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*The first trainees from Mongolia enter the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Leadership Training Center on Jeju Island for training in spiritual revival and soul-winning ministry*



# Mission of John the Baptist

## Mission of the Remnant People

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

In the book of Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament, God said, “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse” (Malachi 4:5-6).

Elijah lived in the 8th century B.C. When he was called by God to work as His prophet, the Northern Kingdom of Israel was in deep spiritual darkness. Beginning with King Ahab, most of the people in the kingdom had departed from Jehovah God and were worshiping Baal and Ashera. Israel had become a kingdom of idols!

Elijah was a man of prayer, a man of the Word of God, and a man of passion for mission. His mission was to “restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.” God promised to send another Elijah to the world “before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.” Jesus pointed out that John the Baptist was the Elijah to come (Matthew 11:14). He came with the mission of Elijah and prepared the people for the first Advent of Jesus Christ.

Ellen White succinctly explains that “those who are to prepare the way for the Second Coming of Christ are represented by faithful Elijah as John came in the spirit of Elijah to prepare the way for Christ’s first advent” (*Maranatha* 22).

We have been called by God in the last days for the mission of Elijah and the mission of John the Baptist. Like in the days of Elijah and John the Baptist, many people today are living in spiritual darkness. As John the Baptist was appointed by God to prepare the people for the first Advent of Christ, we have been chosen by God to prepare the people for the Second Coming of Jesus

Christ. The mission of Elijah was the mission of John the Baptist and is the mission of God’s remnant people in the last days.

Who was John the Baptist? What kind of man was he? How successful was he in carrying out his mission?

First, he was filled with the Holy Spirit. “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; . . . and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb” (Luke 1:15).

Second, he had a humble lifestyle. “Now John himself had a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey” (Matthew 3:4).

Third, he preached boldly. “Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand’” (Matthew 3:1-2).

Fourth, he prepared the people for the coming Messiah. “As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I. . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11).

Fifth, he humbled himself. “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30).

Sixth, he sacrificed his life for mission accomplishment. “He sent and had John beheaded in the prison. . . . His disciples came and took away the body and buried it; and they went and reported to Jesus” (Matthew 14:10-12).

With the mission spirit of John the Baptist and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we need to prepare the people for the coming King. May we be humble, faithful and courageous witnesses of Christ until the gospel mission is completed!

## 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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# *First Trainees Enter* **THE NSD LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER** *for Spiritual Training*

By Hong KwangEui, NSD Leadership Training Center Director



## **Programs for Trainees**

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Leadership Training Center had its first trainees after undergoing construction for nine months since September 2013. There were 31 trainees from Mongolia including Cleidi Kuhn, the wife of the Mongolian Mission (MM) director, MM treasurer, Mr. Joseph Deblois, and his wife, three Pioneer Mission Movement couples working in Mongolia, and a number of Mongolian pastors and their wives.

Although the center was not yet fully operational, the trainees earnestly applied themselves to all training programs. “I hope that through this spiritual training, each of your hearts will be filled with spiritual revival and a desire for soul-winning. Also, may it be a good opportunity for you to be strengthened by the lectures and to reconfirm your mission through fasting and personal prayer,” said Pastor Hong KwangEui, Mission Training Center director.

During the first few days, the trainees had some difficulty adjusting to the unfamiliar food and environment, but they left their suffering at the Cross while they fully focused on prayer. The attitude toward the training totally shifted in a positive way.

During manual work time in the afternoons, the trainees repaired prayer rooms and removed weeds. They also made a beautiful stone path. Through their effort, the campus showed great improvement.

On Friday afternoon, they went to see the beautiful sea of Jeju Island. It was the first-ever experience for some of them who had never seen the sea because there is no sea in Mongolia.

We believe that the Mongolian pastors who successfully finished their first training will accomplish the mission Christ has given to them in their homeland.

## **Generous Contribution of a Lay Person**

This training for Mongolian pastors was possible through the dedication of one person. The contributor donated ten million won (about US\$10,000) to the center for Mongolian and Chinese pastors. The NSD Leadership Training Center will be used as a training facility for church leaders in NSD territories. China and Mongolia have a shortage of formal theology educational facilities. Some areas also have difficulty in public theology education due to the political situation of the country. Taking full advantage of the natural environment and the no-visa entry of Jeju Island, various training programs, including spirituality of church leaders, will be continuously implemented.

## **Requesting Church Members' Support**

Some of the lodging, private residences, a restaurant, and a seminar room have been constructed during the past nine months. However, a church with 200 seats, two lodging buildings and three private residence buildings still need to be built, and more prayer rooms are needed for spiritual training. We eagerly hope that the NSD Leadership Training Center can be completed through the dedication of church members. In addition, we request prayers of support by our church members so that the center can be an outpost for mission, both in Asia and throughout the world.





1. Mongolian pastors and wives pay attention to the spiritual lecture.  
 2. Prayer room in the Leadership Training Center.  
 3. A participant spends time inside the prayer room



## Messages from the First Trainees

### ■ Cleidi Kuhn

I experienced something very special during the training. I am a missionary from Brazil, and there are many training programs in the Division where my mother country belongs to, but I've never experienced such a training course. At first, I was worried, but I can tell you that I had a very special experience, which was spiritually necessary and precious. I also learned how to hear God's voice through the silence training while I was free from the media and the internet.

Another precious experience was deeply meditating on the book *The Desire of Ages* and on the Cross of Jesus. My life has always been busy, and I did not communicate enough with God through prayer. However, the Lord led me to true repentance through the words of *The Desire of Ages*, and He let me see how wretched I am by opening my mind. Even though I knew I was a sinner, I did not always recognize sin and sometimes I hesitated to throw it away.

During this week, I had a deep spiritual experience. God helped me discard my selfishness and forgive those who have hurt me. When I earnestly prayed to God and asked for His will to be done, He personally taught me through *The Desire of Ages*.

The other experience was to see the presence of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of my colleagues. I was little bit concerned about my Mongolian colleagues during the training, so I prayed for them. Some of them are new believers, and some of them do not have a strong faith,

but I saw changes in them as they listened to lectures and read *The Desire of Ages* and prayed in their own rooms. I thought it was a great blessing for the MM to attend the program as the first trainees. I believe that God will do miracles in Mongolia through us and our experiences.

If the MM could have such a program and a center, it would be a big help to train Mongolian members and leaders for spiritual revival. Sometimes, we are tired in spiritual battles, but we can do everything depending on Him.

### ■ Nyamaa Otgonbayar

Eight years have passed since I came to believe in Jesus. During the training, I realized how far I am from Jesus and how sinful I am even though I thought I trusted in God. At first, I thought I had been born-again by myself, but I realized that Jesus was crucified because of my sins, and I repented. In the prayer room, I deeply meditated on the presence of the Holy Spirit, the words in *The Desire of Ages*, and God's laws. I had never thought about or experienced God's love in the same way although I had attended many seminars and trainings. I was also able to communicate with God during silence training and fasting.

God carried me on His back to this place. When I decided to attend, Satan hindered me in many ways. I was planning to get to Jeju via China, so I went to the Chinese border on May 30. However, I could not cross the border because my name was misspelled in my passport, and I had to remain alone for four days until I got a new passport. God prepared a place for me to stay in the



Mongolian participants work hard during the manual work time.

strange land.

I want to share God and His love, which I experienced here in Korea, with other Mongolians. I thank God for being close by during the training. I pray that more people can be drawn closer to God and be filled with His love. I strongly recommend that everyone attend the training. May God bless you.

#### ■ Nyamdavaa Amgalan

Dear heavenly Father,

Hello. I thank you for choosing me before I was conceived and for the privilege of calling the name of the Lord. I thank you for your grace which forgives my sins and protects me. Father, I remember the moment I met you for the first time. I had never realized the passionate love of the Lord before. I cannot express how great your love is and how wonderful and amazing the hope is that we have through you.

Father, I realize what a big, selfish, hopeless sinner I am when I kneel down before you. I thank you for giving me a new spirit and a new heart. Whenever I pray to you, tears run down my face. I thank you for your boundless love. Father God, please forgive my past, present, and future sins, and hold me close with your mercy and grace. I want to be your daughter. I really thank you for your guidance to this place. I am really happy and grateful for this peaceful, forgiving, and grace-filled place.

“This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth” (1 John 5:6).

Yes, I thank you for the greatest love. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

#### ■ Zunduikhuu Lkhamdeg

Hello, heavenly Father.

I thank you, Lord. May your will be done on the earth through us. We saw many beautiful things on Jeju Island. The waves, the blue sky, and the other things in nature that you created gladden my heart. It makes me very happy that you have great interest in us.

I learned many things through the training. I knew that you make us stand and take us on your back, but I could not hear your voice because I was moving away from you due to wrong choices and sin. Now, I repent before you. I cannot even imagine the agony you suffered by giving your only begotten son for us.

Father, I am sorry. I am still weak even though I realize my sin. Please send your Holy Spirit to me. I learned that I can enjoy happiness and that I can be born again by the presence of the Holy Spirit, as Pastor Hong said.

Lord, here are my decisions. First, I want to be changed. I will be changed. I will take care of my children with love, and I will be a good wife and a wise person. With your help only, I will keep the Sabbath, I will love my parents, brothers and sisters and church members, I will not discriminate against people, I will live a healthy and vibrant life, and I will always smile. I will always pray, and I will listen to your voice.

Lord, please read this letter and help me. Please remain in me and rule over me. I leave the life and health of my family upon God almighty. Please use us and lead us. I pray that your will will always be my choice.

Your daughter, Lkhamdeg

#### ■ Baatar Munkhsaikhan

Give Me

How great your love that loves this world.  
How weak my love that loves others.  
How far am I off your will?  
What kind of sin puts distance between us?

Please restore my weak relationship of love for others  
Into the love of the everlasting Lord.  
As you can change all evil things into good,  
Please give the heart that changed Saul.

Give me the Holy Spirit for true repentance.  
Give me the confidence for a changed heart.  
Give me the endurance for a heart to love enemies.  
Because I want to see the world with your eyes  
and serve others with your love.



