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Be Retained to Retain

Reflections on the NSD Retention Summit

Jaiyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The Retention and Reclamation Summit of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) was held February 18-21, 2014, on the beautiful island of Okinawa. All union officers, conference/mission presidents and their retention coordinators, theology department chairs of colleges/universities, and NSD officers and departmental directors participated in the meeting.

The summit participants arrived at the meeting place with somewhat heavy hearts because they knew that we would be discussing some serious issues related to the retention of church members. In fact, this is not a new issue; it has been a serious issue in the church for many decades. By the grace of God, we are baptizing approximately 15,000 people every year in the NSD territory, but we are losing almost the same number of people every year for various reasons. We are losing too many members!

In order to baptize people, church members spend an enormous amount of time, energy and finance, but they become discouraged when they see their evangelistic efforts becoming fruitless in such a short period of time. The sad thing is that this phenomenon has become a trend over the past several decades. Church leaders promote the improvement of the retention situation, but the results are insignificant.

When members are not sufficiently retained, the church can easily lose its strength, and this will negatively affect all activities of the church. It is important to baptize people, but it is equally important to adequately nurture them after baptism so that they can continue to stay in the church as faithful members.

The church needs to nurture newly baptized members

thoroughly and in many creative ways so they can be retained in the church. We need to persistently help them to grow spiritually day by day. For the lost members, the church should endeavor with all possible means to claim them back to the church.

Retention must start with those who are in the church today. We need to be retained in order to retain others. We need to daily experience spiritual revival and reformation and regularly and faithfully attend church services and meetings. “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25). When we are retained, we can help others to be retained.

“Backsliders are to be reclaimed. We are to put away our sins, by confession and repentance humbling our proud hearts before God” (8T, 46). “Sinners would have been converted, and backsliders reclaimed, by your influence” (2T, 124).

After the Retention and Reclamation Summit, all participants returned back to their respective places of service with an even heavier burden because they clearly understood the seriousness of the retention issue in the church. However, they also carried with them an unshaken confidence that by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can certainly overcome all challenges and eventually be able to retain many more members and reclaim many missing members. Soon, in the near future, there will be great rejoicing in heaven (Luke 15:7, 10) as well as in the church here on earth for the uncountable number of retained and reclaimed members.

NSD MISSION STATEMENT

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

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The 1st NSD Summit on **RETENTION & RECLAMATION**

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Summit on Retention and Reclamation was held from February 18 to 21, 2014, in Okinawa, Japan. Almost all the presidents, officers, and leaders of the Retention Project at every level of church organization, including some church theologians came together, 60 attendees in all, to share issues, listen to lecturers, and engage in discussions. The main guest presenters were Artur Stele, vice president of the General Conference (GC) and the chairman of the Nurture and Retention Committee, Anthony Kent, associate GC ministerial secretary and the chairman for Adult Sub-committee of Nurture and Retention Committee at the GC, David Ripley, NSD ministerial association secretary, Joo MinHo, assistant to NSD president, and Teru Fukui, NSD retention coordinator.

With the theme of “Awakening, Convincing and Implementing,” this summit focused on the issue of newly baptized members leaving the church within one year of their baptism. This is an issue not only within the NSD. There are many cases where churches seem to be interested in only the number of baptisms and do not provide proper care for new members in terms of spiritual growth and nurturing. For this reason, the GC and other institutions are paying close attention to the retention rate, which shows the retention of newly

baptized members. In 2013, the GC held a Summit on Nurture and Retention, which dealt with this issue.

The NSD has started a Retention Project, which is a pilot project, and held this meeting to seek ways of improving the retention rate in the NSD territory in accordance with the global issue of retention. In the opening ceremony, Jairyong Lee, NSD president, remarked on the importance of this meeting: “We should acknowledge and see the current situation of retention in our churches in the NSD territory, and we should cooperate together to establish plans and methods which are implementable, adjustable, acceptable and continuous.”

The book of Ruth was used as a textbook of retention by Dr. Stele, and Elder Kent revealed serious issues when our members leave and then come back to our churches. The Summit ended with presentations of action plans by union retention coordinators. This means that we are likely to come back together with the results and reports of these action plans to see how effectively they have been implemented.

Teru Fukui

NSD Retention Project Coordinator



Retention and Reclamation coordinators of each union and conference



Korean Union Conference brainstorming session



Chinese Union Mission brainstorming session



Japan Union Conference brainstorming session

Overview of Retention Project in Northern Asia- Pacific Division

By Teru Fukui - NSD Retention Project Coordinator

Enormous Challenges

The church on this earth was organized to aid man's salvation. In order to achieve this mission, the church has developed numerous mission strategies and implemented them in their respective societies. Unfortunately, in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), it is said that among the average 20,000 people who join the Seventh-day Adventist Church every year through baptism or profession of faith, about 60 percent of them leave the church within one year of their baptism. We are losing too many members! In order for baptisms to happen, church members have spent an enormous amount of time, energy and finance, but they are discouraged when they see their evangelistic efforts becoming fruitless in such a short time. The sad thing is that this phenomenon has become a trend over the past several decades, which raises a serious question: How can we retain more of the newly converted people in the church?

Raising the retention rate of newly baptized members is a good way of preventing the backsliding of our members. While reclaiming backsliders is one of the greatest challenges in the church, retaining newly baptized members also demands serious attention. We admit that the church has neglected the work of reclaiming these precious lost members. We need to pay careful attention to them and develop and implement special strategies to improve the current situation. Unless the church addresses this problem, there is little hope of a resolution. Yes, the challenge is enormous, but by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can overcome the challenges and claim back the lost sheep into God's fold.

Five Important Issues

1) Culture of the Asian Mind:

Our members feel an obligation to honor their home churches. They do not want to disregard their home churches where they found salvation and were baptized. When they move, they do not think of moving their membership records



Translator: Kim SiYoung (left), Speaker: Jaiyong Lee (right)



Translator: Kwon Johnghaeng (left), Speaker: Artur Stele (right)



Translator: Joo MinHo

to other churches just as they do not change their family registry, a system that other countries may not have. They honor the kindness of the members in their home churches who have been so good to them, and when they have to move due to marriage, employment, or other personal issues, they maintain a relationship with the members of their home churches by holding the same membership records without transferring them. Perhaps they hope to come back to the same home churches in the future, or at least that may be their wish when they first move. In addition, some of them, although probably not many, feel obliged to keep sending their tithe to their own home churches and keeping their records in the same church. A permanent family registry system is deeply rooted in people's minds.

2) Membership Audit:

In the churches within the NSD territory, there seems to be a strong tendency for church leaders to feel that it is a disgrace to lose church members to other Christian denominations. Thus, it is not easy for pastors to conduct a Membership Audit. Although it is true that not clearing out members who have backslidden from the church or who have lost interest in coming to church may temporarily raise the retention rate, this will not solve the retention issue. Our church leaders and pastors need to understand that conducting a Membership Audit is not simply clearing the record by removing names of former members, but it is a spiritual endeavor to understand former members, strengthen their spiritual lives, and, if possible, re-establish the relationship between them and Christ, thus reclaiming them back to Christ and to our church. Through this process of contacting them, we may be able to increase our retention rate.

3) Institutional Churches:

In the case of institutional churches, we face more complex situations. For example, medical and nutritional staff members at medical institutions have to deal with special situations, such as working shifts, being on-call, or taking care of other needs. Unless we develop a good care-giving system, these nurses and other medical or non-medical staff may face the threat of losing their spirituality by working during the Sabbath hours and losing spiritual vigor by not attending services.

In addition, the retention rate among graduates at educational institutions is probably the worst. Because of the apparent lack of a relationship between schools and the students who graduate from these schools, after students leave the school, it is not easy for the church to keep track of the ones who were baptized. It is even harder if the school does not have an alumni association. It is said that when students graduate from school, they graduate from the church, too. However, the future of our church depends on these young people, and our churches should deal with this issue as quickly as possible with special care and attention in co-operation with education departments, youth departments, and alumni associations of the schools. For these churches, the issue is how to keep in contact with these graduates to give them any necessary support and to provide care in nurturing, discipling and training of Christian spirituality.

4) Mobility of Society

We are now living in a society of high mobility. In a sense, our communities and even churches are becoming fluid. Due to the demands of employment and businesses, people can't help but move very often. They may need to change the type or place of work



Speaker: Anthony Kent



Teru Fukui introduces the concept of retention



Masumi Shimada, JUC president (left),
Lee KeunWan, Okinawa Mission President

without enough time to adjust emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. In addition to the fluidity of the nuclear family, so-called IT (Information Technology) is affecting societies and people. The lives of people are becoming more and more unattached and unrelated to each other. This is strongly affecting our churches and our members. If the pastors and leaders of our churches pay attention only to giving people baptisms, we are prone to lose the hearts of people. It is said that one of the major reasons why members leave the church is because of weak relationships. When the fluidity of society threatens our churches, people feel uneasy and solitary, not only physically, but also spiritually, emotionally, and mentally, even if they are unaware of it. The same influence can be felt among the members in the institutional churches who have to work shifts during Sabbath worship hours and who don't come back to attend church after graduating from school.

5) Nurturing and Training in Christian Life:

With the fluidity and mobility of communities, churches are finding it more difficult to spiritually nurture and train church members. With the flood

of information from the secular world, maintaining spirituality is becoming a difficult ministry of the church. The nurturing stage of a Christian life takes a lot of time and energy. A discipling process for Christians is essential for spiritual growth and does not happen by itself; rather, it takes deliberate planning and personal care throughout the process. On top of all this, the training of a Christian to be a good witness for the Lord requires deliberate collective care from the church. It demands personal care and corporate church ministries for one church member to grow in the fluidity of society today. We cannot ask only pastors to accomplish this wide range of ministries. These priestly ministries were entrusted to all Christians by Christ from the beginning (Isaiah 43:10, 1 Peter 2:9). We are to prepare our entire body of Christian brothers and sisters to take up these ministries.

Though it looks very discouraging since our retention rate is very low, we can look at the faithfulness of our members and have great hope for our members that we can only have by the grace of Christ.





YOUNG PEOPLE IN NSD: “BE THE SERMON”

600 Korean Adventist youth chant before they go out for mission and community services. With the theme “Be the sermon,” the participants were able to reach out and touch the lives of thousands of people.

Global Youth Day, United as One by Service and Sharing

The Global Youth Day hosted by the General Conference (GC) Youth Ministries Department was held in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territories, including Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Hong Kong, and Mongolia, on March 15, 2014.

The GC Youth Ministries Department holds this event on a Sabbath at the beginning of the Youth Week of Prayer in order to 1) Recapture the reality of Seventh-day Adventist youth as a global movement, 2) Lead our youth to rediscover the sense of belonging to a global army, 3) Reposition mission at the heart of global youth ministry, and 4) Provide a much-needed positive and constructive response to perceived fragmentation.

NSD also participated in the event this year to fully share the meaning and the purpose of Global Youth Day. Various community services took place, including evangelistic tract distribution, house visitation, street cleaning, visitation and concert for patients in hospitals, visitation for the elderly living alone, briquette delivery, free meals for the homeless, and blood donation.

About 600 young people in the Korean Union Conference (KUC) joined the event for the first time and offered many different community services in crowded places, such as hospitals, nursing homes, subway stations, squares, and parks.

