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This is the Will of God

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The 11th Convention of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) under the theme of "This Is the Will of God" at Del Pino Golf and Resort, Gosung, Gangwon-do, Korea, from September 24 to 27, 2014.



Using Talents for the Master

Reflection on the NSD-ASI Convention 2014

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Adventist Laymen's Service and Industries (ASI) held its 11th triennial convention from September 24 to 27, 2014, in a beautiful mountain resort in Korea. About 200 ASI members came from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and Korea to participate in the convention.

A few years ago, NSD-ASI was organized to serve in the NSD territory. Despite some unfavorable conditions in diversity of language and nationalities of the members, by the grace of God it has steadily grown year by year.

During the convention, ASI members enjoyed fellowship, received spiritual blessings and recommitted their lives to missionary work while working as Adventist laypeople in their respective communities. They were reminded that all their possessions here on earth have been entrusted to them by God to enhance the gospel work. It was wonderful to see the dedicated men and women who are willing to use their resources for the Master's work.

After enumerating the signs of the times in Matthew chapter 25, Jesus gave three parables in the ensuing chapter to tell His followers what to do and how to prepare for the Second Coming of their Master: the Parable of the Ten Virgins for an individual's spiritual preparation; the Parable of the Talents for participation in soul-winning, and the Parable of the Sheep and Goats for unselfish humanitarian service.

"In the Parable of Talents, the 'man' traveling into a far country represents Jesus who was about to depart from the earth to heaven. And the 'servants' represents all followers of Jesus Christ" (*Christ's Object Lessons* [COL] 325-326). The parable emphasizes that God's people should use their God-entrusted talents for His glory. The giver of talents is God. Whatever talents we have, they are from God. Nobody can say I have received too little or I have received too much. God

knows our ability, and He gives us talents according to our ability. "The talents are not apportioned capriciously. He who has ability to use five talents receives five. He who can improve but two, receives two. He who can wisely use only one, receives one" (COL 328).

Our responsibility as God's servants is to faithfully and diligently utilize the talents which are given to us from the Lord. "The talents, however few, are to be put to use. The question that most concerns us is not, How much have I received? but, What am I doing with that which I have?" (COL 329). Rewards and punishment are not given on the basis of the amount of talents we have received, but on the basis of how we have utilized them.

There is not one disciple of Christ who has not received any talents from the Master. "Employed to bless others, his gifts increase. Shut up to self-serving they diminish, and are finally withdrawn. He who refuses to impart that which he has received will at last find that he has nothing to give" (COL 364).

When we use our assets for God's glory and to bless others, we are saving it in the kingdom of God. Jesus advised His followers, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

The NSD-ASI has tremendous potential. When hundreds of Adventist laypeople totally consecrate their lives and God-given talents to the finishing of the gospel work, the Second Coming of the Master will indeed be greatly hastened.

NSD MISSION STATEMENT

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

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The participants of the NSD ASI Convention 2014. This was the 11th convention and the number of attendees was about 200.

The 11th NSD ASI CONVENTION

Teru Fukui
NSD ASI coordinator



The 11th Convention of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) was held at Del Pino Golf and Resort, Gosung, Gangwon-do, Korea, from September 24 to 27, 2014. The venue was one of the most beautiful national parks of Korea.

The main theme of the convention was "This Is the Will of God" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). We had the privilege to have two main guest speakers, Dr. Pardon Mwansa, vice-president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and Pastor Um BoSuk, former president of East Central Korean Conference. The main theme made us contemplate what is really needed in order to focus our minds and hearts on "sharing Christ in the marketplace." Only clear understanding and conviction of what God desires us to do must motivate us to do necessary Christian service in this last age.

Dr. Pardon Mwansa drove home to all of us the necessity of putting Christian faith and love into practical service in our communities. The imminent danger of our perishing world demands Christian love made visible

in everyday life. This is what ASI stands for. We had two other speakers, Dr. Gong ByungHo, a professional Korean economist, who talked about the economical situation and issues in our current world, and Mr. Li (anonymous), the president of ASI in one of the regions of China, who endeavored to build a good network among Adventist business people.

The number of attendees was about 200, including around 30 from China, 10 from Japan, two from Taiwan, and 160 from Korea. We also had strong representatives from each ASI chapter: Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, and China. New officers were elected for the upcoming term of three years, 2014-2017. Twenty-six booths of various kinds, including self-supporting ministries groups, were set up at the Convention Hall during the meeting.

A decision was made to hold a special ASI Officers' Training Seminar to give officers and members an effective orientation to help them envision more powerful projects. The seminar will be held from January 23 to 25, 2015. The venue has not been selected yet. Members of the ASI Board will be informed of the venue at a later date.

In the meantime, NSD ASI president, Mr. Song JongHyun was re-elected for the presidency of the new term. Right after being re-elected, Mr. Song called an ad hoc committee during the convention and proposed to have a new way for promoting ASI projects for evangelism. So far, NSD ASI officers have tried to research needs within our Division and propose projects to help with these needs, but this has not worked very well. Mr. Song's new proposal is to ask each ASI Chapter to introduce self-supporting missionary group projects (recommended by the union) at the ASI Officer's Training Session so that beneficiary projects can be determined in order to appropriate donations. His proposal was well received by the members. Mr. Song also appealed to the attendees for big donations/offerings to accomplish special projects. During the divine worship service on Sabbath, around US\$4,000 in offering were given, and around US\$36,000 in pledges were made. Praise the Lord!

Please send evangelistic projects from the ASI Chapter of each union after receiving a recommendation from your union.

New Board Members and Officers (2014-2017) are as follows;

1. President: Song JongHyun (NSD)
2. Vice President (Total of 5): Oh SooHo (NSD), George Lee (CHUM), Ahn YongHo (KUC ASI), Li Jie (CHUM ASI), Kinjo Tetsuo (JUC ASI)
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Our great appreciation goes to every staff and volunteer who contributed to the success of the convention in many ways, providing helping hands, monetary help, or giving advice.

Let us pray that NSD ASI be a strong force in advancing the mission in the NSD territories before the coming of our dear Lord.



Jaiyong Lee, NSD president (left), and translator (right)



Joo MinHo, assistant to NSD president (left), and Teru Fukui, NSD ASI coordinator (right)



Pardon Mwansa, GC vice-president



Kim DaeSung, KUC president



ASI leaders from each union of NSD territories



Attendees enjoy a special song by the Golden Angels.



Participants could visit various kinds of booths.

UB14

United Spirit and Power

*Mission to the Cities Evangelistic Meetings in
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia*



Fourteen speakers and 20 volunteers from eight countries came to Mongolia to preach the gospel at 14 local churches in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia, for UB14 (Ulaanbaatar14) Mission to the Cities evangelistic meetings in September 2014. UB14 was planned in November 2013 after the Mongolian Mission Annual Council meetings. Kwon JohnHaeng, Mission to the Cities coordinator for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and one of the speakers for UB14, visited Mongolia four times to help with trainings for pastors and lay leaders. The following people also spoke for UB14: Joanne Kim, Guam Academy principal, and Kim YoungSik, treasury staff of Korean Union Conference (KUC), had spent many years as missionaries in Mongolia. Cyrus Shen and Bold Batsukh are secretaries at Taiwan Conference and Mongolia Mission. Robert Folkenberg is Chinese Union Mission president. Josue Orellana is director of ADRA

Mongolia. Cho HuiJung is KUC Literature Ministry Seminary director. Tadaomi Shinmyo is a former NSD communication director and now retired pastor. Kim SeokGon, Kim DukSu, and Jung JaeShin are local pastors. Park KunChoon, Dr. Barbara Choi, and Kwon JohnHaeng are from the division.

Before the arrival of the speakers, under the leadership of Pastor Nyamdavaa, Mission to the Cities coordinator and Adventist Mission director, pastors in Ulaanbaatar did their best together with lay members in training their members, looking for interests, and organizing song service leaders for each church in Ulaanbaatar.

During the meeting dates, the churches were visited by a medical team from Taiwan Adventist Hospital. The team with three physicians, a nurse, and an administrator went around the churches in Ulaanbaatar offering free medical service. They were able to take care of more than 500 patients. Doctors who joined the overseas

1. Newly baptized members with pastors after the UB14 evangelism.
2. UB14 speakers and supporting volunteers including Golden Angels are welcomed by Mongolian brethren.
3. Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng baptizes a new convert.



medical mission trip requested that Pastor Kwon organize another trip in 2015.

On the closing Sabbath morning, 700 members from Ulaanbaatar and the vicinity gathered in the UB Cultural Palace. As Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, spoke for Sabbath worship, he invited all the baptismal candidates to the stage to welcome them to the Remnant Church of God. After lunch, the Golden Angels, a singing group from the NSD; Descendants, a singing group from Mongolian Mission; and Mongolian youth singers gave thanks and glory with their talents.

All the participants traveled to Tyyl River by chartered buses for the baptismal ceremony. Although it was a cold and windy afternoon, everyone was happy because of the abundant blessings from the Lord. That afternoon, 142 precious souls experienced being born again by baptism. Among them, Markus Keizer was the only foreigner from the Netherlands. His wife Belinda was a

born Adventist. For 23 years of their marriage, she had prayed for her husband. The couple had planned for a long trip using their own vehicle from the Netherlands through Central Asia, Mongolia, China, and Southeast Asian countries. Passing through Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, the couple saw an advertisement for UB14 and attended one of the UB14 meetings, which resulted in his decision for baptism. Belinda's long prayer of 23 years was answered.

Mongolia Mission is planning follow-up meetings for newly baptized members. Pastor Elbert Kuhn, president of Mongolian Mission, says, "UB14 is not over; it will be connected to UB15 and on."

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



UB14

Bible Seminar in Erdenet Related to UB14

By Tadaomi Shinmyo - Former NSD communication director and now retired pastor of JUC

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) focused on Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, for evangelism in 2014, and this project was called “UB14.” All unions and attached conferences were requested to cooperate with this special project. Japan Union Conference (JUC) responded and sent an evangelist along with financial aid, US 2,500 dollars, for UB14. As JUC considered a possible evangelist to be sent to Mongolia, they decided to send a retired pastor because it would be difficult for an active pastor to be absent from his mission field while serving overseas for two weeks. Consequently, I was asked to be the speaker of one of the UB14 evangelistic meetings.

