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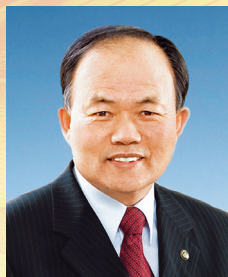
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“More Like Jesus”

Lessons from the Life of the Apostle Paul

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The Apostle Paul was a great missionary for Christ. Before his dramatic conversion experience on the way to Damascus, he was a self-centered, worldly ambitious and self-confident man. He was highly educated under Gamaliel in Jerusalem. He was a Pharisee, a religious leader in Jewish society, and a member of the Sanhedrin, which was the political decision-making body of the Jewish nation. He was a strong defender of the Jewish religion. He thought Jesus was a false Christ. He hated Him and severely persecuted His followers. The Christians in Jerusalem were fearful of him.

Saul went to Damascus with a special letter from the High Priest to arrest Christians and bring them to Jerusalem. The Christians in Damascus heard about his coming and were greatly afraid. On the way to Damascus, however, he was completely changed. Once a great opponent of Jesus, he now became His ardent disciple. When Saul had a personal encounter with Jesus, he began to change and become more like Jesus. What does it mean to be like Jesus? Let us look at it briefly from the perspective of Paul’s life.

1. Paul was chosen by Christ.

Jesus said to Ananias, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine” (Acts 9:15). Paul was chosen by Christ, and he always remembered it. “I was chosen by Jesus!”

Throughout the ages, God has selected individuals and given them a special mission. Likewise, in these last days, God will choose people and give them a great mission to fulfill the gospel work. Jesus always knew that He was sent by God. Paul always remembered that he was chosen by Christ. When we remember that we are chosen by Jesus, we will gradually become more like Him.

2. Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ananias said to Saul, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 9:17). Then Saul regained his eyesight and was filled with the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a clear sign that a person is becoming more like Jesus.

John the Baptist (Luke 1:15), Jesus (Luke 4:1), the disciples (Acts 2:4), Peter (Acts 4:8), the seven deacons (Acts 6:5), Stephen (Acts 7:55), Barnabas (Acts 11:24) and many other godly people in the Scripture were filled with the Holy Spirit. Paul was also filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:9). No wonder he became more and more like Jesus.

3. Paul lived with a “Mission First” spirit.

When Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit, “he took food and was strengthened. . . and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God’” (Acts 9:19-20).

After that experience, all throughout his life, Paul worked as a missionary for Christ with a “Mission First” spirit. Mission was the first and top priority in his daily life. Mission was more important to him than anything else. He testified, “But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24).

Jesus was the greatest missionary that the world has ever seen. He was a living example of the mission He had received from the Father. Paul, as His follower, was a great missionary. He faithfully followed his Master and exhibited a mission spirit throughout his life. By the grace of God, Paul became more and more like Jesus. We, too, need to become more and more like Jesus.

NSD MISSION STATEMENT

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

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THE 1st NSD YOUTH LEADERS CONGRESS

MORE LIKE JESUS

By Han SukHee - NSD Communication Director

The youth ministries department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held their first Adventist Youth Leaders Congress at Taiwan Adventist College from February 11 to 14, 2015. About 450 people attended this event, including staff members and advisers of Adventist youth, campus mission directors and staff, 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) alumni, Pathfinder leaders and staff, teachers and advisers of Adventist junior mission and others from Taiwan, Korea, Japan, China, and Mongolia. The theme of the event was “More Like Jesus.”

The congress provided a new vision for youth ministry. It was also a good time for upward leveling, preparing future youth ministries and providing information on how to optimize youth ministries. The congress helped to procure and cultivate youth leaders and to strengthen the solidarity among youth leaders from different nations.

Inspiring Speakers and Informative Programs

The many inspiring speakers included Pastor Gilbert Cangy, General Conference (GC) youth ministries director; Pastor Moon Jiwan, GC associate youth director; lay pastor Johnny Wong, Gateway Adventist Center’s chief elder; and Dr. Kim SinSeop, counseling-psychology professor at Sahmyook University. Participants also attended various seminars on mission, leadership,

discipleship training, and community service according to their language and interest. The seminars dealt with non-academic, actual mission activities for youth. Elder Stanley Ng and Dr. Joo MinHo, assistants to NSD president; Dr. Kim SiYoung, NSD Pioneer Mission Movement coordinator; Pastor Kwon JohnGHaeng, NSD Adventist Mission director; Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director; Pastor Shin DongHee, 1000MM director; Alphon Fung, public affairs & religious liberty director of Hong Kong-Macau Conference; Debbie Huang, professor at Taiwan Adventist College; Liang ChunShan, a pastor working on his Ph.D. at AIIAS, and Norman Tu, Taiwan Conference health ministries director, served as speakers for the seminars.