Their services were broadcast live across the world through satellite and spread through online phone, Facebook, and mobile applications. Adventist young

people who practiced showing love for neighbors on Global Youth Day said, “It was an opportunity to think of my identity, such as who I am and how to live my life.”

“Be the Sermon”

About 600 Korean Adventist youth in matching navy shirts with the phrase, “Be the sermon,” printed on them gathered together. They pledged to go with the gospel to all lands, all people and all nations by reciting the motto of Youth and Music ministries (YMD), “The love of Christ compels us,” and the YMD aim, “The Advent Message to all the world in my generation.”

Kim DaeSung, KUC president, appealed to the young people. “Whatever you do, whatever you study, no matter what kind of jobs you have, I hope you experience daily spiritual victory in delivering the gospel and winning a battle with yourselves.”

Kim NakHyung, NSD youth director, welcomed participants. “The Lord is calling you now. Let’s share in sacrificial ministries for Christ. Go to your neighbors with love from Christ’s heart.”

Participants prayed for the 8 million Adventist young people all over the world, for revival and development of Adventist Youth clubs in each local church, for upright development of the Korean Adventist Church, and for the Youth Week of Prayer.

After the worship, there were different services, including a concert for hospitalized patients, cleaning streets, an antismoking campaign, blood donation, and tract distribution.



A group of Korean Adventist youth held music concert for the elderly at the YuJaWon Nursing Home



They prayed together with united spirits before the activities

Participants on Service and Sharing

Attendees hope that this sharing can continue until God's kingdom comes. "It made our hearts flutter knowing that our world brothers and sisters in the same faith are serving others at the same time."

Students at Sahmyook Health University College who cleaned streets said, "We never realized that there is a lot of trash everywhere. Just as we cleaned the dirty streets, may the Gospel clean the sins in our hearts and minds." One of them testified, "As we picked up cigarette-butts, an owner of a food stall told us that she had never seen such young people during the eight years of her business there, and she gave us plastic gloves. It was a very little thing, but we realized that God is glorified through our service."

The youth from Gangnam Central Church also gave their impression. "It was merely to pick up trash, but we were touched by many people who complimented us as we were cleaning streets. As Adventist youth, we should have more mission activities."

"Frankly speaking, I was not happy to join the service at first," said Gil YeonHee, who worked on removing adhesive material. "The weather was cold, so I just wanted to stay at home. However, it was rewarding to have a Sabbath of service."

"I was so worried at first because it was my first time to do this, but people responded better than expected," remarked Kwon HyeokMin, who joined street evangelism at CheongHak Church. "It was good to spread the gospel with joy, so I want to participate in it more often."

Fifty-two young people donated blood. "I hope the blood I donated can be of help to somebody," said Won JunHo from ACT Church in West Central Korean Conference. "I had thought about donating blood, but it was not easy to do. On Global Youth Day, I gathered up my courage to give blood together with my friends."

Experiencing the Preciousness of Serving Others

Participants learned that true sharing comes back with a bigger reward. They witnessed that social service leads to mission work. "Be the Sermon" by sharing love with neighbors with Jesus' mind is the life Adventist young people must move toward.

At the same time, it was effective for young people scattered in local churches to promote communal spirit with the world church and other Adventist members throughout the world. It made them feel unity, passion, and pride. Live activities of world Adventist young people in New Zealand, Australia, Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia, Russia, Romania, South Africa, Germany, Norway, the United Kingdom, Brazil, and New York, USA, were broadcast through the Hope Channel for 24 hours. Those who watched the broadcast activities and those who participated in the community service said, "We hope there will be more opportunities like this to share activities and impressions with world church members."



Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Director



Global Youth Day participants attentively listen to the message during the special worship



Praise team from the CheongRyang district led the worship and praise



KAPA (Korean Advanced Preparatory Academy) students came to Seoul all the way from YangPyeong to participate in Global Youth Day



A group of young Adventists doing street evangelism



Korean Adventist youth chant for mission activities on Global Youth Day at the Seoul English Institute Church



A men's quartet sings a beautiful melody for the elderly at a nursing home



Korean Adventist ladies present a special program for senior citizens



A young man spends time taking care of an old lady



Elderly people at a nursing home enjoy listening to the songs



Young Korean Adventists pray together for the mission activities



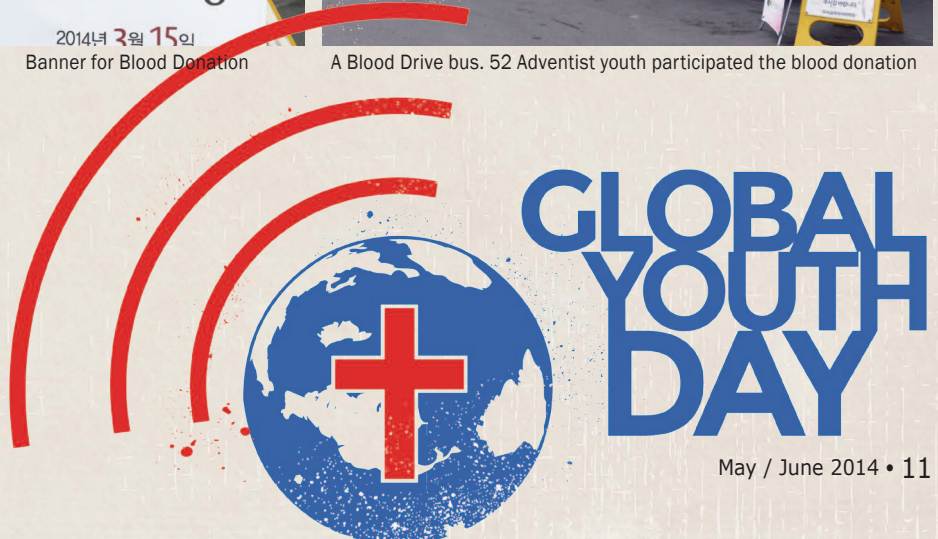
Cleaning Mount BaeBong



Banner for Blood Donation



A Blood Drive bus. 52 Adventist youth participated the blood donation



In God's Image: *Scripture. Sexuality. Society.*

This history-making global summit organized by the General Conference, entitled “In God’s Image: Scripture. Sexuality. Society,” convened in the picturesque city of Capetown in South Africa from March 17 to 20, 2014. On the opening day, 382 delegates with their spouses representing all the divisions and attached fields of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, registered for this meeting at the Capetown International Convention Center (CTICC). From the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), there was a total of 20 participants, a number of whom came with their spouses. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, was among them with three NSD departmental directors—Kim NakHyung (Youth); Chek Yat Phoon (Education) and Sally Phoon (Children’s, Family & Women’s Ministries).



President Ted Wilson gives the opening address



Panel discussion led by Dr. Pardon Mwansa



Another panel discussion



Group photo of NSD delegates at the Convention Center

The program was power-packed with devotionals. Panels addressing the main issues behind alternative sexualities, studies into hermeneutics of texts often used to condone homosexuality and presentations covering the social, legal, ethical and medical perspectives rounded out the conference. Breakout sessions were held both at the Pavilion

Conference Center and at the CTICC. Furthermore, lively question-and-answer periods accompanied presentations and panel discussions.

The objectives of the Summit were commitment and compassion--a commitment to the biblical stand on the sinful practice of homosexuality and also how as a Church we are to respond with compassion to those

who struggle with this. As the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we came together to study the biblical teachings on alternative sexualities and to understand some facets of the developmental and sociological factors that are thought to contribute to alternative sexualities. Also legal issues related to alternative sexuality practices were addressed. Most importantly, based on a deeper understanding of this issue, the Summit hoped to describe the content and methods for educating church members on some of the realities of alternative sexualities.

On the evening of the second day, a three-member team of two men and a woman (Wayne Blakely, Ron Woolsey and Virna Santos) who have “come out” of homosexuality was interviewed by Bill Knott, editor of the *Adventist Review*. Their testimonies of how the all-powerful God brought them out of the darkness into His marvelous light thrilled the hearts of all present. All three individuals are now part of a ten-member team working for “Know His Love Ministry,” an outreach to homosexuals.

Those who attended the Summit with an open mind and an eagerness to learn were greatly enlightened. Here are some comments from a few of our NSD participants:

Kim NakHyung:

Glad that my understanding on the topic has been broadened; the most surprising thing for me is that this is a global issue rather than a regional one.

Cyrus Shen:

By the grace of God and the ministry of the

Church, homosexuals can find recovery because God loves the sinner but condemns the sin.

Liming Chang:

A significant reaffirmation of our stand on homosexuality. It has made me more open and yet more compassionate.

Rick Aldridge:

The testimonies shared by former homosexuals at this summit open a window of sensitizing, demystifying insight into this world and are key to providing understanding which has been missing and is needed for congregations to know how to relate to and become welcome centers of love, grace, redemption, and transformation for victims of brokenness.

Chek-Yat Phoon:

Very informative and helpful; life-changing. I heard heartfelt cries for help and would like to respond like Jesus would.

Indeed, the Summit was not about policies and politics (although these have a place), but it was all about people, all about how sinners saved by grace can reach out to a much alienated group of earnest souls who are seeking freedom from sin through Jesus Christ.



Sally Lam Phoon

NSD Women's Ministries Director, CLAP Coordinator



IN GOD'S IMAGE
Scripture, Sexuality Society
CAPETOWN
SOUTH AFRICA
MARCH 2014



Dr. Jaiyong Lee, NSD president, emphasizes the importance of mission



Invited Mission Day visitors enjoy lunch at NSD office



NSD leaders and staff holding tracts and booklets

2014 NSD MISSION DAY

On March 27, 2014, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held its 11th Mission Day. Jaiyong Lee, NSD president, accounted for the necessity of Mission Day. He also pointed out three problems we are facing these days: spiritual indifference of young people, prejudice of other Christian denominations toward the Adventist church, and lack of confidence among Adventist members.

Pastor Park SangBeom, who served as a Pioneer Mission Movement missionary in Mongolia for six years, maintained the importance of ministries for professionals. Darlyn Gupit, who served as a 1000 Missionary Movement missionary (1000MM) in Korea for eight years, shared her experiences and the spiritual benefits she received while she distributed tracts in the community with about one hundred 1000MM missionaries working in Korea the previous Sunday.

The West Central Korean Conference with Pastor Kim ChoongKu at Gimhwa Church held its Mission Day at a front line unit near the Military Demarcation Line in 2013. As a result, 55 people were baptized last year. Pastor Kim



Park SangBeom, PMM pastor (Left), shares his testimony



Darlyn Gupit, 1000MM missionary in Korea

said the Mission Day event contributed to reorienting his ministry.

The NSD invited neighbors for lunch and shared fellowship with them. After the prayer meeting, NSD workers were divided into nine groups to distribute *The Great Controversy*, *Signs of the Times*, and *Home and Health*. During the report on their activities, NSD workers noted that they hope this will not be a one-time event, but a daily practice in their lives.

Kwon JohnHaeng

NSD Adventist Mission/Stewardship Ministries/
Global Evangelism Director



Family Ministries Advisory in Capetown, South Africa

By Dr. Sally Phoon - Director of NSD Women's/ Children's/ Family Ministries



Family Ministries directors from 12 divisions met for Advisory

General Conference family ministries directors, Dr. Willie and Elaine Oliver, met with the family ministries directors and some of their spouses from 12 of the 13 divisions in an advisory where reports were received and resources shared from March 16 to 17, 2014, in the

picturesque city of Capetown, South Africa. On Sunday, the group had the opportunity to visit Robben Island, first a leper colony and later a prison where Nelson Mandela, anti-apartheid leader and a non-violent freedom fighter, was incarcerated for 17 of the 27 years he spent in prison. The place attracts thousands of tourists, and it was a moving experience to touch base with a significant piece of South Africa's history in its fight against racism.