Pastor Kwon JohnHaeng, coordinator of UB14, assigned me to be the speaker of the Bible Seminar in Erdenet, the second largest city in Mongolia. It is located in the northwest and is about seven hours by car from Ulaanbaatar. Usually, when I have been requested to be the speaker for evangelistic meetings, I have gone alone. However, this time I asked my wife to go with me, for I was not able to take a team of Japanese lay people as supporters for this special evangelism.

I sent the title of the seminar “Hope of Future, Bible & Prophecy” and the ten topics of the lectures that would be held from September 5 to 13, 2014, to Pastor Ganbadral of Erdenet Church. He and his church members prepared for the Bible Seminar by printing 500 posters and 5,000 handbills for advertisement. When my wife and I walked around downtown, we saw these posters posted here and there.



Below: Pastor Tadaomi Shinmyo and his wife, Mrs. Tomoko Shinmyo, at Erdenet Church
Right: Two children give handbills to people coming across the street.



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Inside Story from UB14: Children's Active Hands

By Tomoko Shinmyo - Who accompanied Pastor Tadaomi Shinmyo
from Japan Union Conference

The seminar meetings were conducted in the evenings in addition to two Sabbath worship services. Each meeting included song service, testimony from a church member, a health talk by the pastor's wife, special musical number and the lecture. The average attendance was 26 adults and 8 children during the weekdays. However, there were 41 adults and 14 children on the Sabbath of September 6, and 48 adults and 24 children on the Sabbath of September 13.

On Friday night after my presentation, "You Can Be Born Again," Pastor Ganbadral appealed to the audience for baptism, and eight people responded and came forward with their decision. On Sabbath, after the last sermon, "Amazing Power of Prayer," two additional people joined by baptism or confession by faith. Consequently, we witnessed nine baptisms and one confession by faith. All of us praised the Lord from the bottom of our hearts. Since being asked to be the speaker of this seminar, I had personally prayed everyday for 70 people to attend and for 10 baptisms. What a precious experience it was for me to have our merciful God grant the request of my humble prayer.

On September 6, Sabbath afternoon, the church members seemed busy with the second-day meeting, so I went out of the Erdenet Church alone and began to distribute handbills to passersby. Two boys, the pastor's son and his friend, found me and wanted to do the same. They wanted to work more effectively, but I knew no Mongolian words. One of the boys recalled an English phrase, "Let's go," and pointed to the apartment area. Knocking door-to-door, we visited many people. Most people opened their doors, generously listened to us, and received our handbills.

The boys instinctively learned how to knock on doors, how to wait for responses, how to speak, and even how to preach! I could understand only the word "Adventist" as they spoke with their high tone voices. For example, they might explain, "We are the Adventist Church. Please come and listen to the 'Good News Seminar.'" Being well received by those they encountered, the boys became more excited, breathlessly running up the stairs of the apartments. A man made us wait, went into his home, and returned with a candy basket and gave us candy. Around 100 bills were handed out during those two hours.

Other children joined us, and the work continued. On the fifth day of our mission band, we met a young man and gave him a handbill. When we returned to the church, we found him sitting on a bench. How delighted we were! And we were even more delighted when he became one of 10 candidates for baptism!

The merciful Lord was so good to make children's hands effective even though I, like stones, had no words.



The Sabbath attendants of Erdenet Church on September 13.

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. What would simply be a regular visit to another capital, like many we have visited on our trips, became a place we would remember for the rest of our lives.

We are Markus and Belinda, a Dutch couple that loves traveling. During the time we have been together, which has been more than 23 years, we have traveled a lot. We started with short trips in our homeland and countries nearby, but as time went on, we traveled longer and further until we discovered “overlanding,” which has become our passion. “Overlanding” means traveling over land with one’s own means of transport. It is our favorite way of traveling. It is more comfortable than traveling with a backpack, and we are no longer restrained by the fixed routes of public transport. We can drive wherever we want to go and stop whenever we feel like it.

In 2007, we both quit our jobs and embarked on a 14-month journey. We drove from Holland to Cape Town in our own car, and after shipping the car to India we drove from there back to Holland. It was a dream come true. We visited countless beautiful

places and were often stunned by the beauty of all that God had created. However, being away from home also meant being away from everything we knew. We were total strangers in places where we did not know the way and could not speak the language. We had no choice but to trust in God and all the men and women he brought into our path. That was an incredible experience. Never before had we felt guided in the way we did when traveling. Just when we had almost run out of water somewhere in the desert in Sudan, God provided us with the best water we had ever tasted, and in Northern Ethiopia, in an area where none of the villages had power, God led us to a Chinese construction site with generators and welding equipment where we could repair our broken shock absorber. There were many more blessings, great and small. Day in and day out, we experienced God’s guidance and were often helped before we even asked for it.

After returning home in 2008, our lives returned to normal until the beginning of this year when we again left our home. For the second time, we quit our jobs and embarked on a new adventure from Holland

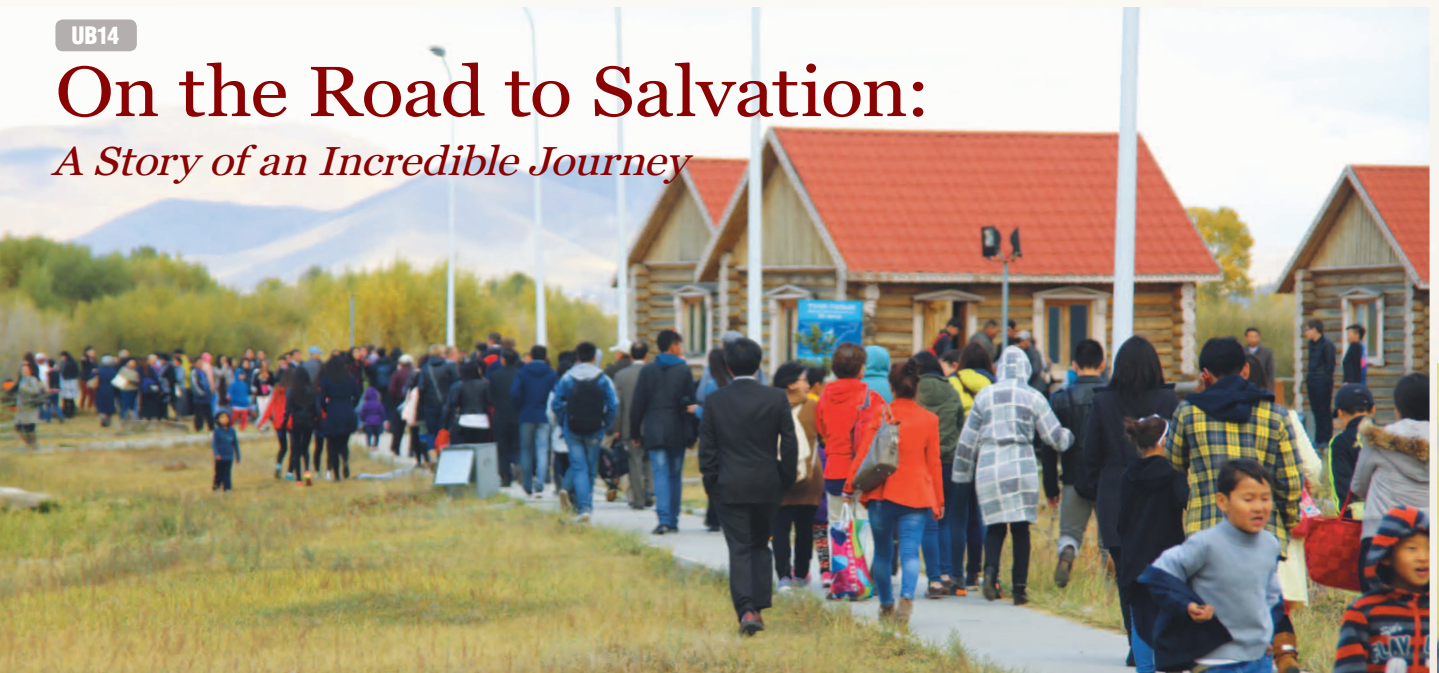
to Malaysia. During the years in between, we had led our lives almost as we had before except for one thing. We started having more discussions about God and religion, and Markus, who was not a Christian when we first met, gave his heart to God. Together we saw a lot of interesting documentaries, studied many subjects and attended Bible studies. The subject of baptism came up more than once, but at that time it was a bridge too far. “Maybe when I have the opportunity, I will do it somewhere down the road” was Markus’ remark when we said goodbye to our Bible study group, not knowing how God would again lead us.

After five months on the road and again experiencing incredible guidance, we arrived in Ulaanbaatar, which was about a week earlier than we had planned, and that turned out to be perfect timing; it was just in time for UB14. Not knowing anything about this yet, and with some extra time on our hands, we searched the internet and found the Central Church in Ulaanbaatar. It was our first church visit since we left Holland, but just the right one at the right time. After having the “luck” of meeting an English-

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On the Road to Salvation:

A Story of an Incredible Journey



speaking taxi driver who was able to find the church for us, we were surprised to hear an English-speaking pastor preaching. This was not what we had expected and instead of just experiencing the Sabbath, we could now understand the whole sermon, which was great. At the church we were warmly welcomed, and although we were foreigners, for the first time since we left home, we did not feel like tourists. We were greeted as part of the “family,” and this is how it felt every time we went to church where we heard Pastor Folkenberg speak about Jesus, the Holy Ghost and baptism. To us, that was not a coincidence. It was if God was saying, “This is the opportunity you wished for, so stop running.”