# Interview with *Pastor Hong KwangEui,* *NSD Leadership Training Center Director*

Interviewer: Han SukHee - NSD Communication Director

## **Q: First of all, could you tell us briefly about the construction of the Jeju Training Center?**

The groundbreaking was on September 1, 2013. At present, the framework of two lodging buildings has been completed, and a restaurant building and a private residence building are under construction. v

## **Q: What is the purpose of the training center? Please tell us about its necessity.**

The purpose of the training center is the spiritual revival of church leaders and members in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territories so that the gospel work can be accomplished. In addition, we absolutely need personal prayer rooms for repentance and prayer like the attic of Mark where the early church members received the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

## **Q: Who is the primary target of the training center?**

All age groups including pastors, lay people, youth, and children will use the center.

## **Q: What kind of programs will the training center provide?**

When participants enter the center, they will participate in spirituality training, evangelism training, health ministry training, and youth leadership training.

## **Q: Where will the operation funding come from?**

The center will operate through donations from church members in Korea and in other countries.

## **Q: Why was the center built on Jeju Island?**

Jeju Island, which is geographically located in the center of the NSD territories, allows no-visa entry to visitors from many countries including China.

## **Q: What does the center hope to do?**

We expect church members in NSD, whose motto is "Mission First," to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they can accomplish the mission within the NSD as well as throughout the world.

## **Q: Could you tell us about future plans for construction and fundraising?**

A church building, a lodging building, and a private residence building will be completed in accordance with



Pastor Hong, KwangEui (left), NSD Leadership Training Center director, answers interview questions.

working plans. The work will be funded through offerings and donations from church members.

## **Q: What special benefits and merits do visitors get from the center?**

First, the center has an appropriate background for spiritual training in the temperate climate of Jeju. Second, it is in an easy place to access as Jeju allows no-visa entry to many nations. Third, it provides a personal prayer room to each participant so that they can have enough time for private prayer, meditation, and Bible study. Fourth, participants can enjoy the beautiful landscape of Jeju Island, which was designated one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature. Finally, it provides organic vegetables and fresh fruits from its own farm.

## **Q: What should an applicant do to visit or enter the center?**

Please contact one of the following numbers:

Pastor Hong KwangEui (Korean language):  
82-10-9196-3004

Pastor Jo JangJin (Chinese and English language):  
82-10-8758-3605

Pastor Seo JiHo (Chinese and English language):  
82-10-2824-9350

In principle, the center can be visited at the earliest possible date. However, reservations should be made 30 days beforehand, and a week's reservation is required prior to a group visit.

## **Q: How can supporters give donations?**

The bank account for sponsorship is Woori Bank 100650-1378053 (Seventh-day Adventist Church).

## **Q: Do you have any other requests for readers?**

The construction and operation of the center can be possible through your love for the Lord and prayerful devotion. To build and run the training center and to accomplish the world mission, the presence of the Holy Spirit and earnest repentance and prayer of church members are needed. Please eagerly pray for this work.



# 2014 Midyear Committee in Osaka, JAPAN



2014 NSD Midyear Committee delegates and invitees



Osaka Center Church



Three NSD officers chair the meeting



Delegates from CHUM

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division's (NSD) 2014 midyear committee was held May 19-21 at SDA Osaka Center Church in Osaka, Japan. About 70 delegates from the General Conference (GC), NSD, union and local conferences gathered in order to give reports on various projects, discuss business plans, and determine regulations. They also had special devotional times focusing on "Revival and Retention" in our church.

During this meeting, the quota for NSD delegates to the 2015 GC Session in San Antonio, Texas, United States, was approved. A total of 82 delegates was allocated for NSD: 11 for those who are members of the GC Executive Committee, 2 per Conference, 1 per Mission, 2 per Union Conference, and 14 for lay people.

Moreover, the NSD midyear committee and annual council, which is attended by all NSD administrators, included time to discuss and adopt guidelines from the GC on various subjects, such as SDA doctrines, mission, and administration. In this meeting, "guidelines for the SDA Church in responding to changing cultural attitudes regarding homosexual and other alternative sexual practices" were passed. The guidelines had already been discussed in the summit, entitled, "In God's Image:

Scripture. Sexuality. Society," which convened in Cape Town, South Africa, from March 17 to 20, 2014, with more than 350 delegates and voted at the GC spring meeting. The guidelines include specific ways the Church understands and responds to homosexuality and other alternative sexual behaviors which are contrary to the Word of God but are now accepted worldwide. The guidelines are to be translated into different languages and distributed by union conferences, local conferences, and churches to face contemporary society.

There was also a report on the "Retention and Reclamation" summit held in Okinawa, Japan, last February. Follow-up meetings will be held continuously in order to check progress, seek better plans, and finally bear fruition.

This midyear committee was held at Osaka Center Church not only for cost-saving measures, but to provide a boost to mission work in Japan. The report from Japan Union Conference, which included positive results from their special mission project "Tokyo13: Urban Evangelism," raised the hopes of delegates.

Suzuki Akeri  
Executive Secretary





## NSD President Visits Gimhwa Adventist Soldiers' Church

By Kim ChoongKu - Pastor at Gimhwa Adventist Soldiers' Church

On June 7, 2014, Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division president, and several division departmental directors visited Gimhwa Adventist Soldiers' Church under the guidance of the Korean Union Conference military ministries director to encourage the church pastor, the church members and Adventist soldiers.

The attendance of Mr. Kwon KiTae, a military chaplain of the army division, made the occasion even more meaningful. Major Kwon is not an Adventist, but a Buddhist monk. "Gimhwa Adventist Church is a good influence on the stable emotions of soldiers through very sound and beneficial mental education and other good services. I will continuously promote and cooperate with the church for its mission activities in the army," said Kwon. As Presbyterian and Methodist soldiers freely worship on Sundays, he allowed Adventist soldiers to attend the local church on Sabbaths by providing official papers. Moreover, he encouraged church members by saying that someday an Adventist minister may be able to be a military chaplain like ministers of other denominations if Gimhwa Church continues to work diligently on military ministries.

Dr. Jairyong Lee expressed his appreciation for Major Kwon for his support and Gimhwa Church members for their ministry. During his sermon on Psalm 121, he shared his military experience. Dr. Lee said to the Adventist soldiers in attendance, "Do not forget that you are Adventist soldiers who have been sent to the military on a mission to further God's gospel work. Therefore, be a good example and a living sermon so that other people in the military can become Jesus' disciples."



1. Pastor Kim ChoongKu (right) presides service for soldiers.  
2. Adventist soldiers of the Gimhwa Church

Kim ChoongKu, the pastor of Gimhwa Church, conducts psychological and emotional programs for soldiers with official permission from the army. He also has plans for performances and health seminars for soldiers. Although the Adventist church is not an official religion in the Korean military army, when we continuously pray and evangelize, we will see the first Adventist military chaplain in the near future.



NSD leaders together with the members of Gimhwa Adventist Church





# NSD Spring Gathering of GOOD NEIGHBORS



1. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, gives a special message./ 2. Pastor Pae Xion speaks to the participants./ 3. Dr. Kim SiYoung, NSD PARL director, hosted the event.  
4. Participants of the Spring Gathering of Good Neighbors enjoy the program.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held a “Good Neighbors Gathering” for North Korean refugees living in South Korea, from May 16 to 18, 2014, at Yangpyeong English Village. About fifty North Korean youth gathered together to socialize and attend a series of lectures. One of the reasons NSD is focusing on North Korean refugees is that they are ideal candidates for North Korea mission.

In the opening worship service, Pastor Kim SiYoung, NSD director of public affairs and religious liberty, referred to the history of the Israelites. “They did not give up even though they were minorities and had many hardships. That was the key to recovering their nation. You should also not lose faith and hope in God even if you are sometimes in trouble,” said Pastor Kim.

On Sabbath morning, Dr. Hyun InAe, professor at Ewha Womans University, served as a special guest speaker. Because she is a defector who came to the South 10 years ago, she could share the best advice from her own experience. She gave a lecture on the meaning of being “same or different,” saying, “Try to make use of your strength of being different.”

Next, Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, presented “the God of heaven as an impartial ruler,” touching their hearts deeply. He told them, “Do not be afraid of anything other than God. When you feel afraid, rely wholly on Him.”

Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director, brought up “the work of redemption.” He said that the best choice in one’s life is to accept Christ as his or her personal Savior, reminding attendees of the ultimate goal of this gathering.

The last devotional was led by Pastor Pae Xion, a retired pastor living in the United States and a great supporter of Good Neighbors. He suggested, “Open your mind and see the world from a different point of view. Then, it will really look different, and you will pursue the truth of your life.” On this day, he promised that he would spend the rest of his life helping Good Neighbors.

In addition to the lectures and devotional, the participants had a great time together as they visited YongMoon Mountain and the Garden of Morning Calm in Gapyeong. This gathering was meaningful because not only were they able to meet one another but they share a similar purpose and similar values. It was a small but significant first step forward for North Korea mission. The gathering will be held regularly, and the next one is scheduled for this coming fall.



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



# Adventists Comfort Victims in a Tragic Korean Disaster



The sinking of the Sewol ferry, which happened on April 16, 2014, was a national tragedy that brought great suffering and pain, sorrow and grief to all. The disaster occurred near Jindo Island, where there are 11 Adventist churches and companies. The churches immediately took action. They pitched two large tents and offered meals to a thousand people every day.

Other Adventist churches all over Korea also participated in voluntary work to comfort and support victims and their families. Church headquarters generously supported expenses and provided equipment and manpower. As such systematic and prompt participation and cooperation are strong points of the Adventist church, it put into practice the message found in *Welfare Ministry*, “As we have opportunity we should be ready to render immediate assistance to those who are under a severe pressure” (Ellen G. White, Manuscript 25, 1894).

On the day of the disaster, pastors in Jindo Island prayed together and visited the scene to see how they could help. As they thought denominational relief was necessary, they asked the Southwest Korean Conference for help, and the conference sent a food truck for free meal service. At the same time, volunteers from other churches arrived at the scene.

Newly-cooked hot meals were provided to rescue workers, volunteer workers, and others concerned as well as families of victims by the service of ADRA Korea. On the third day, more than 1,000 people came for the meal.

Although this was during the busy farming season which requires a lot of manual labor, Adventist members left their work to console heartbroken neighbors. Their service continued from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. every day.