Pamela and Claudio Consuegra, family ministries directors for the North American Division, shared an outstanding new resource on parenting with the participants. This is the first in a series of three written resources to be used with individuals, small groups and large groups. These materials promise to be excellent door openers for family evangelism and will bless many worldwide.

Children's Leaders' Convention at the South African-Indian Ocean Division

By Dr. Sally Phoon - Director of NSD Women's/ Children's/ Family Ministries

The South African-Indian Ocean Division (SID) organized a division-wide integrated children's leaders' convention under the leadership of Caroline Chola, children's ministries director, from March 12 to 16, 2014, at the Birchwood Hotel in Johannesburg. By providence, this convention was perfectly timed to coincide with a summit that took place in Capetown the following week. As a result, six division children's ministries directors from around the world were able to participate and assist with plenary sessions, workshops and presentations. Dr. Linda Koh, General Conference (GC) children's ministries director, was invited to be one of the primary speakers.

Since SID believes in the integration of different ministries, Sabbath school and personal ministries directors, health directors, women's ministries directors and family ministries directors were also included among the three hundred plus participants. Pastors from local unions, conferences and missions also supported this convention, indicating the interest of SID in growing its children for future leadership. Children were invited to be a part of the opening ceremony and the programs by providing special music, doing readings and participating in dramas.

In addition to the learning that took place, all who were there enjoyed the fellowship, made new friends and exchanged ideas on how to be more effective children's ministries leaders. The music was out of this world as they sang and danced the African way. Saustin Mfune, associate



Dr. Sally Phoon, NSD children's ministries director, speaks to the Convention participants

GC children's ministries director, actively led out in several songs he had written. A DVD featuring these songs will soon be released for the world church.

On Friday evening, the vespers program brought all of us closer to Heaven. Everyone was dressed in white, given crowns by "angels" and ushered into "Paradise." A group of young people and children led out in the singing and the drama—it was hard to return to earth after that! However, we still had a work to accomplish on earth, and everyone was inspired to pay special attention to our children and to help them develop into strong disciples of Jesus Christ.

KUC

Sahmyook Health University College and OSONG C&F in Australia Sign an Industry-University Agreement



Kim GwangGyu, SHUC president (3rd from the left), signed the agreement with OSONG C&F

Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) signed an Industry-University agreement with OSONG C&F located in Australia. The signing ceremony was held in the SHUC president's office in the presence of SHUC President Kim GwangGyu, OSONG C&F CEO Yoon JaeHan, Soo Hair Salon CEO Lee HoGun, Professor Jung GyungSook of the beauty hair department, Dean Ahn GyungMin and Professor Cho HeeSook. The purpose of the agreement is to develop the field and trade of beauty care between the two countries. Before the signing, there was heavy discussion about the beauty care trend in Australia, the need for an industry-university agreement, its potential and plans for development. As a result of the agreement, two students have become employed in Australia and three students are in line to be employed.

JUC/CHUM

Full Accreditation for Hiroshima San-iku Gakuin Academy and Taipo Sam Yuk Secondary School

By Chek Yat Phoon - NSD Education Director



Evaluators with TPSY Administration

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Commission on Accreditation (NSDCA) of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities (AAA) sent two visiting teams to Hiroshima San-iku Gakuin Academy (HSGA) and Taipo Sam Yuk Secondary School (TPSYSS) from November 19 to 21, 2013, and from November 25 to 27, 2013, respectively.

The appointed visiting team for HSGA was as follows: Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, chair, NSD director of education; Lauren Couillard, secretary, Hong Kong Adventist Academy (HKAA) executive vice-principal; Neil Hawkins, Taiwan

Adventist International School vice-principal; Makoto Hirata, Kita-ura San-iku Junior Academy principal; Seiji Suzuki, Okinawa San-iku Junior Academy; Dr. Kiyomi Watanabe, San-iku Gakuin College vice-president; and Lyu Dong Jin, NSD associate treasurer.

The appointed visiting team for TPSYSS was as follows: Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, chair, NSD director of education; Verna Nga Fun Wu, secretary, Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) director of education; Lauren Couillard, HKAA executive vice-principal; Cleidi Kuhn, Mongolia Mission director of education; Dr. Hiroshi Tabuchi, HSGA vice-principal; Dr. Brian Yuen Yau Wong, Macao Sam Yuk Middle School; Grace Wong, Kowloon Sam Yuk Secondary School principal; and Johnny Kwok Leung Wong, CHUM treasurer.

During the regular accreditation visits of these two schools, there were interviews with administration, faculty, students, some parents and the leaders of the teachers-parents association. Both schools showed significant progress despite challenges faced by them in terms of student enrollment, maintaining high academic standards and fulfilling their roles as schools that provide Adventist education. Hence, the two separate visiting committees proposed to recommend that NSDCA/AAA grant full accreditation to these two schools for five years until December 31, 2018.

MM Looking Beyond Mongolia: An Inspiration

It was a dream come true and probably a once-in-a-lifetime trip to remember for the six delegates from Mongolia Mission (MM) who were privileged to set foot in Brazil courtesy of the South American Division (SAD). This trip took place through the initiative of SAD president Elder Erton Kohler, who sponsored the group so that they could attend the division-wide Pathfinder Camporee that took place at Barretos, San Paulo State, Brazil, from January 8 to 12, 2014, with roughly 35,000 people in attendance. More importantly, the MM group comprised of Bold Batsukh, executive secretary; Joseph Allan Deblois, treasurer; Nyamdavaa Dovchinsuren, ministerial director; Sodbyamba Sodnompil, youth director; Darkhanbaatar Batgerel, church leader; and Boloroo Chuluunbaatar, youth representative; toured the major SAD institutions with Pastor Elbert Kuhn, MM president, as the main host and coordinator of the trip. The places visited during the 19-day journey included the Novo Tempo Media

Center, Brazil Publishing House, conference offices and some of the large central churches.

Certainly, the group was in awe, not only with the splendid beauty of the country, but more so with the impressive charisma and enthusiasm of the Brazilian Adventist populace, which has the largest membership worldwide. The aim was that by witnessing the dynamic and fast-rising ministerial work of SAD, our local administrators and church leaders in Mongolia would develop a vision to expand beyond our borders.

True enough, the group experienced a renewed commitment and goal to grow not only in church membership, but also in physical structure by building more institutions. We are inspired to be more proactive with religious programs that will attract new church comers and stabilize current members. By the grace of God, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mongolia will soar high!



MM delegates who attended the SAD Pathfinder Camporee



35,000 Camporee participants filled the stadium in Barretos, Sao Paulo



KUC The Three Angels' Messages Conveyed in Front Line Military Units

By Kim ChoongKu - Pastor at Gimhwa Adventist Soldiers' Church

The Adventist Church Located at the Military Demarcation Line

Gimhwa Adventist Church is located on the forefront of the Military Demarcation Line where North Korea and South Korea confront each other. Fifty-five soldiers were baptized in 2013. It was the first time in Korean Adventist history that so many non-Adventist soldiers were baptized. In the Korean army, the Adventist Church is labeled a minority religion, but we are aiming for 120 baptisms this year and 300 next year. Then, we can secure enough number of Adventists in the army for a military chaplain in 2016. If there are more than 750 Adventist soldiers in the army, an Adventist minister can be a military chaplain, which will help Adventist soldiers to keep the Sabbath and their faith.

Gospel Evangelistic Meeting in the Forefront Area

Gimhwa Church was able to evangelize many non-Adventist soldiers because of God's grace during the West Central Korean Conference Mission Day on November 17, 2012. The Mission Day was the first evangelistic meeting the Adventist Church held in a general outpost (GOP), and 34 soldiers attended. With this event, the unit registered the Adventist Church as an official religion and allowed the Gimhwa Church pastor free access. In addition, it granted a special favor to Adventist soldiers to attend Sabbath worship outside. Hallelujah!

One-on-One Contact with Soldiers

Since 2011, I have tried to contact 500 non-Adventist soldiers in 11 units. However, all commanders except the one who allowed the Mission Day rejected the Adventist Church. I was disappointed, but I went to the bus terminal to contact soldiers one-on-one. In the terminal crowded with soldiers, I distributed my name card and introduced Sabbath worship.

If I Perish, I Perish.

About the same time, I visited guard posts on the civilian access control line with snacks. There are six guard posts off-limits to civilians around Gimhwa Church. To access the posts, an obvious reason is required, but I did not have one, so I just went with the thought "If I perish, I perish." When I arrived at the post, I shared the snacks and got unexpected hospitality. I continuously contact the soldiers twice a week.

Breaking Down a High Wall with an Egg

The door for evangelism opened so easily that I felt like I was breaking down a high wall with an egg. Soldiers usually stand guard for three months, so for three months, I was able to contact almost 100 soldiers. Ten of them started to attend Sabbath worship.

As Good as It Gets

As I have had contact with the soldiers, I have had many touching experiences. For example, I visit soldiers at Green Camp, which is an anti-suicide program, to give advice and to comfort them. Also, I go to visit soldiers in the hospital or the military prison to encourage them with prayer.

A soldier who was an Adventist in his early years attended the Adventist Church again after a ten-year hiatus. He was led to the church by his non-Adventist senior soldier. It turns out that his mother is a Sabbath school superintendent in her church. When she heard that her son's faith had been restored, she was so happy. "Nothing could be better than this in my life!" she remarked.

Gimhwa Church is doing its best to spread the Three Angels' Messages through Sabbath worship. Please pray for the church to stand firm until the day the Adventist Church sends a military chaplain. Amen!

TWC

LEAD* Module 3: Two Groups Meet in Taiwan

By Lynn Ripley - NSD Assistant Ministerial Secretary



Taipei group of the Taiwan Leading Enthusiastic Active Disciples

Warm greetings and encouraging comments were shared as the Taiwan Leading Enthusiastic Active Disciples (LEAD) Module 3 groups gathered to meet. From March 2 to 3, 2014, the Taipei pastors and their church leaders met in the Taiwan Adventist Hospital Church. Raymond Ko, Taiwan Conference (TWC) ministerial secretary for the northern area and pastor of the church, facilitated the gatherings through contacting pastors and caring for many details. The second group of LEAD pastors and their church leaders met March 5-6, 2014, in the Pingtung Central Church. Lin De Fu, TWC ministerial secretary for the southern area, facilitated the Pingtung meeting.

The topic of discussion for this module was God-honoring Sabbath worship. David Ripley, ministerial association

secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and Lynn Ripley, assistant ministerial secretary, served as the presenters. The foundational principles were “preparing for worship all week long” and “worship as an evangelist witness.” For the practical component of the program, the larger group broke into small groups where they each planned worship service that focused on the theme of a sermon.

On the second day in each location, pastors reviewed the topics of the previous LEAD modules: “Specialness, Urgency, and Expectancy,” “Discipleship Culture for the Local Church,” and “Mission and Vision.” The next meeting of the LEAD cohorts will take place at the end of May 2014.