Ignoring the Holy Ghost who spoke to our hearts so clearly just wasn’t an option anymore, and on Friday evening Markus asked Pastor Folkenberg if he could baptize him the next day. It was a special moment for all of us. It felt good having finally made the decision, but the freezing cold and the storm and rain that rocked the car that night made us a bit scared about getting into that icy cold river. However, being baptized in nature together with more than a hundred Mongolian people, hearing some incredible stories, experiencing the warmth of the “Adventist family” we met and receiving a baptism certificate in Mongolian, in every possible way, made Sabbath, the 13th of September, a memorable day and will definitely be the most special day of our trip.

Belinda (left) and Markus Keizer (right). Markus, a traveler from Germany, made his decision to be God’s child during his travel in Mongolia.



UB14 participants attentively listen to the message rendered.

UB14 Reaping a Bountiful Harvest ...in His Time

By Joanne Kim - Principal of Guam Adventist Academy

The germination time for a seed can vary anywhere from one day to one year. Some seeds even have periods of dormancy that can last for several years before successful germination and growth can be achieved. Who would have thought that the seeds of the Spirit, sown in a period of privation and adversity, in a barren land, over twenty-two years ago, would blossom and bear such beautiful fruit?

Half a lifetime ago, a dewy-eyed, idealistic young girl, fresh out of college and on fire for the Lord stepped onto the frozen tarmac of Ulaanbaatar’s Buyant Ukhua Airport. She was ill-prepared for the cold, the isolation, and the sheer indifference of the Mongolian people, but she had a heart full of love and a passionate zeal to share the Gospel message. Planting the seeds of Christianity in the unreceptive soil of traditionally Buddhist, post-communist hearts was painstakingly difficult, but she labored away, watering the hardened soil with her tears. There were many times when Satan’s attacks were so fierce that she wanted to declare defeat and just give up, but she stuck it out for nearly five years.

That young girl was me, and upon returning to Mongolia for the UB14 Mission to the Cities evangelistic meetings, and being able to witness firsthand the changes that time and God’s Spirit have wrought, I have realized anew that everything works according to God’s plan and in His time. There are some things that simply cannot be rushed, and the germination period for the seed of God’s Word to bear fruit is a perfect example of such. I remember how frustrated and heart-broken I was at every setback, wondering what I was doing wrong. But it wasn’t me, and it wasn’t my work. The Lord was preparing those hearts to receive the Word, and He was carefully tending those seeds until they were ready to germinate and bear fruit.

And today? What a glorious harvest! Those seedlings have grown into pastors, elders, deacons, Bible workers, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, and the list goes on and on—a Mongolian church with more than 2,000 members and growing steadily. What an honor it was for me to be a pioneer missionary all those years ago, to be a tool in the hands of the Master Gardener! And it was another privilege to participate in the meetings earlier this month and once again share the message with my Mongolian brothers and sisters. UB14 was more than just a series of evangelistic meetings for me—it was a time of homecoming and spiritual vindication, to be reminded once more that the victory has already been won: “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us” (Romans 8:37).



KUC

KUC Holds Second PASTORAL SPOUSES *Event*

Participants of the KUC pastoral spouses event. Three hundred pastoral spouses from the three southern Korean conferences attended the event.

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) held a very special event for pastors' spouses at Madalphy Youth Training Center from September 22 to 24, 2014. Three hundred pastoral spouses from the three southern Korean conferences attended the event.

The pastors' spouses began their time of fellowship as they traveled by bus and in groups in private cars. Shepherdess leaders from the three southern KUC conferences greeted them with warm, friendly smiles as they arrived. Northern Asia-Pacific Division Shepherdess International coordinator, Lynn Ripley, spoke for the opening meeting with a message encouraging each spouse to be an active leader and witness. She reminded the women that knowing their spiritual gifts and serving as active disciples using those spiritual gifts would make their witness joyful and fruitful.

Kim DaeSung, KUC president, spoke for the Monday evening and Tuesday morning meetings, sharing about the challenges of ministry in Korea. He invited the spouses to find strength in the presence of the Holy Spirit and His guidance of their witness. Presidents from each of the southern conferences also shared devotional messages to inspire the spouses with new joy and encouragement for their lives and ministry.

The Tuesday evening musical program featured pastoral spouses choirs and musical ensembles. The ladies wore beautiful matching dresses. The music was excellent, lifting every heart to the throne room of heaven. A highlight of this evening program was when a group of long-serving spouses sang together, and four retiring spouses were honored.

Honest, inspiring testimonies were shared on Wednesday morning. Four spouses shared about the joys and challenges of serving as pastors' spouses and how God has blessed in their work. Kang SoonKi, KUC Shepherdess International coordinator, closed the event with a precious message of hope for each spouse for her life and church work.

One spouse shared, "This is the first time I have ever been to a KUC Shepherdess retreat. I was so encouraged and refreshed for ministry." We thank KUC for providing this pastors' spouses event as well as the one in the northern part of Korea, July 14-16, 2014.



Lynn Ripley
NSD Shepherdess Coordinator

CHUM *Hong Kong-Macau Conference Holds PASTORAL SPOUSES* Event



(From left) Bonly Ng (HKMC vice president of Shepherdess), Connie Tsang (female minister) and her first child, and Choy Leng (HKMC president of Shepherdess) and Connie Tsang's newborn baby

Choy Leng, HKMC Shepherdess International Coordinator, led out in providing a special time of fellowship, learning, and prayer for the conference pastoral spouses on Sunday, July 13, 2014.

“It was a privilege to invite Mr. Benson Wong to be the speaker for our shepherdesses and women Bible workers,” states Choy Leng. “The one-day seminar, ‘Dance With Your Emotions,’ took place from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The speaker shared how to positively approach the difficulties and the happiness of being a shepherdess, learn how to understand our own characters, and deal with problems as we work with people with different characters.”

MM *FAMILY-TO-FAMILY Evangelism Training in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia*

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

Mongolia Mission (MM) is following through with plans laid last year to train its families to do family-to-family evangelism in the days to come.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Family Ministries team, Dr. Sally Lam-Phoon and Chek Yat Phoon were invited to be the trainers for 15 couples plus a few singles who were sent by their churches from all over Mongolia to gain a better understanding of how to reach other families. The Family-to-Family Church Guide was partially translated and used as a textbook. After the main concepts were presented, the group discussed how these strategies could be adapted for the situation in Mongolia.

Ms. Purevdulam Jugderjav, children's ministries director of MM, shared her experience of how her cell group had been working among families, one family at a time. Cleidi Kuhn, family ministries director of MM and organizer of the event, encouraged the group with success

stories from Brazil.

Before the end of the session, one enthusiastic attendee, Khishigbayar testified about how a little Adventist college started by a supporting ministry in a small village between Darkhan and Edernet is already impacting their community. “We own a well that provides water for everyone around, and this well is closed on Sabbaths. We have made friends with the people who live in the vicinity, and are confident that the Holy Spirit will help us reap a harvest from among them.”

The group has laid plans to begin work as soon as they arrive home. The rest of the materials will be translated by the end of October and mailed to all attendees, and they have promised to meet for an update in December. A target has been set to have a reaping campaign in June 2015 by God's grace.



Family-to-Family Evangelism Training attendees

International Pathfinder Camp *Culminates in Success*



The 2014 International Pathfinder Camporee was held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA, from August 11 to 16, 2014. About 47,000 Pathfinders from more than 100 countries joined the camporee, which was organized by the North American Division (NAD) Youth Ministries Department and Center for Youth Evangelism. The theme for the camporee was “Forever Faithful.” The venue, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) campground in Oshkosh, was an attractive place for the spiritual, intellectual, mental, and physical activities of Adventist young people.

“Although strong winds and heavy rains made the ground muddy and the temperature dropped sharply a day before the event, God granted bright and sunny days during the camporee,” said Pastor Kim NakHyung, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) youth ministries director.

A Quinquennial Festival for World Pathfinders

The International Pathfinder Camporee is the largest Adventist youth event in the world. About 47,000 Pathfinders from more than 100 countries join this event every five years to share, to learn and to reinforce their relationships with God. The purpose of the international camporees is to celebrate the importance of and spiritual influence of Pathfinder ministry. These events have become a leadership and spiritual

passage for youth and adults. They have also become a gathering place for world leaders who understand the importance of this generation and their value to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

2014 Forever Faithful International Camporee ran 31 activity booths, 66 honor booths, and 11 special interest-area booths. Through booth activities, world Adventist youth were able to establish their faith and strong connectedness as an Adventist member.



NSD Pathfinders march with their banner during the 2014 Forever Faithful International Camporee.

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1. Ryan Bomgardner (left) with Chico the lion
2. Pastor Kim NakHyung performs a scarf ceremony for a Korean Pathfinder.
3. Pastor Kim HyungJun baptizes a Korean Pathfinder.
4. Prayer Tent at the Camporee site



167 Pathfinders from China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Taiwan, and Hong Kong

A day at the International Village, a new program at this camporee, was assigned to the NSD. Korean Union Conference managed it with favorable comments by introducing traditional plays from Korea, Japan, China, and Mongolia in order to share various cultures of northeast Asian countries.

The number of camporee attendees from the NSD was 167, including 2 from the NSD, 117 from Korea, 28 from Hong Kong, 16 from Taiwan, and 4 from Mongolia. Our attendees gave comments on the event as follows.

First, the mega-large program for over 40,000 participants overwhelmed us.

Second, the well-organized and well-ordered programs were impressive. It was a very well-prepared event and in perfect order.



Korean Union Pathfinders march in Korean traditional costume.

Third, each union/conference/local church used the large campground in a rational, democratic, systematic, and efficient way.

Fourth, many volunteers were available all around the facilities and during the programs for help.

Fifth, all the programs of the camporee were going smoothly without any strict rules and

regulations toward the attendees. They participated enthusiastically in the programs they wanted, which revealed the energy and maturity of the camporee.

Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Director



MM
MONGOLIA MISSION
Education Seminar

By Chek Yat Phoon - NSD Education Director

The membership of Mongolia Mission (MM) recently topped the 2,000 mark after the UB14 evangelistic campaign. MM is a mission attached to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). It has one language institute and one K-12 school, called “Tusgal” meaning “Reflection.” From September 25 to 28, 2014, MM conducted its first and significant education seminar for teachers, pastors, church leaders, and the MM staff with the assistance of the General Conference and NSD education department, NSD children’s department and the NSD GeoScience Research Institute (GRI).

Since 2011, Tusgal School has been granted an educational license by the Mongolia government. It enrolled 79 students this year from Grades 1 through 10 with 10 full-time and 2 part-time teachers and 4 administrative staff. Mrs. Cleidi Kuhn, MM education director, said that the MM is envisioning that the school will add Grade 11 in 2015, and Grade 12 in 2016.

Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, the GC education director, was one of the presenters at the education seminar. Other presenters included NSD children’s ministries director, Dr. Sally Lam-Phoon, NSD education director, Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, and NSD-GRI director, Dr. Choi ChongGeol. Dr. Beardsley-Hardy spoke on the reasons for and the importance of Adventist education and challenged the participants to think about the uniqueness and contribution of the Mongolian Adventist school. Dr. Sally Lam-Phoon presented the topic of learning styles and urged the teachers to recognize these differences in their students and to be flexible with various approaches so that students can learn through their preferred styles. Dr. Choi ChongGeol emphasized the importance and evidence of Creationism as not only a religious belief, but a scientifically sound belief, which should be taught boldly in schools. Dr. Chek



(From left) Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, Dr. Sally Lam Phoon, Dr. Beardsley Hardy and her husband, Dr. Frank Hardy

Yat Phoon challenged the participants to focus on Christ and on teaching students rather than school subjects.

After the seminar, Dr. Beardsley Hardy and her husband, Dr. Frank Hardy, visited Tusgal School and Mongolia Language School. She also visited the new dormitory that houses 37 university students who have come from outside of Ulaanbaatar. This presents an opportunity to provide Adventist education to these university students while they attend secular colleges and universities during the last phase of their formative years. This project was funded through the 13th Sabbath offering for the work in MM. The group also visited the newly acquired piece of land about 50 km outside of Ulaanbaatar; MM has plans to construct a training facility there.

Dr. Beardsley Hardy was very impressed with the progress of the schools and urged the administration to look into AAA (Adventist Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities) accreditation of the school soon. She also recommended that MM should start planning for a tertiary institution because of its strategic location and the potential for training leaders to reach out to Inner Mongolia, Tibet and Xinjiang and even the Russian-Mongolian borders in addition to growing the church in Mongolia itself. We praise God for the evidence of His working in this new mission.



CHUM *The Second Zion Music Festival Held in Wuxi*

The Second Zion Music Festival was held from July 28 to 31, 2014, at Zion Hall, Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province, China. More than 800 people from all over the country and from overseas participated.

Thirteen church choirs from different parts of China put on a good show, sharing their musical talents with the audience. Their beautiful voices proclaimed the love of God and the soon return of Christ. It was a time of performance and sharing. The choirs exchanged ideas for ministry. Music experts commented and gave good advice for future improvement.

The participants strongly believe that music plays an important role in the soul-saving work of the Adventist Church. May God bless the music ministry of churches in China.



KUC

VICTORY FOR VBS!

(VBS: Vacation Bible School)

By Elisabeth Unsworth - 10th-grade KAPA Student

This semester many students at Korean Advanced Preparatory Academy (KAPA) are participating in multiple community service projects. Some of the projects include Pathfinders, Vacation Bible School (VBS) and an afternoon English program at the Yongmun Library. All volunteer services have gotten off to a really good start. The VBS group had their first meeting this past Saturday, September 27, 2014. They had been preparing for this meeting and were eager to meet the children.

The theme for VBS was based off the weekly American Sabbath school quarterlies. The theme for this past week was Joseph and his coat of many colors. The KAPA students prepared small booths, such as a story booth, a craft booth, and a game booth for the kids to rotate through. They also prepared “family group leaders” and mascots. At one o’clock on Saturday afternoon, the KAPA students were ready to take off to the church for their first VBS experience.

As any volunteer knows, things don’t always go as planned. When the VBS group arrived, there was no one at the VBS building and no way to even get in! After a few phone calls and several minutes, the children and parents arrived ready to participate. Five or six children arrived, and the VBS group was surprised at the small number of children, for they had been expecting at least twenty. Although it was a major change in their plans, the VBS group changed the schedule and combined groups to form appropriate sizes.

Despite the smaller numbers, the VBS program was a huge success! The children loved the students and even followed them to the car to wave goodbye. Many of the KAPA students shared their

1. KAPA students and children
 2. KAPA student Greg
 3. KAPA student Gyurim with VBS participant

experience. Greg, a junior at KAPA, said, “I was expecting more children, but I still enjoyed telling the story to the small group.” Another volunteer mentioned, “It was hard to leave because the children became close so fast.” Zoe, who is also a junior at KAPA, added, “I had fun playing with the kids. They were so sweet, and I hope my experience is just as good every time!”

Many people were pleased with the outcome of VBS, and they hope there will be many more good memories and fun times to come!





A group from the SDA Summer Camp performs their required mission.



The praise team opens the camp meeting with music.

KUC SDA Language School Holds *Annual Summer Camp*

The SDA Language School in Korea, directed by Pastor Cheon Bookwon, held their annual summer camp from July 31 through August 2, 2014. Seventy-one students and 70 teachers and ministers from thirteen branches located around the capital area commuted for three days instead of spending the night at a camp site.

The students remarked that the camp was so much fun. On the scavenger hunt on Friday, the students were divided into eight groups, competing with one another. They moved from place to place to find their treasures, which were scattered around Seoul. During the program, the students went around with teachers one-on-one so that they could have opportunities to learn practical English.

There were also eleven English lectures on various themes, including culture and etiquette, health, the history

of English, British English, American English, and geology. Students attended three lectures for three hours. The teachers worked hard so that they could deliver educational as well as entertaining lectures to their students.

Pastor Johannes Tromp from the SDA Language School, and Roger Hernandez, director of Southern Union Conference ministerial association, were invited as guest speakers. They preached about what the Bible says about success. On Sabbath, the last day of the camp, 12 souls were reborn through baptism.

According to the SDA Language School, “The ultimate purpose of our school is to deliver the gospel. All the teachers and staff prayed earnestly for the presence of the Holy Spirit at this camp. As a result, many students showed a great interest in in-depth Bible study.”

CHUM

COUPLE ENRICHMENT Blesses Others

A group of married couples from different parts of China gathered together in Lin’an City, China, for an enrichment weekend as well as a training session for premarital counseling. These couples enjoyed sharing at a deeper level as they learned from each other through the use of Prepare-Enrich (a questionnaire that analyzes a couple’s relationship in depth and allows a trained counselor to help the couple identify areas of strengths and build awareness about areas of possible growth). It was a first-time experience for many in an attempt to enrich their marriages by spending time together despite their very busy lives.

Lessons on communication, a healthy lifestyle, and enriching their marital lives were shared by church leaders who have had a little more experience in their marital journeys. Self-discovery sessions were also part of the training that they received.

The marital retreat ended with a beautiful marriage commitment ceremony with couples pledging their love to one another. This ceremony was especially significant and

meaningful to one of the couples. More than twenty years ago, their wedding ceremony had consisted of only the two of them and the officiating minister.

Many expressed their love with verbal dedicatory speeches and kisses for each other—certainly a rare sight! The ceremony ended with eating “tang yuan” (glutinous rice balls in a sweet syrup). This symbolized that their future marriage would be as close and “sticky” as the “tang yuan” and sweet as honey. The couples recommitted their marriage to God and promised that they would invite God into their homes and into their hearts. It is hoped that each home will become a strong witness to the gospel and love of Christ as couples demonstrate an unconditional love toward one another and their families. We pray that these couples will be able to assist other young people contemplating marriage who go to them for guidance. The Prepare-Enrich instrument has helped many lay a stronger foundation for marriage by raising awareness of potential strengths as well as potential areas that the couple need to work on.

Sally Lam Phoon

NSD Women’s Ministries Director, CLAP Coordinator



CHUM

Vacation Bible Schools Bring Joy to Children in Hong Kong

During the past summer, Vacation Bible Schools (VBS) popped up at several major Adventist churches in Hong Kong. These carefully planned programs combined fun with the gospel message. Many children were blessed through these programs.

Bayview Church at Clearwater Bay spread out its program over five Sabbaths from July 5 to August 2, 2014. A total of 25 children participated. Yuen Long Church held its VBS from July 24 to 30. More than 50 children, ages 3 to 8, joined the fun. Both churches used a lava-spewing volcanic island as the theme. At Yuen Long, organizers even built a two-meter-tall “live” volcano, which awed every young adventurer.

Tai Po Samyuk Middle School and Tai Ho Gospel Hall held their VBS from July 15 to 18. Twenty-six children ranging in age from 6 to 12 had a wonderful time together. More than sixty volunteers, many of whom were students and teachers from the middle school, provided interesting activities on exploring nature to find God’s amazing creation.

Mountain View Church and Tsuen Wan Church invited a group of youth from Korean Advanced Preparatory Academy (KAPA) to have cultural and faith exchanges during their VBS from July 15 to 19. Participants used English as their language of communication. Their theme was “The Ironman of God.” They learned from the Bible



Above: Children eagerly participate in the VBS program.
Below: Teachers and children enjoy English class during VBS.

how to put on the armor of God in order to become strong spiritual warriors.

Adventists living in Hong Kong-Macao Conference territories care for the spiritual wellness of their young people. This year’s VBS programs were as successful as ever in bringing little ones to Christ.



Students of the Korean Advanced Preparatory Academy together with Mountain View Church and Tsuen Wan Church’s VBS participants



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KUC DongHae u-Care Center Supports Elderly Living Alone

Sahmyook Welfare Foundation administers the u-v (Ubiquitous Care System for the Elderly) Center in DongHae Province, one of the eastern mountainous regions in South Korea. As the average lifespan has become longer and young people have left for the cities,

the number of elderly people living alone in rural areas is increasing. The purpose of the u-Care Center is to establish a security system for these elderly people and to help prevent dangers, such as sudden death. Since the center can sense the danger of the elderly 24/365 through the system, it would be possible to confirm their safety in real-time and automatically call a rescue center in an emergency, such as a fire or gas leak.