Other special programs at the congress included a biblical drama by Taiwanese young adults, a tabernacle experience, and a cross-carrying experience. Golden Angels performed beautiful songs at their concert, and plaques of appreciation were presented to long-term youth leaders.

In addition, the present situation and the main issues of youth ministries in each country were reported. The case presentations were not cursory, but actual examples of what was happening in each country so that leaders from other countries could benchmark and benefit from listening to them.

Opening Ceremony of Welcome and Gratitude, Expectation and Thrill

The congress began with a declaration by Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD youth ministries director. It was a festival of praise, welcome and gratitude. Participants were united in their happiness, and they were blessed as they turned their eyes upon Jesus, becoming more like Him.

“You are the leaders of the church and the servants of God who have the mission to preach the gospel to the world. May the Holy Spirit be with all of you during the congress, and I hope you make precious memories,” said Elder Ted Wilson, GC president, in his video message.

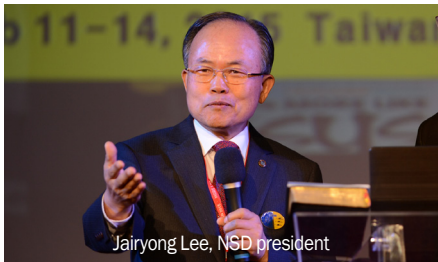
“To powerfully develop the mission work with the Three Angels’ Messages in the last days, God is calling Adventist youth leaders to be His powerful workers. I hope you can experience being filled with the Holy Spirit and being spiritually recharged. Moreover, be with Jesus during this period and be more like Him. May God bless all programs so that spiritual revival comes to you and your churches,” said Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president.

“Today is a historical day in NSD youth ministries because it is the first time that youth ministry leaders have gathered together since the NSD was organized in 1997. I hope what you learn, share, and determine here will remain with you in your mission field,” said Pastor Kim NakHyung.

“This congress is not happening by accident, but by God’s special guidance. Let us be closer to Jesus while we are here,” said Pastor Steven Chung Feng Wu, Taiwan Conference president, representing 6,000 Taiwan Adventist members and 110 churches.

“Taiwan Adventist College (TAC) has been trying to foster Chinese-speaking young people to be disciples of Jesus Christ for 63 years. This is the best place for us to be united spiritually, based on the word of the prophets. May this event be an opportunity to fulfill your dreams,” said Dr. Alice Kuang Hui Chen, TAC president.

Union presidents also sent video messages. “Be revived spiritually and develop friendships. Arise to preach the gospel to the ends of the world. Experience the hand and power of God who guides us with love and changes us.”



Jairyong Lee, NSD president



Gilbert Cangy, GC youth ministries director



Moon Jiwan, GC associate youth director



Kim NakHyung, NSD youth ministries director



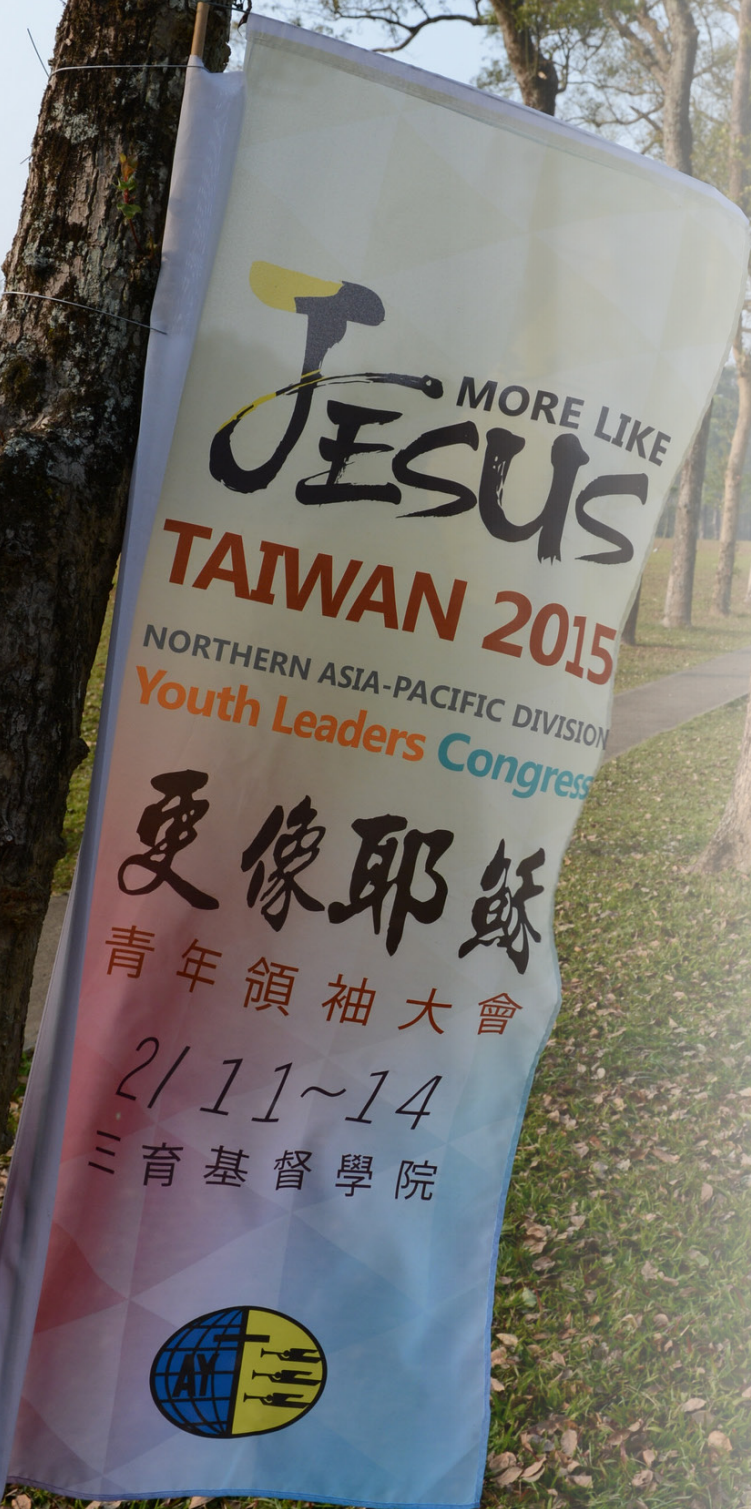
Kim SinSeop, professor at Sahmyook University