“Anyone who has a child would be of the same mind. The thought of victims in the cold body of the ferry and parents waiting for them tore at my heart,” said Mrs. Cho JeongRim, a deaconess at Gwangju Namseon Church.

“I was speechless and felt a heavy burden on my chest. Tears flowed down my face at the thought of this disaster,” said Mrs. Yang DongHee, another deaconess. “I hope this accident will be an opportunity to think of what Christians live for – serving others.”

Church members on Jindo Island were devastated. “I felt unutterable sadness at the news because it happened in the waters off Jindo. I hope all Koreans will be able to help share the pain of victims and their families,” said Mrs. Lee JinHee, a deaconess of Geumgol Church.

“I am so sorry that we can help only with such services, but we hope that these small acts of service can help comfort and heal those who feel the greatest loss,” said Mrs. Shin AeYeon, a deaconess of Injiri Church.

Pastor Oh SiSeok of Injiri Church, who led the service team at Pangmok Harbor, Jindo, from the first day to the last, gave thanks to volunteers who shared the pain of neighbors from early dawn to late dusk. He also asked all Adventist members to be the light and salt of the world at their own places as the deep national wounds heal.

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Volunteers work at the ADRA free meal service.



The food truck is lit up through the night.



Above: Dr. Jairyong Lee (left), NSD president, together with other AIIAS board members  
 Below: AIIAS board members together with Elder Ted Wilson, GC president

## NSD *AIIAS Board Meeting*

By Bruce Sumendap - Public Relations Office of AIIAS

faculty ranking and academic programs. The Board also reviewed the AIIAS strategic plan.

Upon the recommendation of the Seminary and the Ranking Committee, the Board voted to advance Remwil Tornalejo to the rank of assistant professor, Cristian Dumitrescu to the rank of associate professor, Mathilde Frey to associate professor, and Carlos Mora to the rank of professor. Mora was also asked to chair the Biblical Studies Department for another 3-year term.

The Board also reviewed the job descriptions for the Deans of the Seminary and Graduate School and voted that they would be considered full time deans with the understanding that they would teach at least two classes a year for their schools. The Board also considered the recommendations for changes to AIIAS programs and classes, and these were all approved along with the new Bulletin. The Board further recommended to the International Board of Education the Master of Ministry Distance Learning Center for Northern Luzon Mission in the Philippines and Papua Mission in Indonesia.

Another highlight of this meeting was the presence of Adventist World Church president, Pastor Ted Wilson, who addressed the members of the Board.

The Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) Board met on May 8, 2014, on the AIIAS campus and made some important decisions on

## KUC *SDA Language School and GS E&C Signs MoU (Memorandum of Understanding)*

The SDA Language School signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with GS Engineering & Construction (GS E&C), agreeing to build its branch within GS E&C's branded apartment complex, Hangang Central Xi, which is scheduled to be completed in January 2017. Residents will receive a benefit of early registration for three years and a twenty percent discount for two years.

This MoU allows all residents from youth to adult to have English education in accordance with their needs. "The majority of residents in the Gimpo area, in which Hangang Central Xi is being built, are in their 30s and 40s, and they are highly interested in self-improvement as well as children's education. We are planning to build an education-specialized apartment complex," said Park HeeSuk, Hangang Central Xi marketing manager.

The SDA Language School, which is a language institute focusing on conversation skills, has had around five million students since its establishment in 1969. It has



Pastor Chun Bukwon (left), SDA Education president, holds the signed MOU with the representative from GS E&C.

more than 41 branches across Korea and directly manages all branches for quality control.



## CHUM Taipo Samyuk Middle School *Welcomes* **GOLDEN ANGELS**

During their spring gospel week from March 10 to 15, 2014, the students at Taipo Samyuk Middle School, Hong Kong, were visited by the Golden Angels, an Adventist singing group specially organized by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division to boost mission activities through gospel music. The eight members of the Golden Angels (six from South Korea, one from Hong Kong, and one from Malaysia) not only shared their singing talents with the eager students, but also their personal messages of salvation through Jesus Christ.

The theme for the week was “To See Jesus.” For five days, the students and teachers at Taipo Samyuk were immersed with beautiful music and spiritual messages. The Golden Angels singers used their youthful charisma to energize the crowds. They even entered classrooms to mingle with the students. The students were happy to sing, to play games and to learn some Korean phrases from them.

Joseph Lee, a Korean member of the Golden Angels, was very creative in reaching out to the students. During his sharing of the gospel, he played a short clip from a Korean soap opera which was very popular among Hong Kong viewers to demonstrate the deep love between two young people. He told the crowd, “God’s love for you is even more intense and selfless.”

Angel Chiu, a Hong Kong native of the Golden Angels, shared her spiritual journey. She told the students about the struggles in her life, e.g. how she managed to keep the Sabbath when she was working in Hong Kong despite all the pressures coming from her work place. She was once jobless, but she held on to her faith. Her stories, like many others shared by her team members, touched many young hearts.



Above: Taipo Samyuk Middle School students have gospel week with the Golden Angels  
Below: Golden Angels are divided into small groups to pray for students.



Group photo with Taipo Samyuk Middle School students in the classroom

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**Let's go into the  
 future  
 with HOPE:**  
*Igube Japan 2014*



Sally Phoon with Kae Esumi, IGUBE Japan leader (center), Dr. Miyagi (4th from the left) and an Adventist group at the Volunteer Counseling Center

It has been three years since the devastation of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. While the victims who lost their homes continue to live in crowded temporary housing, most of them have gone back to their jobs. The government will be dismantling the temporary housing probably next year, and people have been given sufficient time to look for permanent housing.

The focus now is rebuilding the cities that have been destroyed. The government has set safe boundaries, and no buildings are allowed within 300 meters from the sea. Conveyor belts built 15 to 20 feet above the ground to remove garbage from the building sites help to speed up the process without having to use trucks.

Rehabilitation assistance now lies mainly in helping the victims overcome post-traumatic stress disorder, which can be seen in many adults and children. We paid a visit to Dr. Miyagi, a psychiatrist, who himself was affected by the tsunami and has been working with the victims from Day 1 until now. He donates half a day to running a volunteer service that provides counseling to families who need someone to talk to.

Recently, IGUBE Japan, an Adventist initiative involving Women's Ministries members all

over Japan, helped by giving a concert in Ishinoseki. They have also been providing flower seeds and pots to help in the healing process. Many whose homes were swept away have planted gardens on the sites where their homes once stood but where rebuilding is not allowed since the sites are too near the sea.

Elementary school children from our Adventist circles have been enlisted to write notes of encouragement to older people who have lost loved ones. A woman who lost her husband and her home had been suicidal, but she was cheered by a letter written by one of the children. She even requested that this letter be put in her coffin when she dies.

A donation of USD5,000 from the Women's Ministries Department of the General Conference will go toward helping children from Fukushima who were evacuated to temporary housing, where they would be safe from the radiation of the nuclear reactor. They are feeling displaced, worried and depressed as they consider their future, wondering if they will get sick and die prematurely. IGUBE will be running a camp from July 30 through August 4 for a group of these children,

soliciting the help of counselors and other volunteers who will give them hope through Bible stories and teach them to connect with God and to leave their worries with Him. They will go to Nojiri Lake Cabin in Nakano Prefecture with some children from the Akita Church, high school and college student volunteers, and women from three different churches who will serve as teachers, cooks, and counselors. Professionals will also be invited to join. They will have time to bond with these children as friends interested in their recovery. A vegetarian diet will be shared with them to counteract the effects of radiation and give them better health.

Many stories could be told about how IGUBE Japan with its many women volunteers have touched lives and helped to restore people to better mental health as they are healing. Please continue to pray that the people they serve will be led to hope in a God who can provide everything we need not only in this life but who has promised eternity for all who will accept Him.



**Sally Lam Phoon**

NSD Women's Ministries Director, CLAP Coordinator



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# NSDCA/AAA Evaluation of Donghae and Hankook Sahmyook Schools

(NSDCA: Northern Asia-Pacific Division Commission on Accreditation/  
AAA: Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities)

“High Five” is a typical greeting for youth, especially new millennial kids. More than likely, this is not what you would expect from a group of administrators, faculty and staff of a school. However, there is always the exception. Every Wednesday, the leaders of Donghae Sahmyook Middle and High School greet their students in this way as they walk onto the school campus. This was shared with the Evaluation Committee of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Commission on Accreditation (NSDCA)/ the Adventist Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities (AAA) when they visited the school from May 25 to 27, 2014, for their regular accreditation visit.

Donghae Middle School was ranked 27th among 117 middle schools in the Gangwon Province and 3rd among schools within Donghae City. Therefore, in spite of the fact that neighboring schools have seen a decrease of students, Donghae Sahmyook Middle and High School enjoyed a small increase in enrollment. Furthermore, the entire middle school section has been chosen as a “SMART” experimental school. All students and teachers have been using Samsung smart tablets as a tool for their education since 2012.

The new principal, Kim ChoonGeun, who was appointed as the 22nd principal of the school in March 2014 adopted the motto (which is also an emphasis of the government): “A School with Happiness, and Students with Vision.”

Hankook Sahmyook High School was also visited by the NSDCA/AAA Accrediting Committee from May 28 to 30, 2014. This school has the highest percentage of Seventh-day Adventists (95.6% of 620 students) attending the school than any other Adventist schools in South Korea and in the entire NSD territories.

The current principal, Shin DongKyun, became the principal on March 1, 2013. His vision is to provide an education that seeks to nurture both students’ dreams and aptitudes at the same time. His hope is that Hankook Sahmyook High School will be a school that has a good reputation for developing in students a strong faith in God, having great integrity and at the same time being recognized for its high academic achievement. Students



1. Teachers and students exchange high-fives  
2. Hankook Sahmyook High School teachers with NSDCA evaluation team  
3. Donghae Sahmyook High School teachers with NSDCA evaluation team

will be polite, visionary and have balanced competency. Teachers will be committed to their calling, passionate in teaching, and love the school and their students. As a whole, the school will have an ethos that will be refreshing and functional to all who come within its walls, a school that will be known for its faith and love in God as well as its creative competitiveness.