TWC president Steven Wu shared an inspiring message with the LEAD participants. He encouraged the LEAD pastors and their leaders to ask their church boards to vote to be active members of the LEAD church growth initiative.

The NSD Ministerial Department would like to thank Pastor Ko and Pastor Lin for their leadership. They also want to thank the Taiwan Adventist Hospital Church, the Taipei Central Church, and the Pingtung Central Church for graciously hosting these important events.

* LEAD is a voluntary program that the pastors have joined to grow the churches of God in Taiwan. The NSD Ministerial Department is determined to work in a different way. Our LEAD program is not just a one-time training event, but is continuous training and support. The NSD Ministerial Department will work with and encourage the pastors and their churches to success.

CHUM HKMC Reaches Out to Senior Citizens

By Louisa Cheng - Assistant Editor of Last Day Shepherd's Call

The Department of Community Services of Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) organized evangelistic seminars for the senior citizens living at its three nursing homes. The theme of the meetings, which were held March 10-14, 2014, was “Thriving Physically and Spiritually.” The programs and activities included health talks, Cantonese gospel music, physical exercises, gospel messages, games and refreshments.

Benson Wong, director of community services, traveled to the three nursing homes everyday to share the gospel message. He encouraged his audience to give up five things that might be preventing them from enjoying happiness.

The five things are holding onto unpleasant experiences, resentment, worries, junk thoughts and self-pity. He invited the audience to accept God's way of forgiveness and to ask God to help remove sinful thoughts from their hearts.

On March 17, HKMC chartered buses to bring all the residents from the three nursing homes to one location for a gathering. Nearly a hundred and fifty senior citizens had a wonderful afternoon together. The united meeting was a climax to a five-day evangelistic effort.

We pray that HKMC reaps a good harvest as the workers there extend their outreach to the elderly.



KUC *AAA Interim Visit to Sahmyook Health College and Sahmyook University*

(AAA: Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities)

By Chek Yat Phoon - NSD Education Director



Sahmyook University leaders welcome AAA committee members



AAA committee members with SHUC leaders and staff

The Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities (AAA) made an interim visit to Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) from February 9 to 11, 2014. This visit was one of the conditions for accreditation recommended in the regular evaluation visit in 2012. Because there was a change of leadership at SHUC and also because there was a major concern about the physical development of the school, the visiting team felt that it would be appropriate to review SHUC's progress toward fulfilling the recommendations by the last evaluation committee.

The interim committee was made up of the following members: Mike Lekic, GC associate education director, chair; Chek Yat Phoon, NSD education director, secretary; Barbara Choi, NSD health director; Fred Hardinge, GC associate health director; Ken Osborn, NSD treasurer; and Brian Wong, former vice-president of academic affairs of Caribbean Union College. The visiting committee was very impressed that the institution had made significant progress in implementing the recommendations of the previous regular committee and was also pleased to recommend to AAA that the accreditation of

SHUC be maintained until December 31, 2016.

After the visit to SHUC, the same AAA team also made an interim visit to Sahmyook University (SU) from February 11 to 13, 2014. Due to the projected change of leadership at SU, the regular evaluation committee that visited SU in 2011 had made an interim visit as one of the conditions for accreditation. Furthermore, there were two new Ph.D. degrees in Nursing and in Public Health being offered by SU. The International Board of Education (IBE) visiting committee was made up of the following individuals: Mike Lekic, GC associate education director, chair; Chek Yat Phoon, NSD education director, secretary; Barbara Choi, NSD health director; Fred Hardinge, GC associate health director; Ken Osborn, NSD treasurer; and Dr. Peek Eun Hee, SHUC professor of nursing. SU had accomplished 92 percent of the recommendations of the 2011 evaluation visit. Because of this significant accomplishment, the team will recommend to AAA that the accreditation of SU be maintained until December 31, 2016. The IBE team will also recommend that the two Ph.D. programs be included in the accreditation of the university.

KUC *All Nursing Students at Sahmyook Health University College Pass the National Exam*

Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) announced that all 122 nursing students passed the national exam. Although there are numerous nursing students in many other universities and colleges in Korea, it is rare that all applicants from one school are successful. Therefore, it was a great chance to glorify the name of God and to demonstrate the high quality of Adventist education.

SHUC provided preparation programs, such as mock tests and special lectures, for the national exam. The school also helped students grow their faith through various religious programs. "The devotion and effort of professors may bear good fruit. We guide our students in all aspects with concern," said Dr. Lily Kang, dean of the Department of Nursing.



Graduating class of SHUC Nursing Dept. taking the Nightingale Pledge



1. Elder Stanley Ng, NSD assistant to the president, guides the group at the NSD Museum
2. NSD leaders and SAUM leaders and staff

NSD

Southeast Asia Union Mission Leaders and Staff Visit the NSD Office

By S. J. Byun - Assistant Director of NSD Communication Dept.

Leaders and staff members of the Southeast Asia Union Mission (SAUM) in Singapore visited the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) office during their retreat in Korea on March 17, 2014. During their visit to the NSD office, NSD officers warmly welcomed them. Dr. Joo MinHo, NSD assistant to the president, welcomed them with a brief introduction to the division. Elder Ken Osborn, NSD treasurer, Pastor Stanley Ng, assistant to the president, and Dr. Barbara Choi, NSD health director, were also present.

After the welcome, they watched the “Mission First” video to learn more about NSD territories and major mission projects. They also watched the video of the “2013 NSD International Mission Congress.” After watching the videos, Dr. Berson Richard, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries/ASi director of SAUM, came forward to give thanks to NSD leaders for their hospitality and to introduce SAUM members and families. Dr. Barbara Choi offered closing prayer. After the program, all of them took a group picture and had an office tour of NSD including the NSD Museum.

CHUM

Hong Kong International Church Celebrates International Women's Day of Prayer

By Dr. Sally Phoon - Director of NSD Women's/ Children's/ Family Ministries

Hong Kong International Church celebrated International Women's Day of Prayer on March 8, 2014, with guest speaker, Dr. Sally Phoon, women's ministries director for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Her sermon, entitled “The Christian's Balm,” proposed the concept of prayer as a balm that the Christian can count on 24/7. The church under the leadership of Pastor Paul Cho and his wife, Heidi Ha, was packed to capacity. This is a welcome problem as the church tries to figure out how to maximize the space they have.

The afternoon seminar included fresh perspectives on how to pray effectively in groups and individually in our one-on-one time with the Lord. The participants tried out the different group approaches. The prayers were earnest and fervent with many tears shed as participants opened their hearts to God with issues that they are facing in their daily lives. As they unloaded their burdens, they felt the balm of God applied to their innermost souls and received encouragement to carry on with a smile.

The church's women's ministries department is very



Hong Kong International Church members on International Women's Day of Prayer

active under the able leadership of Anna Tadlas, a Filipino working in Hong Kong. The women are empowered through training sessions, are actively engaged in church ministries and are regularly involved in outreach activities.

CHUM

Mission Stories from the Yanji Chinese Church

By Kang Byoung Ju - Pastor at Yanji Chinese Church

In China, March 8 is Women's Day, a traditional Chinese holiday. This year, the Yanji Chinese Church in China had a special mission-wide Sabbath on Women's Day, which was named "The A-Day Evangelistic Meeting." During Sabbath school, church members and guests had time to enjoy fellowship under the title of "Let Me Introduce My Friend," and during the divine service, they were blessed by the sermon. It was a joyful and festive Sabbath.

There are about seven traditional holidays in China, including Women's Day on March 8, Mother's Day on May 11, and Children's Day on June 1. The Chinese consider these holidays to be important, and they express their gratitude to those who are commemorated by each holiday. For this reason, the church has plans to use these holidays as an opportunity to evangelize.

Meanwhile, two branch churches where the Yanji Chinese Church has sent missionaries held a joint service with around thirty church members at Hunchun Church on March 25, 2014. All attendees were deeply touched by the sermon and the testimonies of missionaries. After having a blessed Sabbath together, they parted, promising to put great effort into growing their own churches.



KUC Special Seminar for Pastors in Charge of Youth

The Korean Union Conference Youth Ministries Department hosted a special seminar for 50 pastors in charge of youth ministries in local mission councils under the auspices of Youth Ministries of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). The seminar was held at the Madalpy Youth Training Center on February 6, 2014.

Hiskia Missah, associate youth director of the General Conference (GC), was invited as the main speaker, and he suggested some ways to raise young people to be Christ's disciples through Adventist Youth club activities and the Caleb Mission Project. Talking about the victory of Gideon and his 300 soldiers, he asked, "How can we win the fight between good and evil? Our battle does not hang on military power and weapons, but on faith. God, whom we serve, can turn impossibility into possibility." Dr. Missah also added, "When God, the ruler of the whole universe, is with us, our young people will faithfully grow in the church and become a strong army for Christ and share the faith with others. I hope the Korean Adventist church will have an 'army' of well-trained young people and the

experience of spiritual victory."

The Caleb Mission Project, an effective way to spread the gospel through the service of young people in the community, was introduced by Dr. Missah. This project was initiated in South America and spread to African and Asian countries. It is a project to send young people to mission fields after training them in public evangelism and personal witnessing. They serve the community and help the gospel work. Dr. Missah called it the project with work and ministry and service. "GC has a plan to publish a detailed manual on the Caleb Mission Project and to send it to the NSD. Youth ministries depends on the hands of young ministers. Young people want something they can achieve," said Dr. Missah, appealing for positive participation of the Korean Adventist church.

In addition, there were also discussions about the Youth Leader Congress and 2014 Korean Adventist Youth Convention, which will be held in Taiwan in February next year and at Sahmyook University this coming June, respectively.



Korean pastors who are in charge of youth ministries in local mission councils. Pastors were able to grasp some new ways of effective youth ministries through this seminar.

NSD

Adventist World International Editors' Conference



Editors of *Adventist World* magazine discuss major agenda



Adventist World Management Committee members

Adventist World (*AW*) magazine, which contains spiritual food and promotes mission work, is a special gift from the General Conference (GC) to Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) churches in approximately 152 countries. From February 26 to 27, 2014, the *AW* International Editors' Conference and the *AW* management board meeting were held at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) office in Ilsan, South Korea, with the participation of Jairyong Lee, NSD president, Bill Knott, *AW* executive publisher, Claude Richli, *AW* associate publisher, Chun PyungDuk, *AW* international publishing manager, Han SukHee, NSD communication director, Park JaeMan, *AW* editor in Korea and managing editor at the Korean Publishing House, Kim HyoJun, editor of *Church Compass*, Lee Sangyong from the Media Center of the Korean Union Conference, and others. Participants reviewed last year's business and discussed future plans. "It is inspiring that *AW* performs a missionary function around the world in contrast with its purpose in the early stage as a church magazine," Knott said in the business report. "Even though we are on a tight budget, we are considering publishing a special issue for evangelism each year, focusing on non-Adventists," he said, asking for

cooperation on editing the special issue from editors in each division. During the sharing session, it was suggested that strategic actions appropriate for the information technology era should be reflected in publishing the periodical.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, who conducted the meeting, stated, "*AW* has grown rapidly since its first issue was published in English in September 2005 and is the top magazine in the SDA church with a circulation of more than 149,000. It is currently published in nine SDA publishing houses, including the Korean Publishing House, and in eight languages: English, Korean, Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Indonesian. This periodical will enlighten Adventists around the world on the identity of our church and its religious value. Moreover, I hope it serves as a pivotal role to strongly unite us in mission."

