

A highlight of the time together was the special time of prayer. The pastoral spouses formed a circle to pray for each other, and the lady pastors made another prayer circle. Each one was prayed for by a sister or brother in ministry. Through their prayer time they felt new courage to serve their congregations better." It was a powerful time to serve these lady pastors that are making a difference for the extension of God's kingdom. We are thankful that the Union and our conferences sponsored this precious event.



Golden Angels at Tokyo 13

1 : Golden Angels at the Airport to depart for Japan, 2 : Golden Angels at Tokyo Chinese Church for Tokyo 13
 3 : GA members singing at the Kamenokoyama church, 4 : Pr. Kim, Nak Hyung, NSD Youth director speaks at the Chiba church

On September 13, 2013, the Golden Angels flew to Tokyo to support Tokyo 13, which is an evangelism project to preach God's message, and evangelize people in the Tokyo area. Japan is in fact known as a country that is difficult to evangelize people in. So many people prayed for this project and desired to save the stray lambs. The Golden Angels also prayed a lot for this project, they were greatly involved in.

The Golden Angels supported six churches in Tokyo: the Kamenokoyama Church, the Tachikawa Church, the Tachikawa Chinese Church, the Tokyo Central Church, the Tokyo Korean Church, and the Amanuma Church. The Golden Angels were asked to sing praises to the Lord for 15~20 minutes before the sermon. They mainly sang "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", "Amazing Grace", and "Come as You Are." The song, "Come as You Are" was the theme song of Tokyo 13. These songs were sung in Japanese so the congregations could praise the Lord, and prepare their mind to meet Jesus.

On September 14 to 16, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30p. m., Tokyo 13 began at the Kamenokoyama Church. The speaker was Pastor Dwight Nelson, who is the senior pastor of the Andrews University Church. Pastor Shiraishi helped Pastor Nelson by providing wonderful translation. The theme of this meeting was "The Hope of the Rising Sun." Through Pastor Nelson's sermon, the church could again feel the great love of God, and the hope of His second coming.

At the Tachikawa Church on the same days, Pastor Shimada preached God's message about "Desire for Eternal Life." His sermon so touched people's mind that one person was baptized, and is born again in Jesus Christ.

Another baptism ceremony was at the Tachikawa Chinese Church. Pastor Daniel Jiao, who is the President of the Chinese Union Conference, delivered God's message to the Chinese people who are living in Japan. Through the message, four people were baptized, and born again in Jesus Christ. Jesus accomplished His work also in the Chinese Church.

At the Tokyo Korean Church, there were many volunteers besides the Golden Angels. Before they arrived, the Evada medical team came, and had a free medical check for the people. The Dandelion Mission Team came and helped with this meeting. Pastor Gwon Johnng Haeng was the speaker, and he delivered God's message with the theme, "We Still Have Hope." Many people were touched by his sermon, and learned that God is protecting us, and working with us to save people. On Saturday, seven people were baptized to live in Jesus Christ.

Still Japan needs our prayers. They need Gods Word. Please pray for those who are unfamiliar with the Gospels, that God will accomplish His work in this country.



NakHyung Kim
 NSD Youth Director

Construction of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Leadership Training Center Begins

Written by Pr. SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director

The First Leadership Training Center in the NSD

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) decided to build a Leadership Training Center that will have a key role in spiritual training for church leaders of each Union, and Conference in the NSD territories. The center will be located in the Jeju Seogwipo area, Korea. The groundbreaking was held with church leaders which included Elder Ted Wilson, General Conference (GC) President; Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President; Gilbert Wari, West-Central Africa Division (WAD) President; John Rathinaraj, Southern Asia Division (SUD) President; DaeSung Kim, Korean Union Conference (KUC) President; and, local church members present on September 1, 2013. Pastor GwangHui Hong, NSD, will be the director of the center. He is a professional in spiritual growth, revival, and training as he had served as the director of the Adventist Training Center in Korea for 18 years.