Indeed, with such dreams, Adventist education led by these educational teams will have its spiritual mandate fulfilled.



**Chek Yat Phoon**  
NSD Education Director





Above: Global Welfare Supporters perform medical service.  
Below: Local people enjoy getting clean water from the P. D. Chun well.

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## GLOBAL WELFARE SUPPORTERS

“...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” Acts 20:35

this project. He also started to save money by using public transportation rather than owning a car or taking a taxi. Then, he established Global Welfare Supporters with other Seventh-day Adventists who stood alongside him and became the first president of the group. Now Elder Oh ChangJoon is serving as the second president.

Pastor Chun focused on missionary and educational work, but Elder Oh broadened the scope to include medical mission, making use of his specialty as a doctor. On April 7, 2014, Global Welfare Supporters was approved as a non-profit organization by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Since being established, the Supporters have founded schools, dug wells, and sent missionaries in 16 countries. In March, they provided three million dollars worth of medical supplies to Papua New Guinea.

As Global Welfare Supporters is a non-profit organization, they cannot perform any profitable projects. They do not want government funding because it would cause a huge limitation on voluntary mission work. Last year, they spent more than two million dollars; all of this money is coming from supporters’ pockets.

“Sometimes I think this work is beyond my capability. However, for me, it is the most enjoyable thing in the world,” said Elder Oh. He defines voluntary work as “helping myself while helping others.” He finished his talk by asking for the sincere prayers of church members.

Usually, people prefer receiving to giving. However, there are some people who find greater joy in giving as Jesus said. They feel fulfilled when they take care of neighbors in need. Among them are the Global Welfare Supporters, who give help especially to people living in poor countries.

Global Welfare Supporters began in 2006. Pastor Chun PyungDuk, former president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, witnessed in person the unfortunate lives of people in India and Bangladesh during his presidency. He was shattered and thought about how totally different their lives were. That was the beginning of this organization.

Upon retirement, Pastor Chun put his severance pay toward

## NSD *Literature Evangelist Convention in Euro-Asia Division*



Pastor Kwon speaks to the ESD Literature Evangelist Convention participants.

The West Russian Union Conference within the Euro-Asia Division (ESD) held a literature evangelist convention from May 1 to 4, 2014. Literature evangelists from eight local conferences in the West Russian Union Conference and presenters who have expertise in literature evangelism from several countries, including Brazil, the United Kingdom, Spain and Romania, participated in the convention. Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, who was invited to be one of the presenters, covered the reason for the existence of literature evangelists as the last remnants.

After speaking at the convention, Pastor Kwon visited Zaoksky Adventist Seminary and a publishing house within the ESD. The publishing house publishes around 180 books every year. Recently, they translated the full version of *The Great Controversy* into 12 languages and printed two million copies. This was the second time Pastor Kwon participated in the publishing ministry in the Euro-Asia Division, after having served in the literature evangelist training in 2009.



**Kwon JohngHaeng**

NSD Adventist Mission/Stewardship Ministries/Global Evangelism Director



## NSD

## Sunplus Seminar

By Cho KyungJa - Sunplus Accounting

An accounting seminar about the Sunplus 5.4 version upgrade to Web 6.0 was held at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Chapel by the NSD Treasury Office from May 27 to May 29, 2014. Danny Orillosa and Josh Rosales from the General Conference were invited as lecturers, and thirty-five people participated from NSD, Chinese Union Mission, Korean Union Conference, NSD Taipei Office, Mongolia Mission, five Korean Conferences, Jeju Mission, ADRA Korea, Social Welfare Corporation and Eden Hospital.

Participants had the opportunity to learn the new accounting system and environment in Web 6.0, which helps users follow the Seventh-day Adventist accounting manual more faithfully. Instead of a server-client networking system, Sunplus 6.0 users will go to the Web environment, which offers strong user-friendly advantages. The NSD accounting office will soon launch into Web 6.0.



Sunplus seminar participants from each organization and institute

## KUC

## KUC Holds a Council for Chaplains of Adventist Schools

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) held a council for chaplains of Korean Adventist schools at Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) on May 13, 2014. About 60 chaplains from Adventist elementary, middle, and high schools, colleges and universities attended the meeting, which was being held for the first time in five years, in order to find the right direction for school ministry and to discuss effective ways of reaching children and youth.

“Today, we will think of all sorts of problems in our academic mission fields, and we will try to find solutions. As many children and young people are leaving the church, we need to take action. Unless schools provide spiritual and religious education, there is no hope in our church because the schools are where most of our children and youth are,” said Pastor Kim DaeSung, KUC president.

Introducing mission work for college students, Dr. Kim GwangGyu, SHUC president, said, “Only about 10 percent of the 530 freshmen who newly enroll in our school are Adventists. We are doing our best to evangelize the other students. Please pray for the school so that we can lead our students to Christ.”

“Chaplains are the spiritual leaders and advisers in the school, so please understand your own mission as a minister and be faithful to your role,” said Dr. Yoon JongTae, KUC education director.

Various mission activities in schools were presented. Pastor Lee KeeHo, chaplain of Taegang Sahmyook Elementary School, introduced evangelistic programs for students, such as children’s international worship, Pathfinder Global Leader Club, 2020 Spirituality Training, and programs for the parents of students, including Sabbath worship, child education seminars and small group activities. He also shared effective school mission strategies. Pastor Kim YangTaik, chaplain of Honam Academy, talked about cooperation with local churches.

In the afternoon, attendees were divided into school levels to discuss student character education and religious education, teachers’ spirituality development and other issues. They prayed that they would do their best in school mission by following the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

There are 10 Sahmyook elementary schools, 10 middle and high schools, and 2 universities in Korea, and about 60 chaplains participate in school mission.



KUC chaplains of Adventist schools discuss the agenda.





New church building of the Shaoguan Adventist Church in Shaoguan City, Guangdong, China

## CHUM Shaoguan Adventist Church Dedicates Its New Sanctuary

On April 27, 2014, the Adventists in Shaoguan City, Guangdong Province, China, dedicated their newly built sanctuary in a joyful ceremony. Representatives from the Chinese Union Mission, church leaders from different parts of China, and local officials that are in charge of religious affairs from the Shaoguan government came to this occasion.

The construction of the two-story sanctuary began in 2011 and was completed in 2013. The sanctuary can accommodate one thousand worshippers. It is now

the largest Adventist church in Guangdong Province. Representatives from the local Three-self Movement and the Bureau of Religious Affairs spoke, praising Shaoguan Adventists for their positive contribution to society.

On the day of the ceremony, about fifteen hundred people showed up. Knowing that this church started as a small house church, many could not help praising God for His amazing work. The newly dedicated building will certainly help draw many more to Christ.





# NSD-KUC Pilot Pastoral Spouses Training Reports

On Tuesdays from April 8 to July 22, 2014, 25 eager pastoral spouses are meeting at the Korean Union Conference (KUC) office building. Dr. Kim Nami, Sahmyook University professor and licensed counselor, is leading this important Pastoral Spouses Training Pilot Program. It is a time for learning and encouragement focused on mental well-being. Please pray that each participant is blessed in a special way and that this ministry grows. Plans are being developed to record the presentations in English so that they can be translated into the languages of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) mission territory.



**Lynn Ripley**  
NSD Shepherdess Coordinator

**Dr. Kang SoonKi, KUC**  
Shepherdess International coordinator

“The class attendance has been outstanding, and the participants are very satisfied. Dr. Kim is doing a very good job teaching. The elected class leaders are very organized. They make sure that everything is well done. They are very encouraging when they communicate with me. Please continually pray for this initiative for pastoral spouses.”

**Dr. Kim Nami, class teacher, professor, licensed counselor, and pastoral spouse**

“The program for pastors’ wives is going very well. Most participants attend regularly (some have to be absent at times because of sick children or conflicting church schedules). As time goes by, the participants have begun to mingle together. Their faces are getting brighter. Some of them comment that they are happy to come to this program and that attending it is changing their lives. I also enjoy teaching them. I am especially happy to read their weekly journals where they express their thankfulness, kind encouragement, and positive remarks for family, friends, and church members.”

**Lynn Ripley, NSD Shepherdess**  
International coordinator

“The attendance at the June 10 pastoral spouses training class was still very good with 23 in attendance (and 5 children). The ladies were so joyful! Their interaction during the small group discussion times seemed very warm with friends encouraging each other. Dr. Kim Nami is an excellent teacher and mentor for the pastors’ spouses. Yoo Eun Joo and Kim Mi Sun have been faithful, organized leaders for the ladies.”



1. Dr. Kim Nami teaching pastoral spouses
2. Pastoral spouses training class June 10
3. Dr. Kim Nami answering questions for pastoral spouse students



# CHUM *A Memorable Visit to Sabah, Malaysia*

By Mok Ka Kuan

We, the Invisible Team, aiming to witness for God through music, came together as a ministry in 2012 at Taiwo Gospel Hall, Hong Kong. Last November, we had the vision to take our service to a faraway place, and the Adventist Church in Sabah, Malaysia, invited us for a visit.

We raised funds for our trip while performing at different churches in Hong Kong. Finally, eight of us, out of a total of ten members, were able to embark on this mission trip on April 17, 2014.

The local church welcomed us and provided lodging at a kindergarten. The next morning, two sisters, Mandy and Belinda, took us to see the local attractions. We were able to get better acquainted along the

way. We were also diligent about preparing for our music services. In the afternoon we held our rehearsals.

Our first concert took place at Xia Nan Nan Church. To our surprise, the local custom requires those who enter the sanctuary to leave their shoes outside. It was certainly a different but refreshing experience to perform on stage with no shoes on.

Our music program was titled "Walk with us to Emmaus." Remember how Jesus comforted the two discouraged disciples on the way to Emmaus (see Luke 24)? The story through music reminded our audience that God is always with us even during our most difficult times. At the end of the concert, every member stood up and joined the moment of dedication with a burning



Above: The Invisible Team, a singing group from Hong Kong holds a concert at Sabah Luoyang Church.

Below: The team visits Luoyang Church member Josephine (front center).



The Invisible Team members in front of the Tadika San Yuk building

candle in hand. The sight was incredibly emotional. We could tell that our message had been accepted.