AW is now accessible online in 13 languages and obtains 60,000 visits per month. It is one of GC's largest-scale projects. In South Korea, *AW* is completely translated into Korean and bound with *Church Compass* every month. Also, 4,000 copies per month are mailed to Korean Adventists living in the United States.

NSD Scholarship Recipient of the Women's Ministries Scholarship Graduates

Li Na (center), recipient of SOS scholarship, with her family



Li Na, recipient of Scholarshipping Our Sisters (SOS), a scholarship awarded by the General Conference Women's Ministries Department, graduated from her Master of Ministry program at Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in the Philippines in early March 2014. We have reason to be proud of her as it has been a long journey, but her perseverance has paid off. By her side are her husband, Jed Kuang YiFang, and daughter, Louise. Together, they have been involved with shaping young people as disciples of Christ with a passion to share the gospel wherever they are sent.

CHUM

The 9th Chinese Ministries Convention Attracts Bigger Group of Partners

By reporters of Last Day Shepherd's Call

The 9th Chinese Ministries Convention was held at the Breakthrough Youth Village in Shatin, Hong Kong, from March 18 to 20, 2014, amid the spring bloom. More than 70 delegates from two dozen Adventist institutions and ministries came for the exciting event.

This biennial convention was hosted by the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM). Its goal was to provide a platform for church entities and ministries that share a special burden for growing God's Kingdom in Unorganized Territory (UT) and Chinese communities overseas to consolidate their resources and coordinate their strategies.

Bob Folkenberg, Jr., president of CHUM, welcomed the delegates and thanked them for traveling a long way at their own expense to discuss the needs and the work in Chinese ministries. He hoped that the three-day convention would boost the cooperation among various organizations and provide a clearer vision for Kingdom growth in the territory.

Robert Wong, a veteran minister of the gospel, spoke to the crowd about the history of the Adventist Movement in China. The audience was captivated by his passionate speech. As he talked about Christian churches that were



Robert Folkenberg Jr., CHUM president, speaks to the Chinese Ministries Convention participants

revitalized when China opened her doors to the world in the late 1970s, the audience applauded for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in China.

On March 19 and 20, delegates from each institution presented the work they had been doing for the people in UT. G.T. Ng, executive secretary of the General Conference (GC), made it very clear in his speech that the world church leadership highly values the work in UT and has been giving great support to the territory and that the people in UT can expect more from the world church in the future.

Mike Ryan, GC vice president, emphasized the impact that a church can make to the communities around it. He encouraged Chinese Adventists to use various methods to witness, to shine and to make positive influences in the country.

NSD

Park KunChun Ordained to the Gospel Ministry

On Sabbath, February 22, 2014, Park KunChun was ordained to the gospel ministry. Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) leaders, Korean Union Conference (KUC) assistant to the president, Kang SoonKi, and the West

Central Korean Conference (WCKC) administrators joined the Ilsan English Church in a special Sabbath morning service. Also in attendance were Pastor Park Kun Chun's parents and the parents of his wife, Park MinJi.

Jairyong Lee, NSD president, shared a morning message focused on God's call to servant ministry. Kang SoonKi gave the ordination charge, and WCKC president, Choi YoungKyu, offered the ordination prayer as a circle of ordained pastors laid hands on Pastor Park KunChun with his wife at his side.

Pastor Park is a fifth generation Seventh-day Adventist, a Sahmyook University graduate, and a former Golden Angels missionary. He currently serves as the Golden Angels ministry coordinator and assistant pastor of the Ilsan English Church. He and his wife have a seven-year-old son, Park HeonHwi.

Pastor Park would like to praise God for calling him to pastoral ministry. He also wants to thank the NSD, KUC, and WCKC leaders for this opportunity to serve. Pastor Park especially appreciates his family for their constant support and encouragement.



Pr. Kang SoonKi, KUC associate ministerial secretary, gives the ordination charge to Pastor Park KunChun



NSD, KUC and WCKC leaders offer the ordination prayer as they lay hands on Pastor Park



University and college presidents with education directors of the World Field at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

GC *International Conference for College and University Presidents*

The International Conference for College and University Presidents was held at the headquarters of the General Conference (GC) of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Springs, Maryland, USA, from March 24 to 27, 2014. One hundred and fifty college and university presidents of Adventist institutions from around the world, along with some of their spouses, participated in this conference together with all 13 division education directors, GC Education Department director and associate directors, and other GC officers and directors.

The Conference was led out by the GC Education Department and began with a sumptuous supper followed by a “Division Showcase,” where some divisions shared significant happenings in their division fields. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) presented the work of Taiwan Adventist College in one of the extension sites in Unorganized Territory, which has been supported by visits by personnel from conferences, unions, divisions and the GC.

The NSD was represented by four college and university presidents plus the NSD education director. Dr. Kim SangLae, president of Sahmyook University, was also selected to share in a panel on the success of the work of the university in accomplishing the mission and vision of the institution.

Concurrent with the Conference, the GC held a week of prayer which provided an opportunity for all participants

to be blessed. The talks by chosen speaker, Dr. Richard Barron, on the theme of “It’s All About Love” spoke directly to all the presidents and the challenges they were facing.

Immediately after the Conference, the presidents were invited to join in the following official yearly meetings of the GC Education Department as observers from March 30 to April 1, 2014:

- The International Board of Education and International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education (IBE/IBMTE) Program Review Committee
- The IBE/IBMTE meetings
- Meetings of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities (AAA)

The Conference was indeed a great success. Many participants have recommended that such a conference be held at least once every five years. In addition to the learning, many of these presidents were able to renew friendships with fellow colleagues that they had since their school days and were able to network for collaborative work with many sister institutions.



Phoon Chek Yat
NSD Education Director

KUC

Sahmyook University, Runner-up for Advertisement Award

“**V**ision Dream,” Sahmyook University’s promotional theme, came in 2nd at the 2013 Gyung Hyang Advertisement Contest. The Gyung Hyang Advertisement Contest focuses on the development of the advertisement industry and promotes creativity and a healthy advertisement culture through media. “Vision Dream” shows the willingness to have a mission toward the world, a vision for the future and the passion to carry out the mission and vision through acts of service and creative education. Park Soon Bong, marketing chief of Sahmyook University, said, “We will do our best to construct a global infrastructure for our education and administration. We will also work on



achieving global excellence as we continue to grow as a university.”

NSD/SSD

Bi-Division Literature Evangelist Convention 2014

By Teru Fukui - NSD Retention Project Coordinator

In 2014, the unprecedented year of literature evangelist (LE) emphasis, it was a great joy for us to get together to commemorate anew the significant meaning and mission of Literature Evangelism to all of us in the history of our Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Bi-Division LE Convention was held in Baguio City, Philippines, from March 5 to 8, 2014. More than 1,100 delegates from all unions and conferences/missions convened in the Convention Hall of Baguio. There were about 160 delegates from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territory: 127 from Korean Union Conference (KUC), 16 from Japan Union Conference, 15 from Chinese Union Mission, and 2 from Taiwan Conference. The delegates applauded loudly when the announcement was made that 12 delegates from China were present. Dr. Delbert Baker, General Conference (GC) vice president and the chairman of the GC Publishing Committee, were present at the Convention. Together with him, Elder Howard Faigao urged us to take the stand as a strong LE force in the “Power and Fire” that came down on

the day of Pentecost.

We can’t help but express our deep gratitude to Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) for their leadership, sacrifice and hospitality in accommodating NSD delegates. The LE force in SSD is very strong, and our NSD delegates were able to observe and learn many new things from SSD, including their energy, witness, dedication, and spirit of friendship. KUC LEs were the strongest among the NSD delegates, presenting special songs, cultural dances and testimonies.

Since this is the year of LE emphasis around the world, there was a strong sense that we, as LEs, are expecting something very special as we dedicate ourselves to the Lord in advancing the mission before the coming of Jesus. I really appreciate that the GC prepared many pins to give to us, honoring the years of service as LEs. Within the NSD territories, we have many challenges in advancing Literature Evangelism. We need to ask for God’s grace to convert our weaknesses to opportunities of God’s blessing.



Dr. Delbert Baker, GC vice president (center) commend literature evangelists for their dedicated service

TWC *Women Can Do!*

By Chen Guanyu - TWC Communication Department

The Department of Women's Ministry at Taiwan Conference (TWC) held a "Women Can Do!" seminar in a villa provided by Sister Wei, a Taizhong Church member. It was not a scheduled Women's Ministry Department activity for the year, but it took place because a warm-hearted woman proposed and initiated this women's leadership seminar. The objective of the seminar was to gather women leaders around the nation to discuss how to expand women's ministry.

The TWC director of women's ministry was the main speaker for the seminar. The theme of the seminar was "The Role and Objectives of Women." This was to help women leaders recognize their own positions. Through discussion and integration, at the end of the seminar, the "Abigail Women's Club" was organized. We expect that women's ministry will not be only for the local church setting, but also for reaching out to the underprivileged minority from the society who need more love and attention.

Seventy percent of Taiwan Adventists are women; the ratio of women to men is quite high. Many more women seem to be enthusiastic and proactive in the church. If these women are led and utilized, their influence would be tremendous. Participants encouraged each other through activities, and all of them were willing to serve and offer financial assistance for the ministry. Although there were only 15 women who



"Women Can Do" seminar participants hold hands together to pray for Women's Ministry in Taiwan

participated in this gathering and only two days to get to know each other, as they devoted their hearts for this ministry with one mission and one zeal, they offered more than 300 US dollars to help this newly organized team to grow and prosper.

The members of "Abigail Women's Club" will meet again on April 23, 2014, to determine the club's ultimate objective and direction. May the Holy Spirit lead this ministry continually, and may the spirit of "Women Can Do!" dwell in the heart of each of the members who joined this women's ministry.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13, KJV).

CHUM Hong Kong Pathfinders Hold Annual Marching Exercise

by Smarty Fong - HKMC Pathfinder Master Guide

It was a cold spring day on March 9, 2014, but the low temperature did not stop 40 Hong Kong Pathfinders from carrying out their annual marching exercise. These young people gathered from all over Hong Kong to a spacious field in Shatin.

The Pathfinders performed the marching exercise with their heads held high. They acted in perfect unison and precision as they had been drilled many times before. Every part of the exercise, including the flag-raising, singing of the Pathfinder Song and reciting of the Pathfinder pledge, showed that this group of youth was dedicated to Christ and His mission.

During the exercise, the Pathfinders saluted Pastor Alphon Fung, outgoing Master Guide, and Pastor Ken

Dai, the incoming successor. The two men spoke to the Pathfinders and encouraged them to finish the Great Commission. Meanwhile, eight outstanding members were promoted for their achievement in leadership. Among them, five became Master Guides. One Master Guide received his Pathfinder Leadership Award while another two received the Advanced Pathfinder Leadership Award. Elder Chuen Wing Wah was awarded for his outstanding service and leadership to youth ministry.

The Pathfinder Club, or simply Pathfinders, is a department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church which works specifically with the cultural, social and religious education of children and adolescents between 10 and 15 years old.





Moment of celebration: releasing of the balloons

NSD/SSD

AIAS Inaugurates New Student Tower (AIAS: Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies)

While the on-campus student population at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS), the General Conference school of graduate studies located close to Manila in the Philippines, has grown in recent years, the average age of students has decreased. Traditionally, the school has accommodated families with children, but singles have been on their own.