Jesus Christ-Centered Center

“I really expect development of this project. But the most important thing is not the size of the building, but what occurs in the building,” said Elder Wilson, citing Titus 2:11-13. He added. “I hope Jesus Christ’s plan of Salvation will be the center of this Center. I wish it to testify how prophetic mission and the spreading of the gospel are accomplished. And I pray for this Center to be a lighthouse, shining the present truth God has given to us, to shine on others.”

The Spiritual Cradle of Spiritual Revival and Soul-winning.

Explaining the motivation, and the purpose of this Center, Dr. Lee said in his welcome remarks, “Whenever I visited China, the Chinese church leaders said the most urgent need is a systematic overall training course on the Adventist faith. This center is established to meet that need, so I wish it to be the cradle of spiritual revival. Someday soon, it will be a spiritual missionary training center that trains a number of God’s people to be missionaries. When many members meet the Lord through training for words, prayer and Godliness in this Center, when they go to their own mission field armed with the power of the Holy Spirit, there will be tremendous presence of the Holy Spirit.”



Adventist Church leaders of GC, NSD and Jeju Island standing for the ground breaking ceremony of the NSD Leadership Training Center



1 : Aerial View of the NSD Leadership Training Center, 2 : Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President(left) gives welcome remarks
3 : Dr. Lee explains about the Center to Elder Ted Wilson, GC President, 4 : NSD and GC Leaders at the ground breaking site

A Special Countermeasure for Unification, and Continuous Growth of Chinese Adventists

There are more than 5,000 Adventist members, and about 7,000 church leaders serving in China, but only a very small minority of them have taken a Theology course. Also, there is no Adventist college in China, so they have a shortfall in the opportunity to study Adventist beliefs, and theology in depth. Most church leaders are craving for spiritual training. The NSD has often held a seminar by sending its departmental directors, and supervising the Chinese Union Mission to support them. But there were physical, time, and financial limitations to train nearly 7,000 leaders in Mainland China.

Moreover, the national background of China aggravated difficulties. Under the current law, foreigners cannot evangelize Chinese people, so there were many barriers for the NSD leaders or Korean theologians to give lectures. Hence the NSD decided to establish a training institution outside of China so that Chinese church leaders can freely study the Bible, pray, and praise.

The Most Strategic Place Serving Its Purpose: Jeju

Considering the motivation, and purpose of establishing a training center, Jeju Island, Korea, is the most strategic and suitable place. There are 29 direct flights between Jeju, and cities in northeastern Asia. It includes 15 routes to Beijing, Shanghai, Dalian, and Shenyang in China (46 flights a week), four routes to Japan (21 flights a week), and two routes to Taiwan (five flights a week). As the Jeju Special Self-Governing Province is trying to expand regular aerial routes, it will be easier to access Jeju. In addition, Jeju allows Chinese entry without a visa, while the mainland of Korea requires a complicated procedure for visa issuance. May God bless the NSD Leadership Training Center so that it can be a spiritual cradle that greatly contributes to the training of Adventist leaders, and members who are eagerly working for the gospel mission to share the Three Angels' Messages testimony.

Ansan Multi-cultural Church's Opening Worship for Completion for Its New Renovations



YoungSoo Kim
Director of Ansan Multicultural Family Service Center

At 2p.m. on Sabbath, August 24, 2013, the Ansan Multi-cultural Church (Senior Pastor Kim Young-soo) held a thanksgiving worship to the LORD to celebrate the opening of the newly renovated, and successfully relocated, church.

Among those who attended the opening worship were representatives of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). They included Jairyong Lee, President of the NSD; Kenneth Osborn, Treasurer of the NSD; Min-ho Joo, Assistant to the President of the NSD; and Sang-gil Park, Chairman of the Gyunggi Central Mission Committee. There were also approximately 200 church members from the nearby churches, and many other guests attending the celebration.

The new sanctuary of the Ansan Multi-cultural Church is a renovated place in the basement of the Multi-cultural Family Service Center (MFSC). It measures 484.33m² with 150 seats in it. The worship was presided over by Pastor Suhn-churl Yoon, followed by Pastor Min-ho Joo thanking the LORD in the opening prayer. The Golden Angels from the NSD then dedicated, and performed a

special number. The message of congratulations was then given by Jairyong Lee. "I'm so glad to see that this institution, the Multi-cultural Family Service Center, has grown so much since its creation. It can now serve even more to the foreigners and the multi-cultural families in Korea, and be a witness of God's love to them."