Malaysia is an Islamic country. It is not easy to share the Bible with native Malaysian children who are enrolled in our Adventist kindergarten during regular school hours. However, whenever possible, the Adventist staff invite the children to listen to Bible stories or to learn Christian songs. While we were there, we spent a Monday playing with these children, telling them Bible stories and teaching them new songs. They had a wonderful time! We pray that the little seeds that we sowed will continue to grow in their young hearts.

Seven memorable days passed by quickly. We had bonded with the local Adventists, and it was really hard to say goodbye. We are thankful to God that He brought us to beautiful Sabah. We wait for the day that we can meet these lovely brothers and sisters again.



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## *The Faith to Face All*

### Yoshifumi Masuda: A Christian Who Relates to People Individually



Yoshifumi Masuda and his family

**Y**oshifumi Masuda, from Kagoshima, works as a lawyer in Miyazaki. He also serves as the chair of Miyazaki Prefecture Bar Association for Children's Rights and is a member of the Japan Federation of Bar Association for Children's Rights. He first became interested in "faith" when he was a student at a Catholic middle school. He was surprised by the life of the monks, who put "faith" first without getting married.

After he became a student of Waseda University, Masuda met Madoka Tatsumi, whom he later married. She

attended church on Saturdays instead of going to classes or taking exams. Madoka's friends at the university did not understand her faith, for the church was more important to her than classes and exams. However, Masuda, who had been touched by the lives of monks during his middle school days, understood her.

When she was a senior student, one exam was scheduled on Saturday. The professor of the class had never allowed a make-up test, so Madoka did not think she could graduate. Nevertheless, Madoka submitted a letter that explained her "faith." A make-up test was given only that year. After learning of this, all of her friends were surprised at her strong will to keep the "faith" as well as the result of her "faith."

After graduating from university, Masuda studied for the bar examination in his hometown, Kagoshima, and Madoka started helping at the law office of her father, the elder Takao Tatsumi. Later they started courting each other. Then, Masuda got baptized, and they got married. He continued to study while working under Tatsumi.

He studied not only law but also how Tatsumi prayed and shared the word of God with his clients.

At that time, Masuda studied Daniel and Revelation. He learned to follow the Bible at all time. Even now he thinks about why he worships God at Miyakonojo on Sabbath. He believes God led his "faith," and he is supported by his family and his fellow believers. That is why he cannot stop showing appreciation to God.

The work of a lawyer requires making judgments. Masuda prays that he can make the best judgments. Ninety-nine out of a hundred people might blame a person, but a lawyer has to defend the person. Jesus sees, understands, and stands by people individually. Jesus did not die on the cross for the people as "a whole"; instead he died for them individually. After realizing this, Masuda listens to his clients as Jesus listens to prayers.

Masuda always thinks about "what Jesus would do" when he relates to people. He is a Christian, needed in the time of the end when "the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12).

## **CHUM** *Hong Kong Adventists Blessed by Musical Mission Trip*

**R**are gifted in music visited the Adventist church in the city of Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, China. During their stay, they conducted several seminars on vocal training, leading song services, forming a choir, etc. They also participated in a music-exchange evening party and two sessions of worship services through music.

One of the group members, Sister Tsuen from Shatin Church in Hong Kong, was deeply touched by her

experience. She says, "As a third-generation Christian, I felt somewhat ashamed because this was my first mission trip ever in more than twenty years. I was asked to teach some children to sing with sign language, but I really did not feel confident. I prayed that God would help me, and He did. He inspired me to design all the proper moves that matched the lyrics. The children had fun. Their success prompted the local leaders to form their own children's ministry. I was thrilled!"

An Adventist singing group from Hong Kong with the Adventist church members in Nanchang City, China





# KUC *Sahmyook Health University College* *Opens New Building*



The new building of Sahmyook Health University College. SHUC moved their offices, laboratories into the new building and opened a new library and a cafeteria

The new building for Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC), a long-anticipated project, was finally completed. This new building helps students enjoy campus life in a better environment. In addition, there are

Above: A cafeteria reopened inside the building  
Below: The newly opened library



new and various places provided for students and faculty members.

SHUC started to move their offices and laboratories into the new building in late February. On March 10, they held a service, pledging to God to build up the school continuously. Students began their spring semester in the new building, and soon afterwards, the new library opened. A cafeteria reopened on March 17-18, and two days later, a campus café commenced for the first time in school history.

Not only is the new building complete, last winter, the school hewed a path through “Eden Park,” ensuring students’ safe commute. Also, they performed road maintenance around the campus.

The new building and environmental improvements had a great appeal to students and the faculty. It was not unusual for a group of students to take a campus tour on their own.

“Our dream turned into reality. I hope this new building will be not just a mass of concrete that nobody cares about but a channel of God’s blessings through which we give thanks and honor to our God,” said Kim GwangGyu, SHUC president.



## CHUM

## Train Them Now!

The Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) and the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) organized a seminar on March 22, 2014, so that members in Hong Kong and Macao could learn how to carry out personal Bible studies with the DVD set developed by the Adventist Laymen's Service and Industries (ASI). More than 260 Adventists attended the seminar.

ASI members are Adventist lay people from all walks of life. They developed The New Beginnings DVD set in 2000 in order to empower Adventist laity to do evangelism at home. The set has been translated into many languages, and the Chinese version was completed in 2002. Because of the user-friendliness of the set, it has worked marvels and brought millions of people to Christ.

The General Conference has been working on its "Tell the World" initiative and has called on each active member to lead at least one person to Christ in the next five years. In order to reach this goal, HKMC gladly invited ASI representatives to hold a seminar in its territory.

Two ASI vice presidents, Norman Reitz and Denzil McNeilus, came to the seminar to share their secrets and success in personal evangelism. They showed the



Pastor Vincent Chia (director of Sabbath School/ Personal Ministries Department of the HKMC) and his wife

audience how to invite their neighbors for Bible studies at home and how to organize the activities. Their practical advice inspired the participants.

CHUM and HKMC believe that providing adequate training will allow more and more Adventists in the territory to actively and effectively witness for the Lord.

## CHUM

## HKMC Retreats for Re-training



Above: Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng speaks to the HKMC staff during the event. Below: HKMC workers formed a big HKMC logo by placing their iPads together.

The Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) held its annual staff retreat from March 24 to 26, 2014, in the city of Dongguan, Guangdong Province, China. The theme for this year's retreat was "Improve Me." The goal was to improve every worker's evangelistic and pastoral abilities as well as to enjoy fellowship.

Three speakers, Maria Wong, Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, and Pastor Alphon Fung, shared their insights and experiences. Maria Wong, a successful entrepreneur, used some key principles from the business world to illustrate the methods that could be developed for evangelism. From a laity's perspective, she encouraged HKMC staff to meet their challenges with positive attitudes.

Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, director of the mission department at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, talked about urban evangelism. He spoke of the significance, the principles and the methods of urban evangelism. His extensive experiences in holding evangelistic meetings in many cities inspired his audience as HKMC was going to hold a city-wide evangelism in Hong Kong this coming October.

At the close of the retreat, HKMC workers took out their iPads, to which they had downloaded pre-assigned sections of the HKMC logo. Working together by placing the devices together, they formed a giant HKMC logo to symbolize their willingness to work together for the Lord.



CHUM

# Pathfinder Basic Staff Training in Guangdong, China



A local Chinese pastor salutes wearing the Pathfinder's uniform.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Youth Ministries Department implemented a Pathfinder Basic Staff Training Course (BSTC) at the request of the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) Youth Ministries Department for sixty youth leaders from the southern part of China.

The BSTC program is a follow-up program after CHUM youth director, Ernest Kao, attended the 2012 NSD Pathfinder Camporee. The purpose of this program is to spread the Pathfinder program in mainland China. Therefore, this training was planned for youth leaders in the southern area of China followed by those in Beijing

and in northeastern China (Shenyang).

Four representatives from West Central Korean Conference Pathfinder Leaders Association (President: Pastor Lee KiHo) participated in the BSTC program as speakers. They delivered seminars on the subjects of "History, Philosophy and Purpose of Pathfinders," "Club Leadership," and "Club Organization" for the theory education and "Closer-order Drill and Ceremony" and "Camping and Outdoor Education" for the outdoor education. The speakers impressed the participants with stories based on their abundant experience and knowledge. As a result, fifty-eight youth leaders completed the BSTC course and participated in the pin conferment ceremony. Also, the appointment ceremony for Pastor Jeong, SeongCheol, as the coordinator took place.

Pastor Kim NakHyung (NSD youth director), who supervised this training program, gave a special lecture on "NSD Youth Vision 2020," an appeal to nurture more youth leaders. He said that he hopes that a Chinese Pathfinder Camporee will be held in the near future. In addition, he shared the vision of Division-wide Youth Leaders Congress (February 11-14, 2015, Taiwan) and the second NSD Pathfinder Camporee (2017, Taiwan).



Kim NakHyung  
NSD Youth Director



The Pathfinder Basic Staff Training Course participants from the southern part of China





"Bissori" singing group members praise God using sign language.



Some members of the team "Gloria"

## KUC SHUC Hosts Second Nationwide Vocal Ensemble Contest

Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) held the second nationwide vocal ensemble contest on May 25, 2014. The competition was supported by youth ministry departments of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (Director: Kim NakHyung), Korean Union Conference (Director: Choi HoYoung), East Central Korean Conference (Director: Yeom KiYoung), and West Central Korean Conference (Director: Oh BeomSuck). About 400 people, including 27 teams with 113 members who participated as competitors, attended the contest. The participants were placed into four categories: middle school students, high school students, university students and adults, and professional small choirs. All of the competitors had prepared diligently for this event, and they did their best to give a great performance.

There were some teams that attracted people's attention. Team "Who are they? We are Harmony" and team "Chesed"

came from a long distance away, from Gangwon Province and Jeolla Province, respectively.

The team "Bissori" was from SDA Seven Lights Church for the deaf, and some of the team members had a hearing disorder. The harmony between disabled and non-disabled using sign language moved the audience deeply.

All members of team "Gloria" were in their 50s and 60s. Even though they were not musically perfect, their song reflected their own lives, bringing tears to the eyes of the audience.