On February 3, 2014, AIAS officials addressed this situation with the inauguration of a new student building “Tower O,” especially designed for singles and couples without children. The new structure is the fifteenth building on campus.

The four-story building features 14 fully-furnished double-

bedroom units, utility rooms, and a student lounge. The lounge, the first of its kind on campus, was added in response to suggestions of students who wanted a place for study and socializing. About 200 guests, faculty, staff, and students attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony. During the thanksgiving program AIAS leadership expressed appreciation to donors, including the General Conference, Southern Asia-Pacific Division, Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Dr. and Mrs. Gary Hullquist, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Guptill and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hippler.

A few days before the inauguration ceremony, construction started on Tower O’s twin structure “Tower P,” which is expected to be completed in 2014.

NSD ***Multi-cultural Family Charity Musical Concert***



Violinists Han EnHee and Lyu YeonJu play beautiful music for multi-cultural families and foreign workers

Adventist church owned Multi-cultural Family Service Center in Ansan, Korea (MFSC) held a charity musical concert on March 22, 2014, as the season changed from winter to spring. MFSC invited more than a hundred multi-cultural families and foreign workers to enjoy the wonderful music. The concert was planned and organized by the MFSC and supported by the Community Chest of Korea. Featured were two violinists Han EnHee (member of the Seoul Kammer Orchestra), Lyu YeonJu (member of the W Philharmonic Orchestra), and two pianists Han EnMi and Kim HaeRi (members of the Korea Culture and Art Corporation). During the hour and a half concert, the eyes and ears of the audience were fascinated by the performance.

Through this musical concert, multi-cultural families and foreign workers who have less chances of experiencing cultural events had an opportunity to become more familiar with classical music. After the musical concert was over, Kim Young Soo, director of the MFSC, said, “This was our first charity musical concert, and due to the high level of audience satisfaction, our center will plan to have more arts and cultural concerts in the future for the good of multi-cultural families and foreign workers.”



Kim MoonSoo, the governor of Gyeonggi province, met with multi-cultural family members to listen to their difficulties



Governor Kim MoonSoo feeding a child at the kindergarten inside the MFSC



MFSC staff pose for a group picture with the governor

NSD The Governor Discusses Multi-cultural Agenda at MFSC

(MFSC: Multi-cultural Family Service Center)

Kim MoonSoo, governor of Gyeonggi Province, visited Ansan Adventist Multi-cultural Family Service Center (MFSC) on March 10, 2014. During this visit to the center, the governor took a tour of the facilities and watched a small concert, which included a guitar group and a team performing nanta and Korean traditional music. After the concert, the governor sat together with 20 foreign workers and multi-cultural families to listen to the problems and obstacles they face as they live in Korea. The governor even spent the night in the guest house of the center in order to listen to more stories and left early the following morning.

The main agenda items dealt with in the "multi-cultural meeting" were: 1) educational problems of the foreign workers' children and 2) assistance for multi-cultural single parent families. MFSC asked the governor to permit MFSC to become a social welfare institution and to have public workers helping the administration. Many other issues were brought forward and were discussed in order to look for solutions. The governor designated an officer to take responsibility for the things to be taken care of, and the officer-in-charge answered, "The

given agenda items will be discussed in the provincial government to find solutions. Even though some agenda items are delicate and hard to solve within the current law

"Children's education should not suffer in multi-cultural families," stated Kim MoonSoo, governor of Gyeonggi Province. He placed emphasis on the establishment of multi-cultural kindergartens along with providing assistance for multi-cultural infants and children.

system, we will try to cooperate with other government offices to make improvements."

As Governor Kim MoonSoo was taking a tour of the MFSC facilities, he showed great interest in the Mother and Child program and the multi-cultural kindergartens at the MFSC. He heard from the multi-cultural

kindergarten teachers that there are no appropriate kindergartens for foreign workers and Russian compatriots due to high educational fees and language barriers. Hearing this, the governor once again told officials to remove the obstacles of the current kindergarten system. He also emphasized the importance of establishing multi-cultural kindergartens and reinforcing the childcare system so that every child could receive proper education.

Other issues, such as divorce, raising children, visas, etc., were brought to the table by married migrant women, foreign students, and foreign workers living in Korea as they met with the governor until late at night. Since Korea is stepping rapidly into a multi-cultural society, these issues should not only be dealt with in the government, but they should also be discussed in various ways for constant development, including religious approaches and considerations.



Kim, Young Soo
Ansan Multicultural Family Service Center

MM

Education Emphasis for Sabbath Service

This year, Mongolia Mission (MM) has slated every fifth Sabbath of the month as a special worship to be sponsored by the Education Department. On March 29, 2014, the said program started at Ulaanbaatar Central Church with school administrators hosting the platform headed by the principal, Cleidi Kuhn. Joining her was the church pastor, Bold Batsukh, and the mission president, Elbert Kuhn. The latter gave the sermon, “Who Is Educating Your Children?” He emphasized the importance of character education and the values that should be taught primarily by the parents. The Seventh-day Adventist school and church will serve as the secondary support to make up the triangle of Christian education. The three entities, the family unit, the school and the church, need to work hand-in-hand to secure the balance and growth of the child in a Christian atmosphere.

During the Sabbath service, the children who are enrolled at Tusgal SDA School provided the special music with the 3rd grade bell choir, the school choir and the 9th grade guitar group. Parents and teachers, including non-SDAs were in attendance, along with regular church members. Everyone was delighted to see the students and their respective talents. Notably, it was a good avenue to promote the SDA education system, which has been in place for more than a hundred years. Even though this school has been in operation for only six years now, they proudly belong to a global education system committed to providing not only academic training, but spiritual nurturing as well. “But they are to see that the teachers in the schools care for their souls, that they will take a decided interest in their spiritual welfare, and religion is to be the great principle inculcated, for the love and fear of God are the beginning of wisdom” (Ellen G. White, *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, 115).



Above: Elbert Kuhn, Mongolia Mission director, prays during the Education Emphasis Sabbath
Below: students of the Adventist school sing special music

CHUM

Weekend Prayer Camp a Blessing to Adventist Women in Hong Kong

By Joyce Sham - Associate Director of CHUM Children's/ Women's and Family Ministry



26 Adventist women in Hong Kong joined together to experience the power of prayer during the Prayer Camp

Audrey Folkenberg, director of the Chinese Union Mission Development Department and Prayer Ministries, led a weekend getaway for 26 Adventist women in Hong Kong. This spiritual retreat, which focused on the power of prayer, was held at the beautiful Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Center on March 1 and 2, 2014.

According to Folkenberg, the importance of prayers

can be summarized in 4 H's, i.e. home, help, haven and happiness. First, prayers form a home for our weary hearts. Our Heavenly Father is always waiting for us to return home. Second, prayers give us timely help. Whenever we face dangers, physical or spiritual, we can rely upon prayers to get help from above. Third, prayers provide a haven for us to hide from storms in life. Fourth, prayers can bring true happiness to us. They strengthen our faith and calm our souls.

Folkenberg is good at using acronyms to help her audience remember many spiritual concepts. In one of the prayer workshops, she used the word BLESS as she talked about how to pray comprehensively. Each letter of the word stands for something that we need to remember in our prayers. BLESS stands for Body, Labor, Emotion, Social and Spiritual.

The weekend prayer camp was a much-needed blessing to the Adventist women who live in a fast-paced modern city and have to juggle between family duties and careers. Each participant left with energized mind and spirit.

CLAP 3C Convenes at the SDA Language Center in the Philippines

By Dr. Sally Phoon - Director of NSD Women's/ Children's/ Family Ministries

On April 6, 2014, thirty enthusiastic leaders from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) arrived at different intervals during the day at the SDA Language Center in Cavite, Philippines, to start their third round of English and leadership training under a program called CLAP (Communication and Leadership Advancement Program).

These leaders from Korea, China, Taiwan and Japan sat under the tutelage of our expert English teachers, Mrs. Erica Hole from Newbold College and Mrs. Joy Carado from the Central Philippines Adventist College for two weeks. Leadership lectures were given by Dr. Joo MinHo, NSD Assistant to the President, and Dr. Lawrence Domingo, SSD Education Director, Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, education director, and Dr. Sally Phoon, the main coordinator of the program.

At the center, experienced English-speaking missionaries assisted in the daily tutorial sessions. All participants felt they benefited the most from the tutorial sessions as the tutors helped them over their weak points in speaking English.

Also this time, the program consisted of visits to two of the most distinguished educational institutions in the Philippines, the Adventist International Institute for Advanced Studies (AIAS), a GC educational institution and the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP). The group also visited the opulent office of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division and enjoyed the well-landscaped lawns and gardens.



Above: CLAP members participate in a game for team building
Below: CLAP3 at the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP)

Whether they were concentrating in their classes or engaged in avid discussion with their classmates or visiting the churches in the mission fields or even riding the jeepney on a field trip, the participants were encouraged to maximize their time by speaking English and connecting with their fellow leaders. We are confident that CLAP will help lay the foundation for our future leaders in sharpening their communication abilities in English, honing their skills in leadership, and strengthening their network with other leaders within the NSD territories.

We thank Pastor Kim ChoongKook, SDA language director for the use of their facilities and personnel and his wife who provided delicious meals for us throughout our stay.

CLAP Members Receive a Double Blessing

By Dr. Sally Phoon - Director of NSD Women's/ Children's/ Family Ministries



CLAP members can learn English while memorizing Bible verses through Scripture songs

An agreement was signed between Trilogy Scripture Resources and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division for a limited license to distribute one Trilogy Scripture song per week up to 120 people for a year. That is a total of up to 6,240 songs at about eight cents per download in comparison to the usual 99-cent charge for a song.

Members of CLAP, which stands for Communication and Leadership Advancement Program, have the privilege of downloading a song every week and memorizing it during their devotional time. We believe that memorizing Scripture through song will strengthen them spiritually as well as help them to learn English patterns of expression. Each week they receive a double blessing if they are faithful in doing their assignment. We thank the composers, Dr. Derek Morris and his wife, Bodil, for sharing this valuable resource with us.

2014 HisHands Training and Practice in Okinawa, Japan

As part of the Okinawa big city evangelism this year, the Japan Union Conference (JUC) Personal Ministries Department and Publishing Ministries Department held a HisHands training and practice for about 40 people at Urasoe Church and Naha Church in Okinawa Mission from March 15 to 16, 2014.

Pastor Nam HounWoo, Pioneer Mission Movement missionary, is newly in charge of these two churches this year. "I appreciate the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and JUC for supporting this event, and may it spread the missionary spirit throughout the churches," said Pastor Nam.

Pastor Han SukHee, NSD HisHands coordinator, was invited as the speaker. "There is no failure when it comes to evangelistic activities telling about Jesus. Evangelism is fundamentally not an issue between success and failure, but an issue between obedience and disobedience. When we obey God's command and go out to deliver the gospel, God already considers our obedience success. Let us go to the harvest field in season or out of season," said Pastor Han.

In addition, Pastor Hiroshi Yamaji, JUC HisHands coordinator, gave a lecture on preparation and precautions for house visitation. Pastor Norihiko Hanada talked about seeking backsliders and nurturing new members, and Elder Yoshio Ikeda, literature evangelism director, was in charge of distributing booklets and tracts.