In addition to real-time monitoring, the u-Care Center provides the elderly with education on health care, welfare, and culture as well as practical education on preventing decline in their living ability due to aging. The center also collaborates with local volunteers and gives the elderly practical help, such as preparing food for the winter, delivering briquettes, grooming hair, planning tours and repairing houses.

Furthermore, the u-Care Center operates the “Happy Silver” program, a prevention and treatment program for depression in the elderly. This program is in line with the trend that elderly suicide is one of the major causes of death.

The u-Care system benefits those who are over 65 and live alone. They can sign up for the system regardless of their economic situation, and it can be provided with other welfare services.

CHUM First Camporee in China Brings Youth Together

From August 6 to 10, 2014, the first camporee for Chinese Pathfinders was held at Guan Men Shan Resort, Benxi, Liaoning Province, China.

In 2013, Shenyang Adventist Church organized the first Basic Staff Training Course (BSTC) for Pathfinder leaders from eight provinces. Since then, the Pathfinder program has taken off quickly in many parts of the country.

Joining Pathfinders gives many Adventist youth a renewed sense of mission. At the same time, the Church in China has gained an effective new ministry for the youth. The first camporee held in China provided a

platform for Pathfinders to learn from one another and to advance together.

Pathfinders from eight provinces came to this exciting event. Shenyang Adventist Church was again the main sponsor. The theme for this year was “Be Good Soldiers of Christ!” A local leader designed a logo and poster for the camporee featuring David fighting Goliath. Another local pastor wrote a special song, which soon took over the hearts of many Pathfinders.

The spirit of the first camporee in China will have a long-lasting impact upon the future work in the country.



Pathfinders from eight provinces in China came to the first camporee.



Camporee participants enjoy the program.



Members of the 2014 NSD PREXAD Meeting. During the meeting a number of important subjects were discussed, such as Mission to the Cities, Mission Day and the issue of retention.

NSD **2014 NSD PREXAD Meeting** (President's Executive Advisory Committee)

By Song SungSub - NSD Assistant Secretary

From September 15 to 18, 2014, the leaders of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and leaders of conferences under the NSD umbrella gathered for the President's Executive Advisory Committee (PREXAD) meeting to discuss major NSD projects. Following are some brief notes on what was discussed in the meeting.

- The progress of the "Mission to the Cities" project in each country was reported. "Mission to the Cities" is a General Conference-wide initiative. Japan Union Conference recorded a larger number of baptisms than usual as a result of the Tokyo13 project. The results of UB14 in Mongolia and Taipei14 in Taiwan were also hopeful.
- The highlights of Mission Day from within the NSD territory were reported, and again, the importance of Mission Day was confirmed. Mission Day will continue, and around 150 institutions and more than 13,000 workers will have an opportunity to re-check their mission spirit once a year on Mission Day.
- The issues of retention and youth participation in church were included on the agenda. The future of the Adventist Church will not be bright if young people keep leaving the church. An opinion was voiced that innovations in church programs and services are

required to retain youth members. A balance between conventional styles and new church cultures is needed to retain both the old and the young.

Additionally, the delegates dealt with various other subjects, such as ASi (Adventist laymen's Services and Industries), NSD Jeju Leadership Training Center, CLAP (Communication & Leadership Advancement Program), Hope TV Broadcasting, Extraordinary Tithing Funding Mission Projects, Health Ministry Program, etc. NSD president Jairyong Lee cited Ellen White's *Testimonies for the Church*, which says, "The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth," emphasizing again that all Adventist churches and institutions must focus on mission first.

After the meeting, delegates visited several Adventist institutions, including Taiwan Adventist Hospital, Taiwan Signs of Times Publishing Association, Chinese Hope TV studio, Taipei Adventist American School at Yang Ming Shan, the old office of SCIUM (South China Island Union Mission), and NSD Taiwan Branch Office. This was the first official visit to these institutions after the reorganization of the Chinese Union Mission. The next PREXAD meeting will take place next March in China.



Members of the 2014 AHCA Presidents' Council. The Presidents' Council is an annual event for hospital administrators to meet for spiritual enrichment and continuing education.

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2014 AHCA Presidents' Council Meets in Kobe, Japan

(ACHA: Adventist HealthCare Association)



Stanley Ng

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The 2014 Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Presidents' Council of the Adventist HealthCare Association (AHCA) was held from September 22 to 26, 2014, in Kobe, Japan. Twenty-five hospital administrators, including the speakers, represented eleven NSD member hospitals and one associate member hospital. Participants who joined the Council came from Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia and the United States.

The Presidents' Council is an annual event for hospital administrators to meet and fellowship with each other for spiritual enrichment, networking and continuing education. The guest speaker at this year's council, Mr. Edward F. Reifsnyder, is the president of the Reifsnyder Group. Mr. Reifsnyder helped start the Adventist Health System in Orlando, Florida,

and served as chief financial officer for 11 years since 1973. He then helped start Adventist Health System/United States in 1985 and served as chief financial officer during its five-year history. He focused heavily on strategic financial planning, developing capital to support growth, relationships with the capital markets and building financial infrastructure.

During his presentations at two morning sessions, Mr. Reifsnyder stressed the importance of the governance and management structure of an Adventist Health System in Asia. Participants were divided into different language groups for discussion and interaction. Reports were given to the whole group.

Two morning devotionals were given by Pastor Hisashi Kawahara, senior pastor of Kobe Adventist Hospital Church. Through the

example of our Lord Jesus who endured all kinds of challenges and also the example of Jonathan and his humble sacrificial spirit, Pastor Kawahara reminded the hospital administrators of similar challenges that we face every day and the spirit of commitment and dedication we need. We should never forget the mission of our healthcare institutions.

On September 23, the participants went on a tour of Kobe Adventist Hospital (KAH) guided by the hospital administrators. KAH was built and opened in 1973 with 45 beds. In 1998, it was expanded and renovated after a serious earthquake. Today, the hospital has more than 130 beds, including beds in the Palliative Care Ward. The hospital also prepared a welcome dinner for the participants. Pastor Masumi Shimada, Japan Union Conference

president and chairman of the hospital, and Dr. Kenji Yamagata, president of the hospital, extended their warmest welcome to all participants.

On September 24, the participants visited another Kobe City Medical Center General Hospital, a 700+ bed modernized government hospital. The participants were impressed by their automation system and the emergency medical services system.

The AHCA business session was conducted on September 23 and 24 in the afternoons. Dr. Toshi Nishino, the newly elected AHCA president, presided over the business session, which dealt with some routine agenda items, such as reports from member hospitals, review of AHCA bylaws, and a financial report. This year, the Council also voted to record the report from the Feasibility Study Committee to accept in principle the concept of forming a healthcare system within the NSD territory with the understanding that more consultation and dialogue will be conducted between hospital administrators and church leaders.

AHCA is the umbrella organization over all Adventist healthcare institutions within the NSD. The purpose of AHCA is to provide coordination, services, advice and networking among hospital administrators.



KUC *The 2nd Family Counseling Conference:* **Touch You, Heal You**

The counseling psychology department of Sahmyook University and the International Family Counseling & Coaching Institute held the second Family Counseling Conference at Sahmyook University from August 18 to 20, 2014. The family ministry departments of Korean Union Conference and local conferences in Korea supported the event. Nearly 150 people attended the conference, and those who completed the 20-hour course (10 mandatory hours and 10 elective hours) received a completion certificate.

Professor Kim SinSeop, who served as a lecturer for the mandatory course, introduced attendees to counseling skills, which can be applied to communication in work and life. "Good habits begin with good thinking. To keep thinking good thoughts, we need to use our five senses well," said Professor Kim.

In addition to the mandatory course, there were several optional courses, such as "Understanding and Healing Your Inner Child," "Psychodrama as a Therapy," "Counseling and Psychotherapy for Children," and "Biblio-therapy."

For group discussion, the attendees were grouped according to the local conferences they belonged to. They discussed how to integrate family counseling into ministry in their churches. Also, some freelance psychotherapists shared their experiences with counselees.

"There are many volunteer opportunities around us where we can use our ministry as long as we are ready to do so. I look forward to taking another course or program on family counseling," said one attendee.

The counseling psychology department of Sahmyook University and the International Family Counseling & Coaching Institute are going to share various resources on counseling with local churches in order to activate family ministry through counseling. Also, the Family Counseling Conference will be held regularly two times a year.



Above: The AHCA business session
Below: Kobe Adventist Hospital



KUC

The 8th International Meeting for FOREIGN ADVENTISTS

The 8th International Meeting for Foreign Adventists in Korea took place at Deer Mountain from August 29 to 31, 2014. Under the theme of “The Soon Coming of Jesus,” Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Koot van Wyk, professor at Kyungpook National University, Pastor Moses Makka from Uganda, and Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD Adventist Mission director, served as speakers. Dr. Jairyong Lee spoke about the missionary movements in Adventist history as well as the present and future of the Adventist Church, encouraging the participants to focus their lives on God.

Various English-speaking foreigners living in Korea, including missionaries and people in various professions, attended the meeting. Many foreign Adventists look forward to this annual gathering since it is a special event to help boost their mission spirit. However, this event is not only for foreign Adventists. Korean Adventists who are interested in English can also enjoy the meeting, and sometimes non-Adventists are invited to the meeting by their Adventist friends.

Currently, English Adventist churches in Korea are in charge of planning this event. Their hope is that, in the future, one of the Korean conferences or NSD will host the meeting. In Korea, there are several Adventist churches that have worship services in English: Ilsan English Church at the NSD office, Sahmyook University English Church, Filsdak SDA Church, Busan Seomyonn Church, etc. Next year, it is planned that Pardon K. Mwansa, general vice president of the General Conference, will be invited as the main speaker.

1. Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD Global Evangelism director
2. Pastor Moses Makka
3. Pastor Jairyong Lee (right), NSD president, was the main speaker of the event.
4. Participants of the 8th International Meeting for Foreign Adventists



Campmeeting for the visually handicapped



Adventists with physical disabilities met at Namwon Rainbow Hill

KUC *The 3rd Campmeeting for* **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Korean Union Conference (KUC) health ministries and relief department held their third annual campmeeting for people with disabilities. This year, the campmeeting was divided into separate meetings for people with different types of disabilities. The previous two campmeetings, Adventist members with disabilities had gathered together regardless of their disability types, and there were some difficulties with financial matters and program operations.

The Story of the Cross for the Visually Handicapped

The Adventist Campmeeting for the Visually Handicapped was held at the Adventist Training Center from July 26 to 28, 2014. About 120 Adventists, including 40 who were visually disabled, came together from all over the country. Pastor Oh JaeHo, professor at the Korean Adventist Training Center and the main speaker, presented five sermons on the topic “The Story of the Cross.”

“If you are not likely to forgive others, you should remember the story of the man who owed ten thousand talents, and keep in mind that you are that very person with a ten thousand-talent debt,” said Pastor Oh. He continued, “We cannot change what happened in the past, but we can change our point of view in seeing what happened in the past. Please do not forget the providence of God in your lives.”

Three Angels’ Messages to the Deaf

The SDA Seven Lights Church for the Deaf and the Adventist Association for the Deaf co-hosted the Adventist Campmeeting for the Deaf from August 2 to 4, 2014, at GyoungJu Gampo Resort. A total of 40 people, half of them hearing impaired, gathered to find God’s grace in His word.

Pastor Jeong ChulMin, pastor of the Seven Lights

Church, lectured about the three angels’ messages using a large screen and visual materials. It was so visually effective that all participants easily understood the lectures. “If you want to be spiritually healthy and strong, you must prepare to meet Jesus every day. Let’s focus our lives on the second coming of Jesus,” said Pastor Jeong.

On the second day of the campmeeting, two of the participants accepted Christ as their personal Savior through baptism. Even though it rained throughout the campmeeting, the rain let up temporarily at the baptism ceremony. All camp members praised God for His blessings.

Physically Challenged People Share God’s Grace

From July 15 to 17, 2014, about 50 people, including Adventists with physical disabilities, their families, and volunteers for the disabled, congregated at Namwon Rainbow Hill. “I was really worried because the forecast called for rainy weather. I sincerely asked God for a fine day, and He gave us this sunshine today! I hope all the camp participants will experience God’s love deep in their hearts,” said Elder Park SeongSu, one of the organizers of the meeting.

Pastor Kim JeongTae, a retired pastor, served as the main speaker for the campmeeting. Citing Psalm 23, he asked the participants why we love Jesus. “This is because He first loved us. He loved us so much that He died on the cross to save us from death. If we really grasp the value of faith and the grace of God, we won’t be terrified by any circumstances or any difficulties.”

The participants voluntarily shared their testimonies in front of other participants. “I was not an Adventist before, but one volunteer led me to believe in Jesus. Even though I have a physical challenge, I don’t have any problems delivering the hope of eternal life to other people,” said one camp participant.



A volunteer from SHUC gives a baby a bath.



Volunteers help with the painting.

KUC Sahmyook Health University College Shares Happiness With Others

Sharing Happiness Volunteer Corps, a volunteer team from Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC), worked in Cambodia, Philippines, and Mongolia during the summer vacation. Two professors, three ministers, and more than 60 students ran various volunteer services, such as supporting needy families, holding cultural events, and offering summer Bible schools.

“I am grateful to all of our volunteer team members for sharing happiness with the people there despite the bad weather and the poor conditions. I believe that God will bless all of you and your families,” said SHUC President Kim GwangGyu.

“I would like to thank the school for giving me an opportunity to volunteer abroad. I hope the school will continue to provide such opportunities to other students,” said Jo YouJin, a student representative and a social services major.

Sharing Happiness Volunteer Corps visits foreign countries twice a year, in the summer and in the winter, providing various volunteer services in educational, cultural, and religious ways. They have volunteered in the Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam, Mongolia, Thailand, and Russia, and participation opportunities for students have expanded year after year.

CHUM THE 3RD CHUM YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By Kim NakHyung - NSD Youth Director

The Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) youth ministry department held their third CHUM youth leadership conference from September 7 to 10, 2014. The theme for the conference, held at Nanjing Church, China, was “Be a witness of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.” About 300 devoted ministers and youth leaders gathered together and shared their vision for the present and future of youth ministry.

Pastor Kim NakHyung, youth director of Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and one of the main speakers for the conference, preached about the “mission of Adventist youth who overcome the world.” Additionally,

during the discussion session, he promoted the first NSD youth leadership conference, which will be held next February in Taiwan, confirming their interest in this upcoming gathering.

Participants enjoyed a special concert and shared reports and testimonies on youth ministry from each region. The conference concluded with a dispatch ceremony and candlelight dedication for 153 missionaries, who are going to serve as missionaries for a year in various churches throughout China. The next CHUM youth leadership conference will be held in 2016.



The original house before renovations by ADRA Korea



The newly built house by ADRA Korea

KUC ADRA Builds 11th House for Neighbors in Need

ADRA Korea built a house for a family in Gyeonggi Province. It was the 11th house built by ADRA Korea's "Building Houses for Neighbors" program. The family was doubly blessed as they were able to celebrate this year's Chuseok holiday in their newly built house.

The house was a collaborative work between Pocheon Hope Welfare Center and ADRA Korea. Twenty-nine associations, including Pocheon Furnishing Industry Cooperative Association, and other individuals sponsored the building of the house. Around 300 volunteers lent their helping hands on the construction site by designing and building.

Nearly 200 neighbors gathered together at the open house ceremony to celebrate the family's move into the new house. "This family, previously surrounded by many dangers, can now have hope in this new house," said Shin

WonShik, director of ADRA Korea, in his congratulatory remarks.

"I really appreciate the volunteers for their sincere service as well as the local government for their active cooperation," said Kim DaeSung, president of Korean Union Conference.

One of the family members remarked, "Thanks to the help of many people, our family was able to get over our difficulties, and we were encouraged to live happy lives. We want to send this love back to others."

The "Building Houses for Neighbors" program aims to improve living conditions for people who are in poverty and are neglected. The program has been executed in various parts of the country. Also, since 2008, it has been sponsored by Adventist K-pop singer Kim JunSu.

About 300 devoted ministers and youth leaders attend the 3rd CHUM Youth Leadership Conference





Above: Bird watching by the Japan Pathfinder campers
Below: Japanese Pathfinder members learn CPR

JUC The Power of One

The 11th All Japan Pathfinder Camporee was held in Myoko, Niigata, from August 3 to 6, 2014. A total of 235 members and instructors participated.

The camporee focused on programs rather than on camp

life. The members stayed in the building facilities instead of tents, and they used the cafeteria for meals. This made it easier for churches with no regular PFC activities to take part. In fact, one third of the participants came from such churches.

Those who were in 4th grade and up climbed Mount Hiuchi on the second day. They woke up at 4:00 a.m. One group headed for the summit at an altitude of 2,462m, and the other group went to Koya Pond on the way. Both groups had 10 hours of mountain climbing. Parts of the climb were rocky and steep, but the members encouraged each other. This was just one of the opportunities to experience the theme of the camporee, "The Power of One."

Many different programs were prepared for the next day. There were nature games, first aid, orienteering, rubber-powered airplane, canoeing, bird-watching, and more. Worship was also an important element of the camporee. Volunteers helped with these programs.

Japan PFC camporees are held every four years. At the camporees, the members meet many people whom they cannot see in regular PFC activities or churches, so there are opportunities to increase the number of friends who believe in Jesus Christ. Volunteers for the camporees often become pastors or teachers, and they support Adventist Churches.

Please remember PFC, which works for the salvation and the training of young people.

CHUM Adventists in Hong Kong *Raise Funds* on Streets

On July 23, 2014, about 800 Adventist volunteers braved high temperatures and went out onto the streets of Hong Kong to raise funds for charity by selling flags. These flags are little stickers, usually with the name and logo of the fund-raising organization, that are given to donors to be worn on clothing for the purpose of appreciation and identification.

The volunteers were made up of staff members from Hong Kong-Macao Conference, Chinese Union Mission,

various Adventist educational institutions, and other church members.

Hong Kong citizens responded to the Adventists' efforts with enthusiasm as they put pocket change into the collection bags. Although there were about 100 fewer bags this year, the total amount of donations collected exceeded HKD250,000 (USD 32,000), which beat the 2013 record by a wide margin.



CHUM staff members are ready to go out for fundraising.



A pastor sells flags on the street.

CHUM

Hong Kong Pathfinders Attend International Camporee



Pathfinders from Hong Kong-Macao Conference. Twenty-eight Pathfinder members participated in the 2014 International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



Hong Kong Pathfinders work in the forest.



Two Pathfinders from Hong Kong received baptism during the meetings.

Twenty-eight Pathfinders led by Youth Ministry of Hong Kong-Macao Conference attended the International Camporee 2014 from August 11 to 16 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA. Some of the delegates had attended the last camporee five years ago and were excited to see old friends from different parts of the globe.

This year there were more than 46,000 Pathfinders from all across the world who participated in the event. The theme was “Forever Faithful.” Every evening, a drama performance that depicted the life of Prophet Daniel inspired these young people.

The camporee was a big spiritual feast to every attendee. Pathfinders prayed together, worked together on community services, and exchanged medals with other international members. Despite a few days of cold, rainy weather, the Pathfinders learned to become a community of faithful Adventists. Two Pathfinders from Hong Kong were so inspired by what they witnessed and heard that they decided to be baptized during the meetings.

In addition to the event at Oshkosh, the twenty-eight Pathfinders visited a few Chinese Adventist churches in California and toured some interesting attractions. Some of the team members have already made up their minds: “We will attend the next camporee in 2019!”