For this competition, SHUC prepared high quality stage set and audio equipment. This will boost the standard of choir competitions in the Korean SDA Church. Some people were triumphant while others felt some regret about not winning. However, it definitely was a wonderful event for both the competitors and the audience.



SHUC students clean up cigarette butts.

Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) launched the "2014 Antismoking Campaign" on April 2, 2014. This campaign aims to improve the health of professors, faculty, and students, going along with the educational

## KUC SHUC Launches an ANTISMOKING Campaign

ideals of SHUC. "Antismoking Campaign Assistants" will help to execute this campaign through regular activities, such as cleaning up cigarette butts littering school campus and distributing campaign materials. SHUC also established an antismoking scholarship program. Students who decide to stop smoking and are successful can receive a scholarship. If students are unable to quit smoking, they can apply for the program again. Last year, 17 out of 29 applicants eventually received the scholarship. The school indicated their hope that this campaign and scholarship program will help their students to quit smoking and to be much healthier as well as keep the campus clean.

# NSD **NSD Week of Spiritual Emphasis**

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) office family had the special joy of precious time in God's Word during its 2014 Week of Spiritual Emphasis. The speaker, Dr. Ella Smith Simmons, general vice president of the General Conference, shared motivating messages from the book of James.

Beginning with James chapter 1 on Monday, Dr. Simmons invited us to be aligned with God and to focus on His mission. On Tuesday, May 2, the message from James 2 compelled us to action in active witness. James 3 encouraged us to be accountable to each other for encouragement and correction. On Thursday, Dr. Simmons shared from James 4 about achievement in our witness through complete surrender to God and His purposes. On Friday, we concluded our study with James 5 by remembering that we are awaiting the second coming. This joy is our hope in suffering and courage for ministry.

After each message, we bowed for united prayer mentioning each part of the NSD mission territory and asking God to multiply our fruitfulness in mission for His kingdom. As we sang our theme song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," we felt renewed spiritual commitment and courage to serve God in our NSD mission territory.

We want to thank Dr. Simmons and her husband, Nord, for coming to Korea to give us such a blessing.



Above: Dr. Ella Simmons, GC vice president, shares an inspiring message with NSD staff. Below: Dr. David Ripley (right), NSD ministerial secretary, and Pastor Lynn Ripley (left)

We also thank the In-House Revival and Reformation Committee members for their careful preparations. We also appreciate the NSD office family members who shared beautiful messages in music to prepare our hearts for the messages from God's Word.



**David Ripley**  
NSD Ministerial Association Director



Group photo of NSD leaders and staff with Dr. Ella Simmons and her husband



## TWC



Pastor David Ripley teaches LEAD.



The LEAD group participates in discussion.



Pingtung LEAD pastors group

## Taiwan Conference Hosts LEAD Cohort in *Taipei and Pingtung*

By Lynn Ripley - NSD Shepherdess Coordinator

The gathering was focused and joyful. Pastors and leaders from the northern and southern areas of Taiwan Conference met for the LEAD (Leading Enthusiastic Active Disciples) Cohort to refocus on mission in their communities. The first group met May 26-27, 2014, at the Taipei Hospital Church, and the next group met May 28-29 at Pingtung Central Church. On the first day, the schedule included leadership training with pastors and their leaders. Only the pastors met on the second day. It was a time of reporting on church growth activities, honest sharing on challenges that were being faced, and shared problem solving. The meetings concluded with a season of prayer asking that God bless each church, the pastors and leaders. Strong petitions were made that each church would be anointed for great strength and fruitfulness in its mission. Taiwan Conference ministerial directors Raymond Ke and Peter Lin coordinated the meetings.

The LEAD Cohort focuses on ongoing training support for pastors and their leaders as they use the tools they

learned from the three LEAD modules. The first LEAD module helped pastors reclaim God's calling to courageous pastoral ministry. The second LEAD module defined Mission and Vision and what it means to have a discipleship culture in the church. The third LEAD module was a seminar on worship ministry and practical organizational skills for effective Sabbath morning ministry.

The goal of LEAD is to encourage pastors as they lead out in changing their church culture to one of active witness by all the members. David Ripley, NSD ministerial secretary, and Lynn Ripley, NSD assistant ministerial secretary, facilitate this group time. A pastor cannot move the church to growth by himself/herself. The local leaders and the whole church family must join as a community of disciples to fulfill what God has asked them to do. Then the local church will become a center of revival, reformation, discipleship, and evangelism. The next LEAD Cohort meeting will be in early October 2014.

KUC

## *ECKC and WCKC Hold Seminars for Elders and Their Spouses*



ECKC's seminar for elders and spouses in Pyeongchang Phoenix Park

The East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) and the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) held seminars for elders and their spouses from April 19 to 20, 2014, in Pyeongchang Phoenix Park and Gyeonggi English Village Yangpyeong Camp, respectively. There were 400 participants in the ECKC seminar and 450 in the WCKC seminar.

In the ECKC seminar, Cho DaeYeon, the principal of Dongsung Academy, gave a special lecture on “servant

leadership.” He said, “One of the things that Jesus’ disciples could not throw out was ambition for self-exaltation.” He cited the words of Jesus in Matthew, “Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant,” underlining where true leadership comes from.

After the lecture, Pastor Lee KyungWoo led the discussion on the topic of “The present and future of ECKC” and the general council.

In the meantime, WCKC participants had an intensive course of lectures under the theme of “What is important?” Pastor Lim BongGyung, director of Mission Strategy and Research Center, talked about why the church suffers from spiritual and missionary stagnation referencing the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. He pointed out that regionalism and factionalism seriously disrupt unity in our church as racial discrimination and prejudice did among Samaria, Judea and Galilee. At the devotional service, Pastor Choi YoungKyu, WCKC president, stated, “Our society urges us to claim our rights, but God tells us to give them up. Let us put ourselves aside and focus on the work for God.”

## *KUC Special Seminar for Ministers: Prayer and the Holy Spirit*

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) conducted the “2014 Special Seminar for Ministers” at the Adventist Training Center in Wonju, South Korea, from April 6 to 11, 2014. More than a hundred ministers from conferences and institutions all over the country attended this seminar on the topic of “Prayer and the Holy Spirit.” Attendees were deeply touched by lectures, testimonies, and case presentations by pastors and lay preachers.

Pastor Park SungHa, director of the Adventist Training Center, gave a lecture on evangelism led by prayer and the Holy Spirit, saying, “Prayer is the only way to communicate with God. It is the channel for the joy of heaven. If we are filled with the Spirit, we cannot but preach the Gospel with courage, and this could lead to the revival of the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church.”

Pastor Kang SoonGi, director of KUC Sabbath school and personal ministries department, lectured on the training of lay people. “The major force of church revival is not a particular method but people. Lay people are the ones who carry out mission work, and they are very important these days. The church needs to build up the foundation on which they do their mission work.”

Pastor Kim DaeSung, KUC president, urged upon attendees



Korean pastors attentively listen to the message rendered.

the importance of mission through his lectures entitled “SDA Church’s Mission and Seed-sowing Evangelism.” He indicated three keys to successful missionaries: concern, prayer, and sacrifice. Later, the attendees had a small group discussion on various topics, including what it means to receive the latter rain and what that would mean to the church or how the church can have true Christian unity. It was a meaningful experience to share opinions and views about spiritual restoration and the revival of evangelism.



## JUC *Cooking Leads to* **BIBLE STUDIES**

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

Two years ago, Asakawa Chizuko from Chiba Church attended a seminar run by Women's Ministries of Japan where Dr. Sally Phoon urged the members to reach out to their communities as Jesus would. After returning home, Chizuko felt the Holy Spirit nudging her toward action, and she responded.

Chizuko spoke to her pastor, Pastor Shoji, and he suggested that she could serve by meeting a real need—providing lunches for the Shalom Nursing Home. With a prayer in her heart, she engaged two unbelievers to join her in this venture. The meals were a hit with the nursing home residents as Chizuko used her creativity to provide interesting meals.

After this initial effort, she also started vegetarian classes. Her focus was evangelism by inviting grandparents, children and families, especially non-believers, to be a part of the group. When she needed a soba professional, she engaged two unbelieving husbands of women in her church. Bread and sushi experts who were non-Christians were also engaged. Their involvement with the cooking classes



Asakawa Chizuko with Sally Phoon

helped to deepen their friendships with the Chiba Church members. Her own husband also volunteered to deliver the meals to the nursing home.

Over the course of the two years, these cooking classes have led to nine people who have become interested in having Bible studies with the pastor. The group is growing, and grandparents and children are also joining in on the fun on weekends. Chizuko certainly looks forward to fishing for potential souls as she continues to work in the church kitchen. Let's join her in praying for the growth of Chiba Church!

## CHUM

### **HKMC Youth Week of Prayer Focuses on the Kingdom of God**

Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) held their Youth Week of Prayer from March 15 to 22, 2014, focusing on the theme "The Kingdom of God." By studying the teachings of Christ, various speakers and the leaders from the HKMC youth department led their young audience to ponder about what the Kingdom of God means to them in the 21st century and what they need to do in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

To provide opportunities for the young people to pray

together, Pastor Alphon Fung, director of the youth department at HKMC, along with his assistants traveled to four locations on three days holding prayer meetings. The participants spent an hour in small groups praying earnestly.

The prayers focused on BLESS (Body, Labor, Emotional, Social, Spiritual) to cover every aspect of life. Many young people said that they were drawn closer to God's Kingdom during the eight days of prayers.



A youth group in HKMC holding an AY flag





## KUC MFSC Families Go on Seoul TOUR

The Multi-cultural Family Service Center (MFSC) took 60 migrants and staff of Shinhan Bank (chief of Gyeong-Su headquarters: Choi Gi-han) on a tour of Seoul on May 31, 2014. This was superintended by Community Chest of Korea as part of the Multi-cultural Bear-Fruit Project between domestic communities and immigrants, sponsored by Shinhan Bank. This project focuses on close fellowship between leaders of local communities and multi-cultural families to strengthen the bond within the multi-cultural social network. During this Seoul tour, they

visited Gyeongbok Palace, Namsangol Hanok Village and N Seoul Tower. It was a wonderful time for them to learn about Korean culture and experience it with their own eyes.