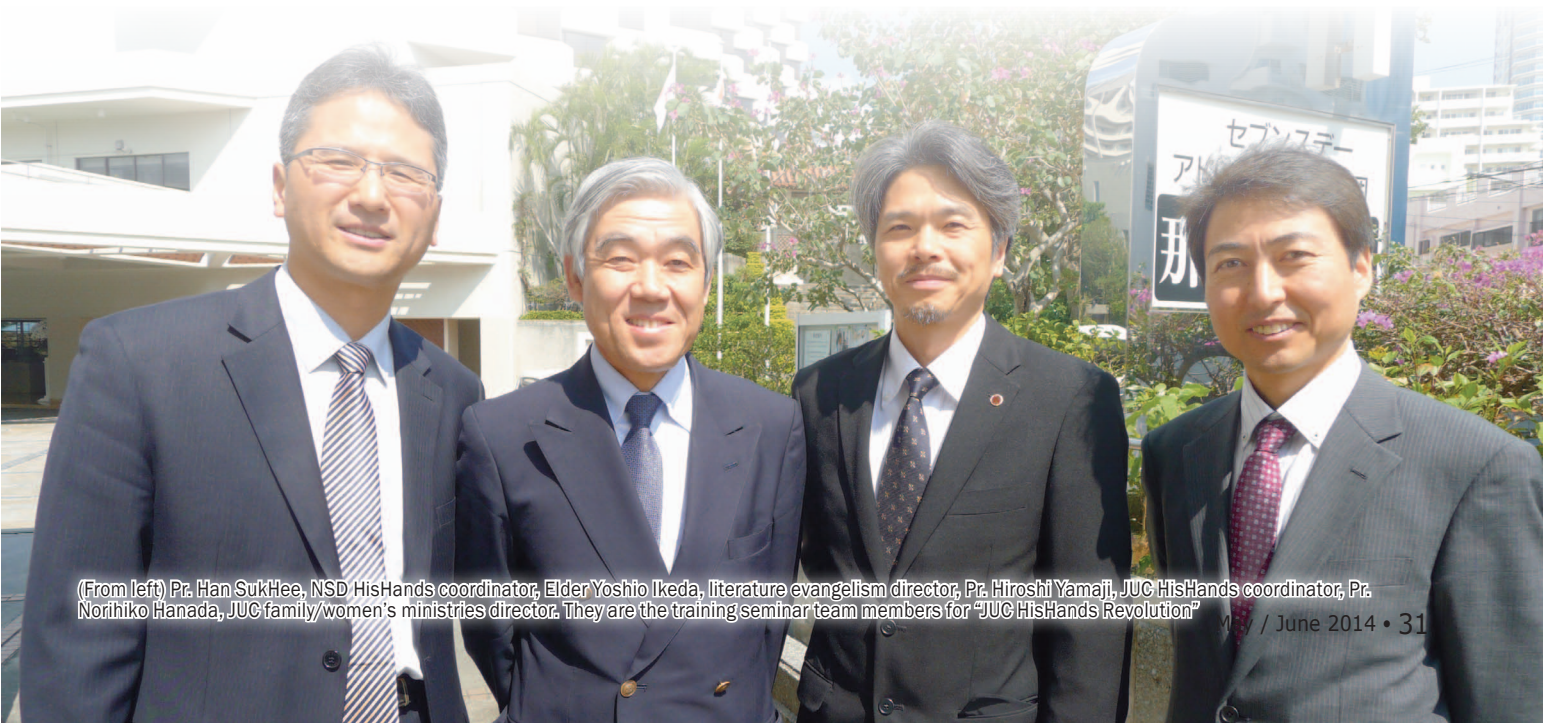
On Sabbath, about 20 members gathered at Urasoe Church and got to experience house visitation. After the mission work, they shared wonderful and touching testimonies about meeting some people God had already prepared.

The meeting was continued at Naha Church on March 16. About 20 attendees were divided into two teams for literature evangelism and visiting long-term absentees. It was a precious opportunity to realize that literature evangelism is still essential to the gospel work in this day and that continuous concern for long-term absentees and backsliders and visitations are necessary.



1: Strategy meeting for visitation before going out 2: Urasoe Church's HisHands missionaries
3,4: Pastor Norihiko Hanada, Pastor Hiroshi Yamaji, and HisHands missionaries conduct door to door visitation

Hiroshi Yamaji
JUC HisHands Coordinator



(From left) Pr. Han SukHee, NSD HisHands coordinator, Elder Yoshio Ikeda, literature evangelism director, Pr. Hiroshi Yamaji, JUC HisHands coordinator, Pr. Norihiko Hanada, JUC family/women's ministries director. They are the training seminar team members for "JUC HisHands Revolution"

INAUGURATION *of the* New 1000 Missionary Movement Director



Dr. Jaeryong Lee, NSD president, blesses the shift of the directorship. Dr. Shin DongHee, the new 1000MM director (right), shakes hands with Pastor Park KwangSoo, the former 1000MM director (left)

On Sabbath, March 8, 2014, the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), under the slogan “The Greatest Challenge of the Century,” took a new turn. Pastor Park KwangSoo, who had devoted himself as the director of the 1000MM since 2011, was called to be the new president of the Korean Publishing House. Dr. Jaeryong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), expressed his gratitude for Pastor Park’s service and dedication. Park especially contributed to bringing financial stability to the 1000MM by running fundraising programs, such as the “3004 program,” which attracts 3,004 donors and has them donate a small amount of money on a monthly basis, and the “1004 program,” which secures 1,004 people who make a donation of one million Won (roughly equivalent to

USD 1000) a year. Park also planned the commemoration service for the 20th anniversary of the 1000MM to celebrate its value and worked on the establishment of the 1000MM Missionary Memorial Building to remember its history. “The President of the Korean Publishing House carries a crucial mission to spread the three angels’ messages,” Dr. Lee said, addressing Pastor Park. “Once a missionary, always a missionary.’ Please keep helping the 1000MM and supporting them by publishing their news.”

Pastor Shin DongHee, the new director of the 1000MM, served Milpitas SDA Church of the Central California Conference as a senior pastor. Pastor Shin expressed his conviction that God was calling him back to the 1000MM campus, rekindling the love and passion he had for the 1000MM 22 years ago when he worked for it in its early stages. He expressed his aspirations to make a leap toward global evangelism using his experience in youth ministry in the NSD.

In the afternoon on the same day, there was the 43rd 1000MM dispatch ceremony. Sixty-four missionaries from various countries, such as the Philippines, South Korea, China, Uganda, Tahiti, Indonesia, and the United States, had finished English language training and missionary training for three months and were taking their first steps toward their mission fields. Kim JeongHwa, age 59 from Pocheon, South Korea, and Wena, age 61 from Banaue in the Philippines, gave testimonies about their gratitude for God’s calling regardless of their age, touching the attendees deeply.



Han SukHee
Communication Director,
Northern Asia-Pacific Division



43rd group of the 1000 Missionary Movement missionaries. Sixty-four missionaries from various countries were dispatched to their respective mission fields

Interview with Pastor *Shin DongHee*, New 1000 Missionary Movement Director

Interviewer: Han SukHee - NSD Communication Director

Q Congratulations. First of all, please give your impressions of being elected as the director of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM).

A Our duty as a missionary is the most glorious position that a Christian can volunteer for, realizing the calling for soul-winning through the touch of the Holy Spirit. I realize that I was called for the greatest privilege in the world: to train and send our young people as missionaries armed with the spirit of Jesus Christ and world mission. I'm grateful that God and church leaders have appointed me, and I deeply thank former directors for their effort and devotion.

Q It has already been 22 years since the 1000 Missionary Movement was initiated. As numerous mission organizations and movements rarely last one or two years, 22 years is a pretty long time. Now you will lead this internationally important mission movement. Describe your philosophy, direction, and main points in operating the 1000MM.

A The 22-year history of the 1000MM is filled with love, interest, and devotion of Adventist members. The 1000MM has become one of the leading missionary organizations in the Christian world, even beyond the Adventist denomination. Just as 22 years is enough time to come to full maturity from immaturity and to independence from dependence in human life, now the 1000MM must enter a new era where 1,000 missionaries instead of the current number of hundreds are sent every year to the whole world beyond Asian countries. To achieve this goal, the "Up-Up-Up" innovation system will be initiated as follows.

- a. Upgraded – A detailed analysis of the current systems for PR, promotion, education, training, dispatch, and management will be carried out to apply more effective, spiritual, and systematic programs.
- b. Updated – The mission strategy system will be updated although the original intention of the movement will not be forgotten. Stagnation easily becomes regression unless we dream of a better today than yesterday. The 1000MM will become a pioneer that suggests the most innovated mission strategies.
- c. Uplifted – Spirituality is a gift from God that we can get only from trusting relationships resulting from passionate love. May the Holy Spirit fill the hearts and minds of all 1000MM missionaries, staff members, and workers on the Philippines main campus and other branches so that they will be united with a passionate love for Jesus Christ, our Savior, and be channels of blessings.



Dr. Shin DongHee, the new director of the 1000 Missionary Movement

Q Some people worry that since the current financial condition of the campus is worse that it will be hard to operate without any special countermeasures, such as an increase in donation, restructuring of the campus and even workforce reduction. Please share how these problems can be solved.

A The 1000MM is a mission institution under direct control of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD), but it is financially independent and operated by donations. The financial devotion of Adventist members has lasted during the past 22 years of history, and I am grateful to everyone. I am not considering restructuring or personnel reduction to stabilize financial affairs. Rather, I want to suggest a more positive and active vision and to create a plan that corresponds with the vision. The campus is already prepared for the new era, so now it is time to focus on financially supporting missionaries and directing mission activities. With God's



Above: Missionaries enjoy the mission activities at the mission fields
Below: 1000 MM missionaries who finished their one year service

guidance, the financial capacity of the 1000MM will be bigger and deeper by repeated emptying and filling. To make such a miracle possible, the unconditional faith of leaders should grow, and focus on financial affairs should increase. I am sure that God will help us.

Q Some say that the spiritual condition and mission spirit of missionaries should be boosted much more than it is now. What do you think about this?

A 1000MM missionaries apply for two major reasons. The first reason is a desire to dedicate one year for the Lord for world mission. The other reason is a wish to reform their weak faith and idle lives. It would be great if all applicants were already prepared with mission spirit and solid faith, but the reality is that they are not. However, we are not disappointed because this is also part of the mission process. As Jesus' twelve passionate disciples had a lot of

weaknesses, our applicants will experience change through the missionary training course by the presence of the Holy Spirit. The amazing power to change people's minds comes only from God's living Word and intensive prayer. The spirituality training program will be maximized so that all applicants can experience the power of words and prayer during the 12 weeks of training.

Q The campus which trains and sends missionaries should be passionate in spirituality and mission, so how can you raise the spirituality of the staff?

A That is exactly right. If the workers on the main campus do not keep themselves awake, we will be defeated in spiritual battles. When the director, the five associate directors and all the workers are united with love for soul-winning, a miracle can happen. The unity of workers will happen when our words and actions naturally express the spirit of understanding, humbleness, respect and embrace beyond race, nationality, and ethnicity. I am planning to run a special program to encourage unity and spirituality among workers during the three month preparation period after the twelve weeks of training so that it will be an institution where love and service are overflowing.

Q What is your management and cultivation plan for branches abroad?