Johnny Wong, Gateway Adventist Center's chief elder



Guest speakers for the seminars



Powerful Words Activate Hearts of the Young

Inspiring messages by Pastor Gilbert Cangy motivated young people's hearts every evening. He pointed out connections between major events in Jesus' life on earth and youth leaders' lives and spirit. Citing his personal experiences as an example, he appealed to the young. "God, who knew the sufferings of the Israelites, hears your cries. He reaches out His hands of grace to heal your pain. He is not a distant God, but He is always at our side and feels our wound. God pays attention to us. He listens to our prayers. He takes care of us. He sends us to mission fields. And He is with us always unto the end of the world. 'The things which are impossible with men are possible with God'" (Luke 18:27).

Dr. Jairyong Lee preached the sermon for the divine worship on Sabbath. "Youth leaders must remember three things from the life of Apostle Paul. First, be sure that God has called us. Second, be faithful in Bible study and prayer for a life filled with the Holy Spirit. Third, be armed with the spirit of Mission First. Like Apostle Paul, we, the finishers of the gospel work, should love to study His word, we should be awake and pray, and we should preach the Three Angels' Messages to the ends of the world by the power of the Holy Spirit. You are representatives of the Adventist young people in the NSD. When you go back to your local churches, have conviction and faith that our Lord has chosen each one of you in person. If we are awake and armed with the greatest gospel mission of Apostle Paul, this work will be finished in our generation."

Pastor Moon Jiwan talked about the meaning of Jesus' words, "Follow me." Elder Johnny Wong addressed effective campus ministry. Dr. Kim SinSeop presented a lecture on how to apply Jesus' leadership to our lives.

Testimonies on Successful Youth Ministries

During Sabbath school, testimonies of youth ministries were shared. Success stories from Morning Dew Church in Korea and Beishi Church in Shenyang, China, were introduced.

Pastor Shin DonSu, along with his wife and two daughters, has been dedicated to youth ministry at Morning Dew Church for more than 20 years, applying Jesus' way of evangelism to youth ministry. They diligently seek for teenagers and eat together and do other things with them. They care for them, counsel them when they are troubled, meet their needs, teach them the Bible, and train them to pray and to evangelize others.

Pastor Tim Juong of Beishi Church advocated the "2020 a million Adventists excess movement" which the youth ministries department of the Chinese Union Mission has promoted for the last ten years. He also highlighted changes in Chinese youth ministries, including the "153 Airborne Project" for the most elite and trained young. "Adventist youth must be the spearhead of mission and



Youth leaders pray with all their hearts.

service.” Furthermore, he introduced an effective way to evangelize in China, where mission activities of foreign people are forbidden. He appealed to the young people in the NSD to become involved in the mission work in China.

Tabernacle and Cross-Carrying Experience

In addition, participants were able to directly experience of carrying the cross in order to feel the heart of Jesus. The Old Testament process of slaughtering a lamb as a sacrifice was demonstrated and a full-size tabernacle was installed on the playground so that participants could visualize the Exodus period, Israelite worship and the role of a high priest.