According to Pastor Kim YoungSoo, director of MFSC, “We want to put more effort into scaling up this kind of multi-cultural program to help immigrants to have positive impressions about Korea so that local communities and multi-cultural families can live together.”

## KUC Save Baby Artem

A baby named Kim Artem was born in May 2012 to Russian and Korean parents. He is now 25 months old but weighs only 9.2 kilograms (20.3 pounds). Even the doctors were surprised by his malnutrition. His mother is implicated in a criminal case and is living in a detention center. The baby has been left without his mother and cared for by several friends of his mother and moved around.

When an acquaintance discovered him in a small room staying with several men who were smoking and drinking, Kim Artem was already suffering from malnutrition. His biological father had just arrived from Uzbekistan, and due to the difficulties of job seeking, he couldn't afford the rent, so they were kicked out by the landlord. The baby was entrusted to a 24-hour daycare center, but he was infected with a communicable disease and could not get proper treatment. Kim Artem suffered with a high fever for almost a month.

When the father discovered that the baby was having difficulty breathing, he finally took the baby to the Multi-



Mrs. Yoon SunHee, MFSC director's wife, and Mrs. Yoon HyoJin, associate director's wife, care for Kim Artem.

cultural Family Service Center for help. According to the result of an X-ray examination at Ansan Danwon Hospital, the baby had a serious infection inside his lung. The doctor decided on an urgent transfer to a superior medical facility, so they took him to the emergency room of Aju University Hospital. Kim Artem's left lung was seriously dysfunctional because of an infection, and he has been hospitalized until now. Your tender heart and prayer could save a neglected baby from apathy.



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## Promoting Happiness in the Homes



The Descendants singers praise God during the event.

The Family Ministries Department of Mongolia Mission through its departmental director, Cleidi Kuhn, organized a week of prayer from May 10 to 17, 2014, at Ulaanbaatar SDA Central Church. All the neighboring Adventist churches within the capital city participated in the annual event. The attendance at the

nightly meetings was around one hundred fifty people, and this number doubled during the Sabbath programs.

This year, Dr. Kim Nami, who is an associate professor at Sahmyook University and a marriage and family counselling specialist, together with her spouse, Pastor Yun Hansoo, associate pastor of Seoul SDA English Institute Church, served as the speakers. The theme of their lectures centered on "Rainbow Happiness for the Family" where they talked about joy, gratefulness, love, forgiveness, kindness, service and Jesus in the family.

In addition, Drs. Josue and Eveling Orellana from Bolivia, with another couple, Jorge and Estela Silva from Portugal, who currently work for ADRA Mongolia, gave lectures on parenting and child discipline during the two Sabbath afternoons. With God's help, the week of prayer was another success. It is hoped and prayed that the families who attended the meetings will promote happiness in their homes and in the communities where they live and that, by the grace of God, they will all strive to have Jesus as the center of their family.

## Young Adventist Musicians Receive Worldwide Praise

Young Adventist musicians, conductor Sung ShiYeon, violinist Oh JooYoung, and tenor Kang Yosep, are active on stage both at home and abroad, attracting attention from the classical music scene. Their world-class talents fascinate both critics and audiences.

On March 27, 2014, Sung ShiYeon conducted the Gyeonggi Philharmonic Orchestra in performing Mahler's Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection" at the Seoul Arts Center. The concert received great compliments from the press and critics. In January 2014, Sung ShiYeon was chosen as the first female chief conductor as well as the first female music director of a Korean public orchestra. At the Gyeonggi Philharmonic Orchestra concert, which was her debut as a conductor, she displayed her capability to the fullest. The press stated that the debut concert, which was held three months after Sung ShiYeon was appointed to the position, was amazingly successful and that she proved that the podium is no longer a "men-only" field.

On April 19, 2014, New York Philharmonic Orchestra



Tenor Kang Yosep



Conductor Sung ShiYeon

violinist Oh JooYoung had a recital in New York at Zankel Hall, the newest of Carnegie Hall's three auditoriums. As he had already given concerts at Weil Recital Hall and Stern Auditorium, he was named one of the musicians who had performed in all three auditoriums. Oh JooYoung is well known for his techniques and outstanding musicality, but he also has a reputation as a warm-hearted violinist who touches audiences deeply. World famous maestro Zubin Mehta once proclaimed, "Oh has something absolutely special, and his future is truly bright."

Tenor Kang Yosep, who is regarded as one of the world's leading classical singers, was invited to the City of London Festival (COLF), one of England's three major music festivals, with Maestro Chung MyungWhun. He will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Chung MyungWhun. London will be enraptured by the melody flowing from him on the night of the festival.



# 2014 HisHands Mission Training

## In Yanji

The Yanji Chinese Church in China invited Pastor Han SukHee, communication director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), for their second HisHands seminar, which was held June 13 to 14, 2014. It was a time to review last year's HisHands activities and to reaffirm their dedication to the movement. What made the Sabbath even more meaningful was a baptismal ceremony for two precious people. After studying the Bible, they had decided to become new souls in Christ. A special outdoor meeting was planned for the baptismal service, and the weather turned out to be beautiful for the event. The two baptismal candidates had attended the church for about a year through activities offered by HisHands missionaries.

The church is very active and energetic in mission work. There are five more baptismal candidates and twenty other interests who regularly have contact with HisHands missionaries. "As athletes, in a slump, return to their best by going back to the basics, the HisHands Mission Movement preaches the gospel in pairs, which is the basic foundation of mission work," said Pastor Han. "I was very excited to see that the mission spirit of church members was reinforced and that the soul-winning work of the church is growing through the exemplary activities of the HisHands missionaries."

The Yanji Chinese Church initiated the 120-member HisHands missionary project in June last year, and it is striving to make the movement more real and stable under the supervision of the NSD and the Chinese Union Mission.



1. The Yanji Chinese Church's HisHands missionaries
2. Pastor Han SukHee (right) gives an encouraging message
3. Group picture of the Yanji Chinese church



Above: The Osaka East Church's HisHands missionaries  
Below: Ready to go out for door-to-door visitation

## In Osaka

Osaka Central Church and East Church had HisHands training sessions from April 11 to 13, 2014. Pastor Norihiko Hanada, personal ministries director of Japan Union Conference (JUC), Pastor Hiroshi Yamaji, JUC HisHands coordinator, Elder Yoshio Ikeda, JUC publishing ministries director as well as Pastor Han SukHee, HisHands coordinator of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), were invited as speakers. The training was especially meaningful because it was a part of the West Japan Conference's Osaka 14—Big City Evangelism Project. Pastor Han SukHee, the main speaker, inspired the attendees with the HisHands mission spirit and relationship-based evangelism of Jesus. Pastor Yamaji taught attendees how to care for long-term absentees while Pastor Hanada talked about the team ministry of HisHands missionaries and church pastors. Elder Ikeda gave a lecture on door-to-door visitation.

Participants also went out for door-to-door visitation in pairs to implement what they had learned during the training. After the experience, they said that visiting houses in teams of two was a more interesting and meaningful experience than they had expected, and they pledged to continuously work to accomplish the mission given to them.



As the main speaker, Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, spoke three times on "People With Hope."



HisHands missionaries get a foot massage certificate with healing service.

## Lively HisHands Missionaries in *Chungju Mokhaeng Church*

From June 21 to 22, 2014, the Middlewest Korean Conference (MWKC) held a special mission revival meeting at Chungju Mokhaeng Church to encourage and support local churches in Chungju City as they participate in active mission work through HisHands missionaries.

The main speaker, Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) president, spoke three times on the topic, "People With Hope." Urging spiritual rearmament, he stated, "God has called each one of us to be a missionary in whatever position, environment, and relations we hold. We can be family missionaries who evangelize our family, friends, and neighbors in the place where we live even if we cannot go abroad for mission work. This is the spirit of the HisHands Mission Movement and that of Mission First." For this special meeting, three churches in Chungju City – Chungju Church, Chungju Mokhaeng Church, and West Chungju Church – gathered together. Attendees recognized the necessity of the HisHands

Mission Movement and applied to join the movement.

The HisHands missionaries in Chungju Mokhaeng Church are working very hard for soul-winning. They obtained foot massage certificates in order to provide healing service, which is a systematic and effective way of mission. The church is also getting good results in children's ministries by integrating HisHands into Pathfinder Club activities in order to foster the mission spirit of children from their childhood. Chungju Mokhaeng Church, which was chosen as a HisHands model church, will continue to focus on mission work as HisHands under the supervision of MWKC and NSD.



Han SukHee  
NSD Communication Director



HisHands missionaries in Chungju Mokhaeng Church are working hard for soul-winning.



# Spiritual Retreat

# REDEFINED:

A retreat for 1000MM missionaries assigned in Korea

By definition, a spiritual retreat is a time spent away from normal life for the purpose of reconnecting with God, usually through prayer. However, for the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionaries, it is that and a lot more.

The spiritual retreat means different things to everyone, and it serves each of them in different ways. For the emotionally drained and stressed out, it is a source of relief. For the lonely, it is comfort. For the confused, it is God's way to find the answer. For the strong, it is an opportunity to inspire. For the lost (yes, missionaries can get lost too), it is a way back. For the discouraged, it brings out inspiration. For the struggling, it is God's way of giving strength. For the happy, it is a celebration.

For all of them, it is a special communion with God, a rekindling of the mission spirit, a spiritual resurgence, a grand reunion with friends and fellow workers, and a celebration of God's love and faithfulness. The most recent spiritual retreat was themed "In Harmony with Christ," emphasizing what is to be the goal of every Christian, more so to these young workers—to be like Christ.

## Pre-retreat

The intensifying excitement within the missionary

community was quite palpable as the retreat drew closer. While they were preparing themselves for the event, the officers and program coordinators, headed by the Chosen Vessel (CV)\* president, Ms. Darlyn Mae Gupit, were busy planning and brainstorming to create meaningful programs and activities that would meet the needs of every missionary.

## Finally!

Excitements turned into smiles, handshakes, hugs and laughter as friends and batchmates, separated by their calling were once again reunited. For Vespers, the missionaries came in black and white which sparked a feeling of nostalgia as it was the customary Friday night dress code on the 1000MM campus during their training. However, that nostalgia was overshadowed by a feeling of inexpressible joy for finally, after several months, they were now in a worship service where they could understand everything. It was like a spiritual drop of rain to a thirsty soul, and how thirst-quenching that drop was!