A To reach the goal of sending 1,000 missionaries each year, it is essential that we expand branch campuses. Currently, there are twelve branches in seven divisions, but while some of them are actively working, others are not and have even closed their doors. First of all, I will look into the current situation of the branch campuses and will supervise and support them to bring about revival. I will also work with youth ministries directors of each division, union, and conference to establish at least one branch in each of the 13 divisions. Our first priority is to establish more branches in NSD and SSD for the mission in Asia, where there are only 260 million Christians, which is just 6.5 percent of its population of 4.3 billion.

Q Cooperation with alumni is also important. What are the plans for relationships with alumni?

A I met with officials of the Korean 1000MM Alumni Association to learn about alumni activities and current problems. As the success of graduates makes a school prestigious, the positive reputation and role of the 1000MM depends upon the spirituality and devotion of alumni. The 1000MM campus made a promise to maintain a close cooperation with the Alumni Association, and we will work together to positively meet the needs of both sides. The Association, which represents about 1,200 alumni, is the most cohesive mission community in the Korean Adventist church. This enormous mission power should be reignited. If the more than 4,000 missionary alumni in the Philippines

also set up an organized group, it will bring explosive revival to mission work. Up to date, the number of alumni is about 6,300 in 58 different countries. The campus will do its best in supporting alumni to awaken the mission spirit of the church in their motherland.

Q Since you witnessed the beginning of the 1000MM while you were studying in the Philippines, you may well know the basic spirit, meaning and purpose of the movement. The number 1,000 has different meanings, such as 1,000 missionaries per year or 1,000 souls during a lifetime. How can we send 1,000 missionaries every year?

A I believe that sending 1,000 missionaries is not just our desire but also God's wish. To achieve the goal, innovated advertisement and broad-scale promotion should come first. All countries should support the movement to send 1,000 Adventist young people filled with mission spirit every year. This is not an easy goal, but it will definitely be accomplished someday. The campus will develop the strategies and action plans for the big proposition. To obtain 1,000 applicants, positive advertisement by the General Conference, divisions, unions, and conferences is required. Pastors in local churches should also encourage young people. Testimonies and promotional alumni activities will also be a powerful help.

Then, we need to train those missionaries with well-organized programs. To support many missionaries, financial security is also absolutely required. Pastor Park KwangSoo, former 1000MM director, implemented a support system to gather 1,000 donators who contribute USD 1,000, which is the annual expense of one missionary. This is possible when each church institution, local church and sincere Adventist family participates.

Q While you were in charge of the NSD Children's Ministries Department, you initiated the Children Missionary Movement (CMM). Since you have now been appointed to be the 1000MM director, how do you think CMM will relate to the new era of the 1000MM?

A While I served as the NSD youth ministries director, I was also in charge of Children's Ministries from 2002 to 2005 in accordance with the decision by the NSD. At that time, I initiated the CMM and asked the Children's Ministries Department of unions within the NSD to promote children missionaries as future 1000MM missionaries. After that, the Korean Union Conference kept promoting and training

children missionaries. They go to the main campus in the Philippines and join in the real training programs and experience missionary life. The success of CMM will open the door to the new era of 1,000 missionary dispatch and will also become the foundation to solve problems of missionary spirituality. In cooperation with NSD and SSD Children's Ministries Department, the 1000MM will actively develop the 7,000 children missionary promotion. If 7,000 children like the 7,000 followers in the time of Prophet Elijah are ready for world mission, it will be possible to send 1,000 missionaries when they are grown up. However, the success of this movement fully depends on the devotion of parents. I encourage Adventist parents to open a missionary account and to save a certain amount of money in order to prepare their children for future mission work. In a faithful Adventist family, parents and children prepare for the Second Coming of Christ, and mission work is the most important key to the Advent.

Q To help missionaries keep working for mission after their service, the HisHands Mission Movement should be helpful.

What do you think about holding a special retreat for HisHands applications before they graduate?

A Yes, I will do that. The HisHands Mission Movement (HHMM) should be spread to each division, and I especially hope that the SSD, which jointly supervises the 1000MM, can initiate this movement as soon as possible. When HHMM, the domestic mission work, pulls together with 1000MM alumni, there will



be very desirable results.

Q In conclusion, do you have any additional comments for Adventist members who support the movement?

A Those who look forward to the Second Coming are supposed to be filled with passion for soul-winning. They will take the initiative in soul-winning work by the power of the Holy Spirit. They will also overcome the trembling crisis and become the spearhead of the glorious gospel work with the Latter Rain. Through their devotion, mission work will secure abundant funding and will powerfully push ahead. The angels are recording Acts 29 in present form. The names of those who participate in the movement are definitely recorded. Please do not miss this privilege. In the name of the Lord, I pray that you be a part in opening the new era of the 1,000 missionary dispatch.

Thank you for the interview.



Golden Angels: Successful Music Ministry in Hong Kong and Taiwan

By Jessie Mathews Joseph - Golden Angels 11



11th Golden Angels visit a class at TaiPo Sam Yuk Secondary School

Activity at TaiPo Sam Yuk Secondary School in Hong Kong

After responding to God's calling to become the 11th group of Golden Angels and after finishing eight weeks of training, our first mission field was TaiPo Sam Yuk Secondary School in Hong Kong from March 10 to 15, 2014. To take the first step is always very exciting. Although there are 700 to 800 students in the whole school, fewer than 10 percent of them are Adventists, so it was not easy to preach the gospel in the school. However, we were able to touch their hearts by the power of God. We started our day with meditation and worship at 6:30 a.m. Many students were touched and had tears in their eyes as they listened to us praising God, and many of them decided to dedicate themselves to God. It was true that God's grace is beyond our understanding.

Activity at Hong Kong Adventist College

Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) was our second mission field from March 17 to 22, 2014. There, we also experienced God's grace. God used imperfect human beings, the Golden Angels, to preach His gospel at HKAC. Consequently, many students raised their hands to praise the Lord.



HKAC and HK Adventist Primary School hold a gospel week



Pastor Hong KwangEui visits Da Ri Church

Activity in Taiwan

After our two weeks' ministry in Hong Kong, we continued our ministry at Da Ri Church in Taiwan from March 24 to 29, 2014. The Week of Health Evangelism was held by Pastor Hong KwangEui. We realized that young people in the church really love God and love to sing. They participated in Adventist Youth activities on Sabbath afternoon and attended a mini-concert by the Golden Angels in the evening, praising God with their whole hearts and minds. Before we moved to our next mission field, God allowed us two days to build unity among the members of the Golden Angels. We all thanked God for the precious time.

Next we visited six other churches from April 2 to 5, 2014. After hearing that the Golden Angels were coming, the church members gathered to the venue to listen to our music praising God. We are nothing by ourselves, but when we are under the name of Golden Angels, God is with us and pours the Holy Spirit upon our heads so that we can share His love with many others. We came to convey His love and His words, but instead, we were so much loved and evangelized.

Now, we are in Beitun Church, Taiwan. We have a gospel feast with Pastor Kim NakHyung from April 6 to 11. When we started the ministry here, it was raining. Perhaps it was an obstruction by Satan, but God is with us. We distributed tracts at a park, an elementary school, at a college and along streets for three days. When we witnessed new people visiting the church because of the tracts, we experienced the presence of the living God. Thank God for such tremendous blessings once again.



Golden Angels hold a concert for Ching Shan Church members



11th batch of Golden Angels worship God with music at Ping Dong Church on Sabbath

Taiwan PMM Family Revival Meeting



PMM families attend Family Revival Meeting in Taiwan

Taiwan Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Family Revival Meeting was held in Yilan Church in Taiwan from March 9 to 10, 2014. During the meeting, 13 families who serve as missionaries in Taiwan had valuable time to pray together, share each other's mission spirit, and recharge themselves with God's message. Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Pastor Steven Wu, president of Taiwan Conference, Pastor Kim SiYoung, NSD PMM director, and Choi YoungIl, NSD assistant PMM director, were invited to preach the message.

In the opening remarks, Dr. Lee stated, "When we look at reality from a human point of view, delivering the gospel never seems easy in this age. As Jesus said, the harvest is plentiful. Let us be prepared for labor through prayer and through God's word, and let us go out to the field with strong faith." He also suggested three convictions that missionaries should possess: Conviction of God's calling, conviction of God's promise, and conviction of God's presence. Pastor Kim SiYoung delivered a message entitled, "Take Off Your Shoes." He said, "We Seventh-day Adventists are 'the three angels,' who are on a special mission to preach the gospel in the last days. Please remember that you are the three angels who have been called to evangelize Taiwan and to strive for the work of soul-saving in Taiwan." Pastor Steven Wu

shared the history of evangelism in Taiwan, emphasizing that the PMM is a great blessing from God for reviving mission work in Taiwan. Meanwhile, PMM missionaries shared the status and progress of each one's mission field. Some pastors and their wives also shared their missionary experiences.

Taiwan is a Buddhist country as well as a polytheistic country. Also, there is silent discrimination between aborigines and the Han Chinese. However, Taiwan PMM missionaries push the limits within these circumstances and broaden the horizon of Taiwan Adventist ministries. They have a good understanding of Buddhism from their experience of the Buddhist culture in South Korea, and they are able to interact with both Taiwanese aborigines and Han Chinese. Furthermore, because "the Korean Wave" is rolling over Taiwan, Korean missionaries are needed more than anyone else. They run Korean language classes and interact with young people, which leads people to Adventist churches. Soon young people filled with the Holy Spirit will rise up throughout Taiwan and dedicate themselves to evangelizing their nation.

Dr. Kim SiYoung

NSD PARL Director, PMM Coordinator



PMM Pastor Ordained in Tanzania

An ordination service was held for Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Pastor Cha SeongWon on March 22, 2014, at Njiro Church in Tanzania. Kim JaeHo, president of Southwest Korean Conference, and Kang SoonGi, Sabbath school and personal ministries director of the Korean Union Conference, attended the service to celebrate his ordination. This service had a deeper meaning since the Korean missionary was ordained in his mission field, Tanzania.

There are some notable projects in Pastor Cha's mission work in Tanzania. Having the conviction that Africa's future depends on educating children, he runs an English academy in Tanzania and educates Tanzanian children with textbooks which he customized for them. He also trains lay-people as church leaders and has them establish churches so that the gospel of God can soon be delivered to the whole country. His wife, Choi SongHwa, greatly supports his ministry with her sincerity as well as her outstanding talent in language. He and his wife have two daughters, EunHa and EunChong. Pastor Cha constantly



Ordination prayer for Cha SeongWon, PMM pastor in Tanzania

reminds himself to laugh and smile. Certainly there will be wonderful news from Tanzania, where the Holy Spirit is working through his positive spirit.

1000 Missionary Movement in India

The 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) in India, the country with the second largest population in the world, is reminiscent of the 1000MM in the Philippines at its early stages 20 years ago. It is not easy to preach Christ's message to people in a country of both Hinduism and Buddhism. Pae JinSeong, Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionary, however, has dispatched nine batches of trained missionaries who passed the rigorous two-month training course. He even sends missionaries to barren lands for evangelism, such as Bhutan and Nepal. He is armed with the mission spirit and ready to fully dedicate himself to mission work. With dark skin and a long beard, he looks like he is from India. He eats, sleeps, and breathes with Indians and gladly carries out his mission toward them. That is why people who have watched his ministry call him the "Apostle Paul in India." Undoubtedly, he will contribute greatly to evangelism in India.

The 8th batch of 1000MM missionaries in India



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