Closing with the Spirit of “More Like JESUS”

At the closing ceremony, participants held lit candles to represent their determination to be the light that brightens the world. Pastor Gilbert Cangy encouraged them to be more like Jesus day by day, to look upon Jesus, and to serve Him. Taiwanese representatives delivered a response of dedication. “We will use what we have learned and determined here for development of youth ministries. We will do our best in our own areas for expansion of the gospel work.”

With the closing declaration of Pastor Kim NakHyung, 450 participants and staff shouted with joy the theme of the congress, “More Like Jesus.” They returned to their mission fields with the heart and mind of Jesus. “More Like JESUS,” which was a greeting among participants, is remembered as the most beautiful and blessed greeting.



Above: Attendees participate in the cross-carrying experience to try to understand Jesus’ agony of the cross.

Below: Golden Angels lead the worship and praise.

Touching Testimonies

There were more than 400 representatives from seven countries, including Korea, Taiwan, Japan, China, and Mongolia. They became brothers and sisters in Christ despite their different languages, cultures, skin colors, and appearance. Even though they had different motivations and stories, their resolution to be disciples of Jesus was the same. Here are some touching testimonies.

■ **Ji SeungGu (Jindo Central Church, Korea)**

I participated in every program to see, to feel and to experience. All programs from the opening to the closing were so perfect and worthwhile. It was a chance to think of yesterday, today, and tomorrow of youth ministry.

■ **Kim JiHye (Seoul Dongbu Church, Korea)**

On reflection, my faith was not right nor deep. If I truly knew and believed in God, I would not feel lost. I want to meet God every day and experience His love. Also, I am thinking of how to become a missionary through my job.

■ **Lee JongYeon (Cheongju Seobu Church, Korea)**

Going back to Korea, I should first change the priority of my life. For me, study was the first priority. I rarely read the Bible or prayed earnestly. As I listened to the messages, I thought, "God is preparing everything for me, but why am I trying to do things on my own?" From now on, I will spend more time for religious matters, such as reading the Bible and praying sincerely.

■ **Kim MinSeop (pastor of SamHyang Church, Korea)**

Children and teenagers in rural areas tend to have a smaller dream and vision compared to those in urban areas. There are 30 children and teenagers in my church,

and my aim for this year is to help them develop their dreams and vision. It was a good time for me to make a rough sketch for my ministry by sharing what I have learned and felt here.

■ **Shin HyangRi (Wolgokdong Church, Korea)**

It was my first time to participate in such a meeting. I am so glad that I became closer to God through well-prepared programs. While I listened to the messages, I could think about my life and prepare for the future. I want to participate in more meetings like this, if possible, and a worldwide festival for Adventist youth would be even greater. I also want to develop good relationships with friends from other countries.

■ **Kwon KiSeong (Seoul Dongbu Church, Korea)**

As a young woman said in her testimony, let's go! And let's go! Toward a higher standard, let's go! No matter how Satan bothers us, let's go! And let's go! Until we arrive in heaven, let's go! Let's go with God who is with me!

■ **Lee TaeHo (pastor of Ganam Church, Korea)**

I was deeply moved when I saw the many young people who had come from different countries in the NSD. It was a valuable time for my fellow ministers and me to develop a vision for youth ministry. Personally, it was a chance to vitalize my pastoral ministry by refining plans for the youth.

■ **Seo YoungHo (Beolgyo Church, Korea)**

I shed more tears than ever before. Actually, I had trouble participating because of my situation, but now I thank God for helping me experience meeting Jesus and becoming more like Him. Every day, I was moved to tears by the touching programs.