The songs presented by missionaries from each conference were a great expression of reverence, awe and gratitude to the Master. In the message that followed, Pastor Algier Ravelo spoke about Matthew 5:3-12. He emphasized that the popular concept of being "blessed"





as having the comfort and pleasure brought about by tangible elements of this materialistic world is different from what the Bible teaches. He further pointed out that having more material things should make us feel grateful and burdened at the same time for it means that God has put on our shoulders a greater moral responsibility for us to share.

The enlightening message prepared their hearts for the foot washing and communion service, which wrapped up the Sabbath evening worship.

### The Sabbath

The coldness of the dawn of the beautiful Sabbath was welcomed by the missionaries with songs and prayer. Then followed a reflective group discussion about how to be in harmony with Christ. They studied Christ's character traits and how they measured up to Him. They fell short, but it did not leave them hopeless, for the Bible taught them that by knowing Jesus Christ more by studying His Word and by constantly beholding Him, they could become more and more like Him, yet not by their own effort but by the grace of the loving God.

The rest of the Sabbath morning, with all the beautiful music, lesson discussion, Revelation presentation and an inspiring message by Pastor Choi HoYoung, was a worship celebration for Jesus Christ as the mighty Creator, merciful Father, faithful Friend, loving Savior and precious Redeemer who holds the victory over the evil one.

Sabbath afternoon programs and activities were light, fun, enlightening and soul uplifting. The Mini-Golden Bell tested their knowledge about the mind-boggling, image-filled book of Revelation. The Haiku making tapped their poetic and creative side. The sundown service message by Clarence Hodges reminded them that God still does miracles as He did with Elisha and the floating ax. "God did it before, and He can do it now, for He is the same powerful God," he concluded. Ingge Ross's lecture about love and marriage was like a red cherry on a flavorful ice cream cake because for missionaries, matters of the heart matter, too.

### The Youthful Side

As darkness set in, the youthful energy rose as it was time for fun games, entertaining performances and well-prepared and delightful food. It was recreation at its best. Everybody had fun. Then it was time to rest, but no, not when they had only a little time left to catch up on what they had missed while they were in their mission fields. Thus, the fun continued in their respective rooms as they took advantage of their remaining moments together.

### Parting Time

Indeed, time flew quickly, and the day for them to part ways soon arrived. They began the day with God Time just before the breaking of the dawn, for what could be



Above: A group of 1000MM missionaries dressed like angels memorize Bible verses of Revelation.

Below: Missionaries share God's word during the God Time.

a better way to start the day than to spend time with God especially while anticipating a separation from friends? They dealt with the topic of how to know that our decisions and choices are in harmony with God's will for us, and through Scripture, they found answers during their group discussion.

Some meaningful closing rituals followed, such as the turning over of the key of responsibility which was willingly received by the new CV president, Mr. Geneses Emerson Buhia; the final messages from the participating pastors, Pastor Algier Ravelo, Pastor Choi HoYoung and Pastor Lee EunSup; and special prayers for the new set of officers. When they sang the theme song together for the last time, tears flowed as they felt every word and every line. It is a song of praise, thanksgiving, supplication, inspiration and hope. Composed by one of the missionaries, it is a song that captures the tune of every missionary's heartbeat.





1000MM missionaries chant during the spiritual retreat

**In Harmony with the Heartbeat of Christ**

I can still recall the day  
 when I heard your quiet whisper  
 Telling me to go where you would lead me  
 I thank you Lord for calling me,  
 for guiding me each day  
 I praise you Lord for choosing me,  
 but please teach me the way

**Chorus:**

I thank You Lord for making me your instrument  
 Work on me Lord and use me for Thy cause  
 Let every string of my life play the music of Your love  
 And may the beating of my heart  
 Be in harmony with the heartbeat of Christ

As I walk along the way  
 I can see more souls are straying

They need someone to show them the way  
 So help me Lord and bless me that every word I utter  
 And everything I do, will lead them back to You

There are times the way gets dark  
 and I slip and fall and falter  
 My heart gets hurt and bruised and badly broken  
 But thank You Lord for through the rain  
 I still hear your music playing  
 I praise you Lord for through the pain,  
 I feel your gentle healing

**Bridge:**

I know when the time is right You'll come to take us  
 And forever we will sing, the sweetest melody,  
 in perfect harmony  
 For the glory of our Mighty King

Finally, after they shouted the well-loved missionary chant, they knew it was time to say goodbye. The retreat was just a short time, but it was filled with lessons, meaningful memories, and special moments with fellow workers and with God. Their hearts were yearning for more, but they had to go on with the mission, this

time with more passion, a rekindled spirit and a closer relationship with the One who called them, Jesus Christ the Savior.

\*The Chosen Vessel (CV) is the collective name of the 1000MM missionaries assigned in Korea.



# 1000 Missionary Movement Board Meeting

By Lee EunSeop - Assistant Director of 1000MM

The 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), which is bannered as “The Greatest Challenge of the New Millennium,” is finishing preparations for a great leap forward. The 1000MM board meeting was held on the 1000MM campus in the Philippines, on May 7, 2014, chaired by Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. During the director’s report, Pastor Shin DongHee, the new director of 1000MM, presented a large-scale innovation for the 1000MM, referring to the motto of Lee Kun-Hee, the chairman of Samsung Group, “Change everything except your wife and kids.” Pastor Shin emphasized the need for a missionary-centered campus, which could be achieved through an increase in missionaries’ stipends as well as a high level of training and management. He also announced other new plans, such as vitalizing the Children Missionary Movement (CMM) to foster the younger generation and sending the children of previous missionaries as 1000MM missionaries. Introducing the enthusiastic work of two missionaries from the 43rd 1000MM dispatch, Kim



Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president (left), and Dr. Shin DongHee, 1000MM director (right)

JeongHwa, age 59, and Wena, age 61, Pastor Shin pointed out that there are no limitations, such as age, for the work for God. He also reiterated the goal of sending 1000 missionaries each year.

## *Evangelistic Meeting in Taiwan Beitun Church*

By Kim NakHyung - NSD Youth Director

Taiwan Beitun Church (ministered by PMM Pastor Jang ImCheol) held an evangelistic meeting with Pastor Kim NakHyung and the Golden Angels under the theme of “Bible Tells” from April 4 to 12, 2014. The Golden Angels gave free concerts in apartment buildings, university areas, elementary schools and nursing homes in order to attract people to church. More than 40 people, including around 15 visitors, attended the meetings every day. Six of them decided to accept Jesus as their personal Savior, and three were baptized on Friday, April 11.

Sister Oh Chu Hwa, one of the newly baptized members, was born in a Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) family, but she married a member of another Christian denomination and was away from the SDA church until about 10 years ago. For about one year, she has been attending Beitun Church, which was newly built in March last year. This evangelistic meeting led her to decide to get baptized. Two others who were baptized were her daughter, Oh Ji Rim, and her grandchild, You En Seung.

Beitun church members in Taiwan after an evangelistic series. Three members of one family received baptism after the meeting, and it was such a joyful event.





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# Merciful Father, My God

By Park JaeHyuk - Golden Angels 11



Special concert in the hospital for the patients



Above: Outdoor concert at Chiba International Language Academy  
Below: Golden Angels with Mr. Akira Sugita and his daughter

The Golden Angels 11th group had time to prepare spiritually for our second mission trip to Japan. We were very excited and a little nervous about going to Japan, but we arrived safely at Haneda Airport knowing that God would lead us. We visited many hospitals, schools and nursing homes to spread the gospel in Japan.

Saitama was the first site in Tokyo, and we stayed there from May 12 to 22, 2014, to support the evangelistic project of Saitama 14. Many church members were touched. When we saw their tears, we also cried and were touched because of their tears. We received many blessings in Saitama. Our music concert was advertised on television. Thanks to this, 70 percent of those who attended this evangelistic meeting were non-Christians. We thank God that they heard the gospel through us. We were also really happy to meet elementary school students. We shared God's love, joy and happiness with them in the school chapel.

Here is one story that I really want to share. The story is about the family of Mr. Akira Sugita, who lost his wife. The daughter was an elementary school student at Sahmyook when she met the 10th Golden Angels last





Week of Prayer held in Tachikawa Church

year. She saw them and heard them praising God, and she was touched, and this led to her baptism last March. She graduated from elementary school last year and entered junior high school. A year passed, and the 11th Golden Angels met her and her father. Her father attended the Saitama14 evangelistic meeting and was baptized as a result of the singing ministry of the 11th Golden Angels. We sang for them the songs “We Will Meet Again” and “When the Roll Is Called up Yonder.” We shared how God loves us and how he will carry us. Even though the daughter and father are experiencing suffering, pain and sorrow, they were baptized and saved! Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! He’s alive!

Our second field was Hansin in Okinawa (May 23-25). We supported the Hansin 14 project and shared our merciful God. We visited the hospital to give encouragement and love to the patients, but we ended up being encouraged and loved. We even gave a concert in front of the intensive care unit patients. During the concert, one patient who could not move freely clapped very quietly when we sang. We were really impressed, and the nurses were also surprised and impressed! God never stops giving His mercy. Through His mercy, we’ve

been born again, thrilled again. We’ve also gained more power to spread His gospel.

Our last mission field was Naha in Osaka (May 26-June 2). Supporting Naha 14 was also a really great experience. This area is preparing for a very special mission. There is a singing group like us named “Utamin,” which means “People of Praise.” However, due to their individual work and other reasons, they cannot gather regularly. Pastor Nam Hyung Woo, the Pioneer Mission Movement pastor in Naha Church, Okinawa, decided to make a smart-phone application to unite Okinawa youth. He prepared an evangelistic meeting, and the guest speaker was Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD youth director, who gave a very powerful message to the youth. Through his message, many youth in Okinawa were encouraged. We, the Golden Angels, were really honored to be a part of this project.

As we finish the three-week mission trip, we really thank God for being with us. He never fails, changes or turns back. God really wants to give us His blessings. Let us choose to accept the abundant blessings that God has prepared for us.



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