International Conference on the **BIBLE AND SCIENCE**



Delegates from the NSD who participated in the International Conference on the Bible and Science.

August 15, 2014, saw the beginning of a momentous 10-day event of the Seventh-day Adventist Church affirming “Creationism” with the attendance of more than 450 church administrators, academic deans, Bible chairs or deans of schools of theology and science, General Conference (GC) and division education directors, chaplains, pastors, and many others at the Renaissance Las Vegas conference hall in Las Vegas, Nevada. Nineteen science and Bible professors and instructors from universities and colleges and some K-12 schools in the Northern Asia Pacific Division (NSD), with some of their spouses, plus the NSD treasurer and education director were also present at the conference.

After the preliminaries, GC President Ted Wilson addressed the attendees, asking them to affirm their belief in God’s authoritative Word and Voice, especially regarding the six-day biblical creation week, which ends on the seventh day, God’s Holy Sabbath day. He asserted that “life has existed on the earth for only a few thousand years, not millions of years” as propounded by evolutionists, even theist evolutionists. He further added that “teachers who believe otherwise should not call themselves Seventh-day Adventists or work in church-operated schools.” He challenged all the academics present there to stand true to their calling as Adventist educators.

That afternoon, conference participants went on an educational tour from Nevada, passing through Arizona to St. George, Utah, where the remaining nine days of the Bible and Science Conference were to be held. Geologists

and other earth scientists talked about the differences between evolution and creationism, pointing to approaches which could lead to faulty conclusions if they were to follow the teachings of evolutionists. The assertion that evolution is a science and that creationism is not was strongly refuted at the conference.

The participants were driven along the scenic route of the Virgin River Gorge, which also acted as a canvas for the illustration of the world-wide flood proclaimed in the Bible. The nomenclature of geological columns advocated by evolutionists as a period of millions of years was the same nomenclature used by creationists, who explained that the same columns were evidence of different historical scientific events.

Church historians, biblical scholars, theologians, scientists, archaeologists and many other specialists were presenters for the plenaries and panels. Field trips were conducted to Zion National Park and the Grand Canyon. Plans and strategies were developed by the participants to take everything they learned and experienced back to their own fields of labor. It was, indeed, an eye-opening event for all. In addition, each one of the NSD representatives experienced seeing the clear evidence of the loving creative acts of the Mighty God whom we serve.



Chek Yat Phoon
NSD Education Director

KUC Celebrating the *Centennial Anniversary* of Jeju Seventh-day Adventists

A hundred years have passed since the gospel of God was first introduced on Jeju Island in Korea. To celebrate this centennial anniversary, 10 local churches in Jeju held a joint evangelistic meeting at Jeju Mission Center from July 13 to 19, 2014. Each evening, nearly 250 church members attended the meeting. On Sabbath, the last day of the meeting, 19 people were baptized and accepted Jesus as their personal Savior.

Pastor Hong MyungKwan, the main speaker at the evangelistic meeting, delivered God's word, focusing on prophecies and the gospel in the Bible. On the theme of "Amazing Discovery," Pastor Hong preached about our remaining hope based on Daniel 2 and Revelation 20. He appealed to attendees, "I sincerely hope Jesus Christ is the most important part of your lives."

The participants said, "We received rich blessings throughout the week. It was also very meaningful to have an evangelistic event together with all the other Adventists on Jeju Island." One of the newly baptized members said, "I had no idea about Christian religion. However, I was so impressed by the lives of the Adventists around me. That's what made me an Adventist and led me here. I thank God for His grace."



Jeju Mission Center building

For this event, Jeju Attached Region of Korean Union Conference focused more on public relations than ever before. They put a print advertisement in a local newspaper several times. Actually there were some people who were led to the meeting by nothing but that advertisement.

Pastor Kim ShinMin, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director of Jeju Attached Region, stated, "All church members and ministers on Jeju worked together as one, and that had good results. We Adventists on Jeju Island see a bright future for mission work on Jeju."

KUC The 2nd WCKC 3040 Summer Camp

Adventists in their 30s and 40s play pivotal roles in their local churches. To invigorate them, the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) held a "3040 Summer Camp" at Anmyon Island Training Center from July 31 to August 3, 2014.

Choi YoungKyu, WCKC president, said in his welcoming remarks, "We all need to experience change in our lives and the recovery of our souls through God's word and the power of the Holy Spirit. May we encourage one another to have these types of experiences during this camp."

Kim SinSeop, a professor in the counseling psychology department at Sahmyook University, gave a talk entitled, "The Seven Habits of Happy Families." He suggested, "These are the keys to keep your family happy. Live your life, not others. Think of the end before you begin."

First things first. Make a win-win. Understand first; then be understood. Generate a synergy effect. Sharpen yourself up constantly." He also said, "Love is the greatest principle of the gospel. God is love. Thus, love is a very essential trait of Christian character, emphasizing love in every relationship."

During Sabbath school, there was a play on the theme, "How does your family have morning worship?" The play humorously touched on the problem of the declining frequency of morning worship at home. On Sabbath afternoon, there were booths with various themes, allowing participants to learn short but useful lessons such as how to make natural household products or how to grow plants.

In addition, camp participants enjoyed sports activities and cultural events. The events not only strengthened the bond of each family, but united everyone as the family of heaven. The camp concluded with fireworks and a prayer service. Participants went back to their homes and churches filled with God's love and joy.



2014 MULTI-CULTURAL HAPPINESS SHARING CHARITY SALE

PROFITS USED TO
HELP SEWOL
FERRY VICTIMS



On August 31, 2014, the Multi-cultural Family Service Center (MFSC) and Woori Bank hosted a “Multi-cultural Happiness Sharing Charity Sale,” supported by the Korean Central Community Chest. The purpose of the charity sale was to help Sewol Ferry victims (multi-cultural families) and multi-cultural vulnerable social groups through the help of Koreans and foreigners in the society.

The charity sale was held in Ansan Wongok-dong Multi-cultural Plaza, and the booths included four different themes: Sharing Love, Second-hand Market, Food Court, and Happiness Experience, which included medical care, face painting, nail art, world’s national foods and other interesting booths.

MFSC helps foreigners and multi-cultural families living in Korea and operates many businesses, such as a shelter program and Single Mom & Child establishments to help people in need.

“I hope this 2014 Multi-cultural Happiness Sharing Charity Sale will be a small contribution toward helping foreigners successfully settle down in Korea, and an opportunity to communicate with and respect one another,” said Kim YoungSoo, director of MFSC.



1. The MFSC Charity Sale is crowded with people./ 2. People shopping at the MFSC Charity Sale
3. Cultural performance during the charity sale/ 4. Pastor Kim YoungSoo, MFSC director presents a donation to the family of a Sewol Ferry victim

2014 1st Damunwha World Cup:

A Festival for Multi-cultural People and Koreans



Players of the 1st Damunwha World Cup shake hands before they begin the soccer game. The players from 40 teams plus 1,000 supporters participated in the game.

On August 24, 2014, the opening ceremony for the “2014 1st Damunwha World Cup” was held in Ansan Wa Stadium. This festival was an opportunity for multi-cultural people and Koreans to mingle and better understand each other. The starting games began with a kick-off on three different football grounds. The games were held from August 24 through October 5.

The Damunwha World Cup was hosted by the Multi-cultural Family Service Center (MFSC) and Gyeonggi Province Council of Sport for All. It was supervised by the Korea Ansan Football Association and supported by Gyeonggi Province, Ansan City, Yonhap News, Damunwha-Ilbo, Hwarang Credit Union, Danwon Police Station, and others. This event included 40 teams. Twenty teams were Korean teams, and twenty teams were from different countries, such as China, Cambodia, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Nigeria, Tanzania, Cameroon, Uganda, and Liberia. During the Damunwha World Cup, the games were held on five different football grounds, and the competitions were group league and tournaments. The semifinal games and the final game took place on October 5, 2014, to decide the winner. Only 20 teams would qualify for the tournaments, two teams from each group.

“The Damunwha World Cup will be a festival for families from around the world and from different continents, seeking peace, charity, and love as the motto. Let’s accomplish global harmony through this competition,” said Kim YoungSoo, president of the

Damunwha World Cup and director of MFSC.

The mayor of Ansan City, Jae Jong-gil, remarked, “Ansan City dreams of a city made up of people from different cultures but mixed together in harmony. With Ansan City having the highest population of foreigners in Korea, we should make the city the best in diversity and harmony.”

This special Damunwha World Cup, designed after the FIFA World Cup, which is a global festival, was planned to help heal the pain which Ansan City is going through after the tragic sinking of the Sewol Ferry and to help brighten the mood of the city.





Golden Angels visit the school which a girl baptized in UB14 attends.

Golden Angels: Mission to the Cities!

By Park JaeHyuk - Golden Angels 11

In the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), many evangelism meetings were planned for the second half of 2014. The evangelism meetings were scheduled to be held in Daegu and Daejeon in Korea, Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia, Saitama in Japan, and Taipei, Taiwan.

We, the Golden Angels, were really blessed by God's grace. As singing missionaries we were able to help out with big projects for the Lord: UB14 (Ulaanbaatar14) from September 5 to 14 and Saitama14 from September 28 to October 6. We saw how God helps churches and works with them. It was an amazing experience!

In Mongolia, we gathered in a stadium for Sabbath worship. When the speaker, NSD president Jairyong Lee, invited those who had decided to invite Jesus as their personal Savior to come forward, hundreds of people accepted the invitation. It was awesome to be there!

Then we had a baptismal ceremony at the river. Among those who were baptized, there were fans of Golden Angels. At one of our street concerts, two girls had showed interest in our music. They participated in the evangelism meeting and were baptized. Praise the Lord! God is working in UB14!

In Japan, about the time we were there, there was a volcano eruption, and many people were injured or killed. The music we shared was healing and comfort. We had praise time with little children in kindergarten to older people at a nursing home. We were loved by the people there. We also went to the newest church in Japan, but it had been built almost 10 years before, which reveals that the church in Japan has not been growing. We had worship there. One of the Japanese told us that our song "felt like an invitation to heaven because it was filled with grace." We were moved when we heard this comment.