- **Lee MinWoo (Cheongju Seobu Church, Korea)**
I am convinced that it was not my will but God's guidance and grace that I could attend this meeting. I am really thankful and convinced that God, the supervisor of my life, guides me even at this very moment.
- **Michael (teacher at Norway Adventist School)**
It was my first time to visit an Asian country. I learned about this meeting via the internet and decided to attend. Even though I came alone, I was not lonely due to your warm welcome. There were many beautiful and touching programs. As I am a teacher at an Adventist school, I could have a new challenge and vision for ministry. It was also an opportunity to recharge myself with spiritual messages.
- **Pin Yin Wai (student at Hong Kong Adventist Academy)**
Before I came here, worldly burden controlled my life. While I was listening to the messages, however, I was sure that the Holy Spirit was present in my mind. When I had the impression that I could be closer to Jesus, I burst into tears. Through this meeting, I could come nearer to Christ.
- **Chun Xiao (Xiamen Church, China)**
I was thrilled by everything at this congress. Everything was satisfactory. Going back to China, I will be "More Like Jesus." I used to live a selfish life, but now I want to live a sacrificial life for others.
- **Alphon Fung, CHUM PARL Director**
It was really nice to have the opportunity to participate in the youth congress which reminded us how to be more like our Lord Jesus Christ. When our young people are like Jesus, their faith will be on fire, and they will involve themselves in every aspect of the gospel work. They will also be empowered to face the challenges ahead of them.
- **Moon Jiwan, GC associate youth director**
I thank you for the wonderful experience we had at the NSD Youth Leaders Congress. The theme "Be Like Jesus" is my heart's desire, and that desire has been rekindled by the gathering.
- **Kim, SiYoung, NSD PMM coordinator**
It was a really great spiritual event to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit and the power of unity among all youth leaders and participants. I was truly blessed by the inspiring messages and well-organized programs as I participated in the congress.
- **Pastor Norman Tu, Taiwan Conference health ministries director**
Thank you very much for arranging this great and inspiring conference. We have learned a lot by this wonderful ministry, the leadership, vision, and ideas for every part of the program. We really felt a sense of hope and the possibility of a future from our young generation. Thank God.
- **Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD Adventist Mission director**
I give praise to the Lord who guided the NSD Youth Leadership Congress successfully and gave excellent leadership to the youth ministries directors from the GC, the NSD, unions, conferences/missions, and local churches. Everybody was happy and satisfied with everything that was shared, such as the messages, programs, meals, accommodations, sightseeing, translation, and much more. We will engrave the theme of the congress in our hearts.



All participants and speakers enjoy a sing-a-long.



The congress holds a praise and worship service.



Performance on Jesus washing the feet of His disciples



Two participants during the foot washing ceremony



Youth leaders listen to a lecture by a guest speaker.



After a cross-carrying experience, groups of people pray together beneath the cross.



Participants pay close attention to Gilbert Cangy's sermon.



Participants gather together before they go and volunteer in the community.



A Taiwanese traditional performance



A representation of the tabernacle



Bella and Tony serve as hosts.



Taiwanese young adults perform a play on the life of Jesus.



A special song by students and staff of Taiwan Adventist College



Earnest prayer to God holding a candle

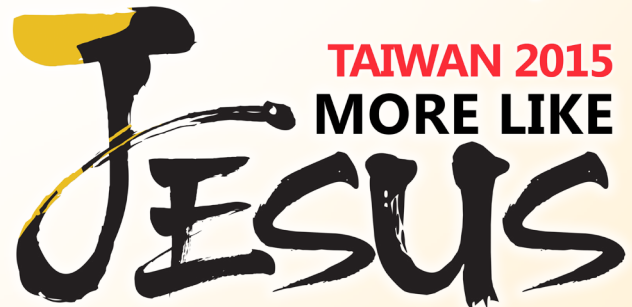


Participants from Korea sing loudly, praising God.



All participants hold hands and praise the Lord.

NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION Youth Leaders Congress





GC 8th GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The 8th Global Leadership Summit sponsored by the General Conference (GC) was held in Istanbul, Turkey, from January 27 to 29, 2015. The Leadership Summit is usually held in a different Division every year. Together with their spouses, thirty-five church executive leaders from the thirteen Divisions, Middle East and North Africa Union, Israel Field, and some academic institutions gathered to report on the previous year's activities and to present their studies on critical issues each Division has been facing and how to address those issues and conflicts as leaders. At the meeting, Michael Ryan, GC vice president, expressed his appreciation as he emphasized the significant development of leadership training programs in each Division and the academic institutions' contribution to leadership development.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and Dr. Joo MinHo, NSD assistant to the president, attended the meeting and reported the activities of NSD in the area of leadership in 2014. To begin with, NSD established the Leadership Training Center (LTC) on Jeju Island to train church leaders and started training sessions last year. Pastors and lay leaders from Mongolia, Japan, Taiwan, and China, have come to LTC for spiritual training and to renew their hearts. The report was followed by a presentation of a specific issue NSD had

emphasized in relation to mission, which was retention and discipleship. In the presentation, Dr. Joo emphasized teaching as an integral part of discipleship especially after baptism.

Other Division representatives presented various issues, such as unity in diversity, women ordination, homosexuality, etc. This revealed the various challenges faced by church leadership. It shows that the world church needs, more than ever before, unity in diversity through continuing leadership development.

On February 29, all leaders flew to Izmir, Turkey, to visit the archeological sites of two ancient churches, namely Smyrna and Ephesus, among the seven churches mentioned in Revelation. According to the tour guide, ancient Smyrna is still buried under the site of the newly established city. The archeological site of Ephesus was much excavated, and ruins of Ephesus's glory in Paul's days were visible. Ephesus's theater, partially devastated because of quakes, reminded them of rioters' cries against Paul's evangelism in Ephesus. Meanwhile, church leaders agreed to have the next meeting in Jerusalem in 2016.