Kenneth Osborn stated during his sermon, "The foundation of this church should be our Jesus Christ." He also emphasized that we all should live a Christ centered life and a Bible Message centered life. The closing benediction was given by San-gil Park, asking for God's rich blessings to be poured down upon this new church.

Through this thanksgiving opening worship, we especially want to express our praise to the God of Ebenezer because He has led us by His grace. We seek in the future, through God's promise, "Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase." (Job 8:7), to expect the successful proclaiming and spreading of the Everlasting Gospel and the Three Angels Message to the foreigners who live in this land.



Many people attended the thanksgiving worship of the church renovation



Golden Angels singing during the worship service

Opening of the Multi-cultural Happiness Sharing Welfare Establishment for Mothers and Children

At 2p.m. on Sabbath, August 24, 2013, the Multi-cultural Family Service Center (MFSC) held an opening ceremony for the new Happiness Sharing Welfare Establishment for Mothers and Children. Here is the interview with the Director, Young-soo Kim, regarding the purpose of this new establishment.

Q. Would you share with us what this “Happiness Sharing Welfare Establishment for Mothers and Children” is about?

A. Our Multi-cultural Family Service Center (MFSC) has recently opened this establishment in order to give financial aid to migrant workers, and broken, multi-cultural, single parent families. Those who are in an emergency situation can be taken within this establishment, and they can receive services such as a shelter on the third floor of the building, three meals a day in the cafeteria, and receive counseling to help them solve their basic problems and needs for their life. Another helpful service is the free kindergarten on the first floor that they can send their children to, without any worries of danger, or worries of a financial burden.

Q. What is the operating philosophy for the Welfare Establishment and Kindergarten Service?

A. We have three principles when we meet those who come to our center. The first principle is to treat the foreigners in an equal relationship regardless if the foreigner is from an advanced nation or an underdeveloped nation. The second principle is to give more help than they expected to receive from us. The third principle is not to judge or condemn anyone who needs our help, using moral standard measures.

Q. What is the MFSC’s future plan in this welfare business?

A. In the coming future we will try our best to give the utmost in services, and benefits to those who come to ask for help at the Welfare Establishment for Mothers and Children. At the same time, we will try to come up with some solutions for those who are having problems, such as those who have entered this country following their foreign parent when that parent married a Korean.

Serving others should not be done only by using our speech, but we also must use our hands. We believe that sharing, even small things in our possession, will multiply the happiness we have. We will be putting more efforts into helping foreigners, and multi-cultural families. We hope that this MFSC will become a training place to mold us as lambs, such as those that appear in the parable of the lambs and the goats, when preparing for our Jesus’ advent (Matthew 25).



Foreground of the Center



Children sing during the opening ceremony of the center



PMM REVIVAL MEETING



SiYoung Kim

NSD PARL Director, PMM Coordinator

Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) missionaries who are preaching the Three Angels' Messages all over the world gathered together. After the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) International Mission Congress, they had a revival meeting to have time to recharge themselves for mission at the Jeju Wonder Resort from September 1 to 3, 2013.

Missionaries shared their mission experiences, and sought a way to develop the gospel work in places where there are different histories, cultures, social backgrounds, and religions. They were specially trained to be a witness of Christ, breaking through cultural boundaries, and old customs.

"I know you've all worked hard in the barren and inconvenient mission field. I have really appreciated how your tears, and passions have developed the gospel work of the church," said Dr. SiYoung Kim, NSD PMM Coordinator. "It is our great privilege to participate in the mission work. In order to successfully accomplish it, we need to deeply understand cultures of your field, and act wisely as well, as we must be armed with a sacrificial mission spirit, and strong faith. I hope you can gain many benefits through the various training, and lectures prepared for you," said Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President.