In Korea we went to Sahmyook Middle and High School in KwangJu City. We also visited Sahmyook Health University College. Even though we had just arrived from Mongolia, we went directly to the college, not because this is our work. It is a mission for the Lord our God and to glorify His name only, not so that we can boast, but praising Jesus Christ.



Mongolian teenagers show their interest in Golden Angels' busking.



These girls visited UB14 after listening to the Golden Angels' street concert and then got baptized.



The 13th batch of 1000MM missionaries in Indonesia



Two Indonesian 1000MM missionaries pray with kids in the mission field.

1000MM Indonesian Branch with Great Passion

and 8 medical centers have been established, and 110 congregations are gathering for worship.

The 1000MM Indonesian Branch trains and dispatches missionaries twice a year just like the 1000MM headquarters in the Philippines. For two months, missionaries under training learn Bible teaching methods, preaching skills, simple medical services, etc. Then they serve in their respective mission fields for ten months. On the training campus, there is nothing more important than reading the Bible and prayer. Missionaries wake up at 3:45 a.m. to read their Bibles. They memorize three Bible verses every day and have personal prayer time three times a day for 30 minutes each.

Miracles are continually happening as in the book of Acts, which shows the sick healed, the dead alive, hundreds of people fed and angels providing protection. Missionaries in Indonesia are praying earnestly and dedicating themselves for the great mission. Sometimes, the missionaries are rejected by their neighbors because they are spreading the truth. However, they remain faithful in their mission field, praying even though it is scary to see people dying in front of them because of the tribe war in Papua. Sometimes, people come and throw stones at the missionaries when they have crusades, but the missionaries do not stop sharing God's love. No, the work cannot be stopped because it is the work of God who doesn't give up on the people He loves. Let's pray for the 1000MM Indonesian Branch. God will answer our prayers. Maranatha!

The country of Indonesia has the most islands in the world, the most volcanoes, and the most Muslims. It has about 18,000 islands and about 400 volcanoes, and 88% of the people there are Muslims.

The 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) Indonesian Branch was started in Wamena, Papua, known as Irian Jaya. The 1000MM Indonesian Branch started a mission school and then started missionary training in 2003. Now it has become one of the most active working organizations for the mission, sending missionaries throughout Indonesia. The 1000MM Indonesian Branch has dispatched 450 young missionaries to the world, and 3,001 precious people have been born again through baptism. In addition, 33 churches, 91 jungle schools

Dispatch of Missionaries From 1000MM Headquarters

On September 13, 2014, there was a graduation ceremony for the 44th batch of missionaries, made up of 101 people from 9 countries: 11 Koreans, 1 Kenyan, 1 Australian, 1 Lao, 1 Chinese, 3 Americans, 1 Indian, 1 Taiwanese and 81 Filipinos. From this batch, one Korean

couple was sent to Nepal, and another Korean missionary and one Filipino missionary were sent to Cambodia. The missionaries are being sent to the world to hasten Jesus' coming. Let us pray for them.

44th batch of 1000MM missionaries in the Philippines. There are 101 people from 9 countries.



Baptismal Ceremony in Xinxiang, China



The newly planted church by Pastor Lee in one of the big cities in China

Three years ago, a PMM pastor, Lee SangJin, went to a big city with more than three million people, but unreached by the Adventist church. After one year of language training, the first thing he did was discipleship training. For the evangelization of the city, he started training some local church leaders in a small group meeting. They studied the Bible together and asked God for help to know how they could evangelize others, how they could teach the Bible, and how they could serve the church and its members. They began to have regular meetings a year later. In spite of many difficulties, newcomers joined the meeting. It was a small group with three or four people in the beginning, but now about 30 people gather together on Sabbath.

Earlier this year, they also started a regular meeting in another place. God is blessing them by sending new believers. The church has grown so fast that it has about 60 regular attendees now. Seventeen people were baptized last May, and nine other people were newly born again on the first Sabbath of October.

Florence Twikiriize, the wife of Mushabe Daniel, who is a lay minister in Uganda, underwent a heart operation in Korea. For years, she had heart trouble known as rheumatic mitral regurgitation, and the illness incapacitated her ability to raise her four children. Mrs. Kim YoungMi, president of Beautiful Heart Company, gave her a helping hand. With the help of Mrs. Kim and arrangements made by Pastor Ham YoungSik, a PMM missionary in Uganda, Florence came to Korea on August 21, 2014.

On August 25, Florence had an operation at Danwon Hospital, Ansan, Korea. The surgery was successful, and Florence started a new life. Many Adventist members in Korea as well as Ansan Adventist Church helped her by providing financial support for her medical expenses and living costs. "I thank God for giving me new life. I also appreciate the beautiful love of those who helped me in many ways. I will sincerely serve the church and take care of others until the end of my life," said Florence in her testimony.

New Life for Florence



Florence Twikiriize (3rd from the right) from Uganda

Spiritual Training for Chinese Adventists at NSD Leadership Training Center



On September 14, 2014, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Jeju Leadership Training Center welcomed trainees from Nantong, China. They were officially the fourth batch of trainees after trainees from Mongolia, Taiwan, and Japan. About thirty church leaders and lay members received spiritual training for ten days.

The trainees started their day with God's message in the morning lecture. They were immersed in God's word and in prayer and eagerly participated in all the training programs. Their common subject of prayer was a revival of the Holy Spirit in China and their passion for mission work.

"Since China is restrictive about religion, there are many limitations for receiving spiritual training in this way," said one of the trainees. "One of the merits the center has is that the location allows no-visa entry to visitors. More and more Adventists will come here from China to experience this high-quality training program."

Since the center opened, Adventists in NSD territories continue to visit the center to fulfill their need of spiritual exercise. In addition to the center's training program, various events in collaboration with Adventist churches on Jeju Island have been held at the center.

Visiting Mission Fields in AFRICA



Kim SiYoung
NSD PARL Director, PMM Coordinator

Pastor Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Pastor Kim SiYoung, NSD Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) coordinator, and Pastor Choi YoungII, NSD PMM assistant coordinator, visited PMM mission fields in Africa to encourage missionaries and to preach the word.

First of all, Pastor Lee went to Arusa, Tanzania, where Pastor Cha SungWon and his family are serving. As the main speaker for an evangelistic series in the area, Pastor Lee gave touching messages on "the great hope." As a result, 50 new believers were baptized on the Sabbath.

An evangelistic meeting was held in Mbarara, Uganda, where Pastor Ham YoungSik and his family are working as PMM missionaries. Pastor Choi YoungII, NSD PMM assistant coordinator, preached messages on "Everything Is Possible," and 22 precious people became heavenly brethren through baptism.

Pastor Kim visited Congo, the mission field of Pastor Jung HyoSU, to encourage him for his sixth-year of service. Pastor Kim traveled almost 6,000 km to visit churches cultivated by Pastor Jung and to encourage the members.

PMM missionaries in Africa are carefully training local church leaders to cultivate new churches in unentered areas. They are also working in various ways related to social development, such as school construction, well sinking, and establishment of medical facilities. We hope God continues to bless these PMM missionaries so that the seed of the gospel successfully grows and bears fruits in Africa.



1. NSD president Jairyong Lee (center) shakes hands with the local people in Africa.
2. Students in Kikoni SDA School where four classrooms were donated by Sahmyook University
3. Evangelistic meeting in Bwizibwera, Uganda



HisHands at Incheon International Church Distribute Tracts During the ASIAN GAMES

Like other institutional churches, Incheon International Church has its non-Adventist students as its mission target, so there is very little public mission activity outside the institution. However, the passion for mission excited church members, and they focused on the big event taking place in Incheon in September 2014. The Asian Games is an international sports festival held every four years to promote friendship and peace among Asian countries. The Incheon Asian Games began on September 19, 2014, and lasted for 16 days with 13,000 athletes from 45 countries.

The church distributed 20,000 evangelistic tracts and packs of wet tissues to Korean and foreign visitors during the Asian Games. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) HisHands provided financial support for some of the production cost and free booklets. The Korean Publishing House donated 12,000 copies of a health magazine. Other churches in Incheon also gave financial support. In addition, some individual Adventist members supported the project through donations and participation, experiencing the promise that “those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.”



A church member from Incheon International Church distributes tracts.

On September 20, on a Sabbath afternoon, 32 church members prayed together and went out to four different areas. They shared the tracts in sports stadiums and subway stations. It was a meaningful time for participants to help them realize that we are all children of God.

As a result, two young people visited the church and started to worship together. Two other women inquired about English church, and one adult from the United States also came to the church. Church members were in contact with Chinese, Malaysians, Indonesians, and Europeans.



Han SukHee
NSD Communication Director

The 2nd Gathering of GOOD NEIGHBORS

The Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) Department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held the second “Good Neighbors Gathering” for North Korean refugees living in South Korea, from September 12 to 14, 2014, at the NSD Leadership Training Center on Jeju Island. Around 50 participants, most of them in their 20s and 30s, gathered to worship together on Sabbath, attend lectures, and have group discussions. Not only did they fulfill their spiritual needs, but they also took delight in meeting and socializing. Compared to the first gathering, which was held last May, this gathering proceeded in a friendlier atmosphere. It seemed as though a sense of closeness and belonging had developed among participants.

For the gathering, Pastor Kim SiYoung, NSD PARL director, Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director, and Pastor Choi YoungII, NSD associate director for Pioneer Mission Movement, served as lecturers. Pastor Pae Xion, a retired pastor and a great supporter of Good Neighbors, visited the gathering in order to encourage the refugees.

“Through this gathering, I got to know that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, mission-focused church,” said one of the participants. “We can move away from the bias implanted by other Christian denominations.” It is believed that the faith of our “good neighbors” will grow and that they will work for North Korea mission as servants of God.



Participants of the 2nd gathering of Good Neighbors. About 50 people participated in the event.

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