Joo MinHo
NSD Assistant to the President

JUC

Japan Union Conference Hosts General Conference Biblical Research Institute Bible Conference

The National Olympics Memorial Youth Center was the site of the General Conference Biblical Research Institute (GC BRI) Bible Conference hosted by the Japan Union Conference in Tokyo, Japan, from February 1 to 4, 2015. The weather was bright, cold, and windy. More than a hundred pastors, retired pastors, and theology students gathered from across Japan on this extensive campus.

The speakers for the conference were Dr. Anthony Kent, Dr. Radisa Antic, Dr. Norman Satelmajer, Dr. Bruce Bauer, Dr. Choi JongGeul, Dr. David Ripley, and Lynn Ripley, M.A. Min. The Japan Union Conference office leaders and staff worked very hard to present a well-organized program.

Dr. Anthony Kent from the General Conference ministerial department shared a devotional message “A Converted Peter.” He also offered two presentations on the work of the pastor: “When a Pastor Is a Pastor” and “Finishing Well.”

Dr. Radisa Antic from Newbold College shared three presentations: “The Issue of the Universal Sunday Law,” “Jesus Going Behind the Veil: Hebrews 6:19, 20,” and “Human Suffering in the Book of Job.” He also shared a devotional message on Psalm 23.

Dr. Norman Satelmajer, retired *Ministry* magazine editor, presented the “Delay of the Second Coming” and “Principles for Evaluating Bible Translations.”

Dr. Bruce Bauer from Andrews University Seminary offered three presentations: “The Challenges of Adventist Mission in the 21st Century,” “Presenting Christ in a Non-

Christian Context,” and “The Acts of the Holy Spirit.”

Dr. Choi JongGeul from the Nomok Nature Observatory in Korea presented “Fossils Speak Out about Noah’s Flood.”

Dr. David Ripley, NSD ministerial secretary, shared a presentation “Specialness, Urgency, and Expectancy and the Culture of the Church.” He also offered the closing devotional message from the book of Haggai.

Pastor Lynn Ripley, NSD assistant ministerial secretary, offered a presentation “Leading a Missional Church.”

There are several goals of the GC BRI Bible Conference. One goal is to strengthen the practical and theological ministry of our pastoral leaders in Japan and to encourage them in their day-to-day ministry efforts. Another goal is to strengthen the faith and understanding of our Seventh-day Adventist message. Still another goal is to refresh the pastors on how to understand the Bible and the doctrinal truths that provide the foundation of the message we share with the world and to remind pastors of the importance of sharing these essential messages.

The pastors were also encouraged to share the messages given at the Bible Conference with their church members, who would be invited to be a part of the ministry in their churches and communities across Japan.

We believe that this Bible Conference will bless the ministry of the pastors for many years to come.

Lynn Ripley

NSD Assistant Ministerial Secretary



GC BRI Bible Conference participants with speakers



NSDCA Visiting Committee with TAIS administration and faculty

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Taiwan Adventist International School and Kowloon Sam Yuk Secondary School EVALUATIONS



Chek Yat Phoon
NSD Education Director

From January 27 to 29, 2015, Taiwan Adventist International School (TAIS) was evaluated by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Commission on Accreditation (NSDCA) of the Adventist Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities (AAA). The visiting team was led by Dr. Chek-Yat Phoon, NSD education director as chair, and Dr. Verna Nga Fun Chuah, education director of Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) as secretary. The rest of the members are as follows: Dr. Cyrus King-Yat Shen, Taiwan Conference executive secretary; Mr. Dan Liu, NSD associate treasurer (Taiwan office); Dr. Brian Yuen Yau Wong, principal of Macao Sam Yuk Secondary School; and Mr. Michael F. Munsey, teacher of Taipei Adventist American School.

TAIS was originally set up as a feeder school and a revenue-generating project for Taiwan Adventist College. It was also set up to draw in young people who may opt to continue their studies in American tertiary institutions other than those in Taiwan. Since its conception in 2009, it has grown and sought accreditation from the AAA. Candidacy status was granted in 2009, and the current evaluation is the second regular evaluation visit since that time.

The spirit of cooperation, unity and commitment of the teachers was felt strongly by the visiting committee. TAIS is at present applying to the Nantou County

government to be registered as a “special non-school educational project” in order to acquire the alien registration certification (ARCs) for all its faculty who are not Taiwanese. There is a good upbeat atmosphere on campus because the local county educational officers who came to evaluate the institution were very positive in their remarks. Most significantly, the visiting committee members felt that the school had a high spiritual ethos. A special mission trip is being planned for India with the assistance of Maranatha Volunteers International.