Before his departure from Korea, Elder Ted Wilson, General Conference (GC) President, also attend the meeting. He recalled the life of the Apostle Paul, and said, "There should be no limitation in the gospel. Although through your challenges you will face a variety of difficulties, God will guide your steps. I wish that God's never-failing love will be preached to the ends of the world through the PMM. Go in the name of Christ."

As the main speaker, Dr. Cheryl Doss, World Mission Institute Director, suggested mission information, and methods in various areas such as "Mission in the Bible", "Culture and Me", "Unchangeable Biblical Values Established", and "Cultural Shock."

The meeting was a meaningful time for participants to reconfirm the enormity of the mission, and the importance of the gospel work. They were reminded of the reason, and purpose of their devotion, and resolved to go to the ends of the world with the gospel.

At this time, 47 PMM missionaries are working in 15 countries including Japan, Taiwan, Mongolia, Philippines, Congo, and Kyrgyzstan.



Graduation of the 42nd Batch of 1000MM Missionary

A graduation service for the 42nd batch of 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionaries was held on the 1000MM campus in the Philippines on September 7, 2013. Eight missionaries were sent to Luzon, Mindanao, and the Bisayas area in the Philippines. A month later, elementary, middle, and high school students, along with Pastor EunSeop Lee, 1000MM Associate Director, Elder ByungGwan Park, and SeokHo Yoon of the 1000MM Korean Church, visited the mission field in the Luzon area. They experienced missionary life for two days, and one night as a future missionary. Although it was a short itinerary, it was an important opportunity for children to dream of being a missionary. Missionaries who are serving in the field were also encouraged by their visitation.



42nd Batch of 1000MM Missionaries



1 : Mission Field Visit in Luzon, Philippines, 2&3 : Various Mission Activities for an evangelistic meeting in the fields
4 : Pr. Lee, EunSeop explains missionary life, 5 : Pr. Lee helps students to experience missionary life, 6 : Pastors and students with local people



Pinning Ceremony during the HisHands Dedication Service of the Daejeon Dongbu Church. HisHands missionaries of this church distributed 16,000 tracts and 700 booklets within 5 months.

HisHands for Silent Envoy of the Truth

by JaeCheon Lee, a pastor at Daejeon Dongbu Church, MWKC

HisHands missionaries visit door to door



Daejeon Dongbu Church has joined the HisHands Mission Movement since June 7, 2012. Church members voluntarily and positively participate in this movement. Missionaries gather at the church at 1:30 p.m. every Thursday for Bible meditation and intercessory prayer. After that they go outside and do mission work for 2 hours. As a result, they distributed 16,000 tracts and 700 booklets to neighbors within 5 months. The reason we started this movement is to preach the gospel to our neighbors so that they can be saved, just as the Apostle Paul said in Romans 10:13-14. A week after the HisHand dedication service, I got a phone call while I was at the parsonage in the afternoon. A HisHands missionary shared the tract with a young man on the street and the young man called the number that was printed. He was at the Adventist Rehabilitation Center and wanted to attend the church. When I

visited him, I found out about his disability. The missionary who delivered the tract to him continued to take care of him and prayed for him. Finally, he was baptized on October 27, 2012 and became an Adventist. Through this experience, we can be sure once again that God sends precious souls to us when we go out with His gospel. We also realized that various publications of the gospel of salvation are silent envoys of the truth that keep working after they are handed out.

The ultimate goal is to be Jesus' disciples and to make His disciples. The HisHands movement will be our training field. As the early church experienced revival when the Holy Spirit was upon the dedicated members, we aim to grow both in quality and in quantity through wisdom and power from God by utilizing various evangelistic methods.

We hope the silent envoys touch people's hearts through the work of HisHands missionaries who preach the gospel to the people with their beautiful feet and hands. Hallelujah!

HisHands Missionaries – Helping Hands for Lepers in China

Our names are Solomon Chung and Grace Lee, and we are volunteers serving in the leper colonies of China. First of all, we would like to give thanks to God for allowing us to share this heaven-sent message to our loving, fellow Adventist believers.