Kowloon Sam Yuk Secondary School (KLSYSS), another secondary school in Hong Kong, was also visited by the NSDCA Visiting Committee. The members were as follows: Dr. Chek-Yat Phoon, NSD education director as chair; Dr. Verna Nga Fun Chuah, CHUM education director as secretary; Dr. Frank Wai-Ming Tam, Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) education director cum principal of Hong Kong Adventist Academy; Mr. Daniel Kwun Yin Lee, HKMC associate treasurer; and Mr. Neil Hawkins, principal of TAIS.

KLSYSS, a co-educational junior and senior high school on two campuses within a ten-minute walk, has a history of 65 years. The junior high is housed in the original campus next to the Kowloon Seventh-day Adventist Church. The second campus was actually a primary school owned by the Chow clan that KLSYSS acquired in 2007. This acquired campus houses the

senior classes. With the additional space, however, other challenges confront the school, such as the commute of the administrators and faculty members who need to teach in both sections. A vice-principal is assigned to each of the campuses. With this additional classroom space, enrollment has grown together with the staff; however, the grounds are still inadequate for holding physical education classes.

Nevertheless, the mission of the school is clear. Because of its existence in that locality, the school is able to accept students who are financially disadvantaged. It has the task of not only taking the students to a higher level of academic achievement, but also assisting them to face the social and spiritual challenges of their daily lives. The administration and the faculty are committed to assisting these students to make something of themselves. In addition, HKMC has committed financial assistance to the school to help it to move ahead. It has assigned two chaplains who double up as Bible teachers for the school. Two more pastors from the Kowloon Seventh-day Adventist Church are also involved in the spiritual affairs of the school. Since this is HKMC's school, the education director is also active in advising the school as was reported to the visiting committee during the faculty interview.

Indeed, despite challenges ahead, the leadership of these two schools together with their school boards, faculty and staff are determined to do all they can to make Adventist education a prime mover for the present and future development of the young people under their care.



Above: Dr. Chek-Yat Phoon, the chair of the NSDCA Visiting Committee, announces the recommendation for accreditation.
Below: KLSYSS faculty interviews by NSDCA Visiting Committee



NSD family has a time of shared prayer.



A devotional for 10 Days of Prayer inspires the NSD family.

NSD

NSD JOINS WORLD CHURCH IN 10 DAYS OF PRAYER

By Lynn Ripley - NSD Assistant Ministerial Secretary

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) family joined the world church during the 10 Days of Prayer emphasis from January 7 to 17, 2015. Our goals were to know God more fully through our devotional time and to communicate with Him more deeply during the time of united prayer.

We were blessed by the messages read by NSD In-House Revival & Reformation Committee members Dr. Akeri Suzuki, Dr. Joo MinHo, Pastor Stanley Ng, Elder Lyu DongJin, Elder Jo JangJin, Dr. Choi IkJong, and Lily Cho. The shared prayer time was especially meaningful and encouraging. It is a joy to know that our world Adventist Church was joining together to ask God for His anointing on our ministry. May we be faithful and fruitful. "Even so, come Lord Jesus!"



NSD NSD Bible Correspondence School Advisory

The Bible Correspondence School Advisory was held at the Ilsan office of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) from January 26 to 28, 2015. Twenty-nine attendees came from the unions and conference/mission of NSD to attend this meeting. The Bible Correspondence School (BCS) may sound familiar to Adventists, but they may not be necessarily familiar with the challenges they are facing today.

Since the establishment of the BCS Advisory at the worldwide level in 1999, the coordination of BCS ministries has been encouraged at each Division level under the personal ministries department with the cooperation of the International Association of Bible Correspondence School (IABCS), which was developed in 2003. The purpose of the BCS Advisory is to accomplish the purpose of IABCS at the Division level, which is to foster and promote the work of the BCS system, providing a forum for cooperative creativity and an initiative for the on-going progress of the BCS in utilizing different tools, such as the Internet, media and new technology Bible studies, exchanging ideas for development, and utilizing BCS resources. It includes training, coordinating, developing, recommending and funding in Division territories with the cooperation of IABCS.

In comparison to the time when our first pioneer, the powerful preacher H. M. S. Richards, started the first Bible Correspondence School with the radio, a newly developed technology in the 1920's, the ability today to use so many different ways to reach people with high

tech equipment developed in recent years has given us not only enormous potential, but also challenging difficulties. Video (DVD), TV (Hope Channel), the Internet (church based or private), SNS (smartphones and Apps) and so on, in addition to radio (AWR and others) and postal mail or periodicals, are diverting our church members' attention, producing a certain amount of confusion. They may be feeling as if the evangelism of the church is advancing greatly when they put money into the usage of these technologies, but in essence no evangelism is possible when we fail to mobilize our members. All of these new technologies cannot be effective unless we are united in our efforts. Coordination has become a vital issue to make effective evangelism possible.