From 2006 to the present time, we have been serving about 2,500 lepers in 49 leper colonies in China. We have been preaching the gospel to them through the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Up until today, 677 of them have gotten baptized, and over 300 more lepers are prepared to commit their lives to the Lord.

While they have the disease of leprosy, they also are blind, deaf, dumb, crippled, paralyzed, and suffer from bedsores and mental disease. Some are severely handicapped patients. Nearly all of these lepers do not have hands and feet. They are truly the “least of these our brethren” in this world.

In the entire country of China, there are about 600 leper colonies in all, with some lepers living at home. So the total number of lepers is about 240,000.

All of them are living without the hope of the Gospel. Although they are the Lord’s precious sons and daughters, they were abandoned by their families and society 30 to 40 years ago.

This mission work was started by a Korean man named Kim, Jin Toh, who is now 80 years old. Thirty years ago, Grandpa Kim served lepers and blind people in Japan for five years. After that, he served lepers at So-Rok Island in Korea for 17 years. In February of 2006, Grandpa Kim went to China and found a leper colony in Loh-Tuh-Gu. Since that time God has worked through him, and the reports about our mission work have spread far and wide, both in China and abroad. Currently, we have about 120 volunteers united in this holy work. These volunteers come from eight different countries: over 60 from China, and over 30 from Korea who have pledged the rest of their lives to this mission. There are also over 30 short-term volunteers from the USA, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, and Laos.

After 30 to 40 years of suffering as outcasts, these lepers have received the love of Jesus Christ through the volunteers who become their hands and feet. By merely washing their faces and feet, they have accepted Jesus Christ as their individual Lord and Savior, with tears of gratitude and joy. In their entire lifetimes, they had never had a single person visit them. But as we share the love of Jesus Christ with them, their hearts are touched. After being baptized for only two or three years, some lepers can memorize and recite extremely large amounts of Scripture while a few church members who have been Christians for decades can memorize several verses. It is miraculous because these lepers never went to school, and never learned to read or write. This is clear evidence that the Holy Spirit is working in their lives. Zechariah 4:6 says, “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit.”

When we think about the many lepers who have not heard the gospel and died without the hope of eternity, tears pour down our face like a waterfall. “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” (Matt. 9:37, 38). Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ, we urge each of you to proactively join God’s work of righteousness. We are useless servants. Only Jesus Christ is our Righteousness. He is our Crown of Honor.



Elder SukHee Han, NSD HisHands Coordinator(right) with Leprosy ministries volunteers



Volunteers giving haircuts to a leper



A worship service for lepers in China



I hope that the fire of evangelism will explode in every corner of the NSD territory

Jairyong Lee, President
Northern Asia-Pacific Division

I am glad that the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) International Mission Congress was successful through the grace of God. About 4,000 delegates from 27 countries celebrated the mission of the church together, and recommitted their lives to evangelism, and missionary activities.

We prayed for good weather, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our people, and I believe that God heard our prayers in powerful ways. I have heard many positive and encouraging comments from church leaders, pastors and lay people about the Mission Congress.

We talked a lot about the Mission of the church, and encouraged the participants to be actively involved in soul winning activities. The food was very delicious. All of the banners looked beautiful. The program books and magazines were excellent. The songs and music programs were wonderful. The transportation service was very efficient. The audio-visual system was cutting-edge. Translation was done accurately and powerfully. Registration was done in marvelous ways. Information service was done professionally. The booth fair was very exciting. Good quality gift items made our people very happy. The dining hall was clean, and the food was served fast and in order. We had blue skies, gentle breezes, fresh air, and a little refreshing rain. Seventy bus drivers carefully and safely drove their vehicles every morning and evening. Numerous volunteers provided good service to the people in a timely and well done manner, as well as in the proper place.

Every moment, we were strongly reminded of the gospel commission given by Jesus to all His followers. With united hearts, we talked about, we listened to, and we sincerely meditated upon the mission of the church. "I hope and pray that the fire of evangelism will explode in every corner of the NSD territory, and that the uncountable numbers of people in this region will be saved into the kingdom of God by the power of the Holy Spirit".



HisHands missionaries from each country shout the HisHands chant.