Developing new relevant resources to reach the public minds has become another issue to solve. How to connect the unknown viewers or listeners to the personal hand of our church members who can lead them to the truth is another big challenge. Funding to develop new courses has been one of the burdens. However, our attendees were glad to learn that a certain amount of funds is available to each union or mission when they submit an application.

Here are some of the discussion items and recommendations that were made:

We need to create an NSD version of IABCS to coordinate our efforts among Adventist Mission, the communication department, global evangelism, media people, Hope Channel, AWR, Internet evangelism, and others, just as IABCS does in order to make coordination effective and relevant. Advisory under SSPM Department is not enough. We need to create new courses for the Bible Correspondence School, such as "For the Buddhist Friends," "Marriage Counseling," "Time or Stress Management," and "How to Care for Your Children."

New Apps (smart phone software for new BCS) should be developed at the General Conference (GC) level. Each union or mission can then utilize them to produce local Apps by adding or managing software so that they can be used by the public in the local language.

This Advisory was possible only with the cooperation of the International Association of Bible Correspondence School, which is organized under the GC Sabbath school and personal ministries (SSPM) department. The main guest speakers were Dr. Kurt Johnson, chair of IABCS, and Dr. Jonathan Kuntaraf, GC SSPM director. We appreciate the support and cooperation from each union and conference/mission in order to make this advisory successful.



Teru Fukui

Director of NSD Sabbath School & Personal Ministries

MM Children's Week of Prayer in MONGOLIA

Reflection, an Adventist school in Mongolia, with the collaboration of the children's department of Mongolia Mission conducted a week of prayer as the third semester commenced for the 2014-2015 academic year. The week of prayer was organized for two groups: primary school students and middle and high school students. The theme for the primary school students was "Heroes of Faith," and for the middle and high school students, it was "Hope in the Promises of Jesus." These sessions were designed to help students to study the Word of God and then share God's love with others.

Young children met Bible heroes and reflected on God's protection, forgiveness, obedience, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness. They learned that God answers prayers. They also painted and colored pictures of Bible stories to share with their families.

A 7-year-old girl shared her testimony. She said, "My parents do not believe in God, but I prayed, asking God to help me write without making any mistakes. After that, I did not make any mistakes. Since then, every time I do my homework, I pray to God for help." She said, "God heard my prayers and always will."

After each presentation, the middle and high school students talked about how to apply what they had learned from class in their daily lives. They talked about God's love for them and expressed their opinions about witnessing for Him.



Mongolian young children wear crowns made from paper.



A group of secondary school students sing a worship song.

Children actively participated in the week of prayer by taking part in opening and closing prayers, special prayers, and singing worship songs. Some children had the chance to meet Bible characters for the first time. They listened to God's promise, and some reflected on their faith. Teachers also answered questions the students had about God.

At the end of the week of prayer, the children shared their desire to be citizens of the kingdom of God and to commit themselves to the King of kings.

MM Health Emphasis Week in MONGOLIA



Elementary school students focus on a health lecture.

The Mongolia Mission health department held a health emphasis week from November 17 to 21, 2014, at Tusgal School.

The main objective of this program was to let students explore how lifestyles matter later in their lives. In order to reach this objective, they used scientific videos, cartoons, PowerPoint presentations, and group activities. Also, food samples and other visual materials were used during the presentations.

The program successfully reached the proposed goals. The participants were able to list four secrets of a healthy and quality life. They were also able to name four parts of a health plate and identify more fruits, vegetables, grains, and protein foods. They were also able to share with their family and friends what they had learned.

In order to achieve these goals, there was a four-hour seminar with practical implications using a teacher-centered method in multi-grade groups with children from the ages of 6 to 15. The children were divided into two groups: elementary school students and high school students.

Nutritional assessment was done for ten teachers. The participants were assessed for their BMI and body fat distribution. They had blood work done for fasting glucose and cholesterol. They also received health counseling regarding the results of their assessment.

The total numbers in attendance were 80 students, more than 10 teachers and about 50 parents.



Group photo of Medical Missionary Training (MMT) teachers holding their certificates

TWC

Comprehensive HEALTH MINISTRY TRAINING in TAIWAN



Barbara Choi

NSD Health Ministries Director

The Taiwan Conference (TWC) is following through with plans laid three years ago to train its Medical Missionary Training (MMT) team with its train-the-trainer program. The health ministry department has as its slogan: “Every church a community health center; every member a health minister!” In our world, some sow and others reap, but nonetheless, all triumph at the end. “Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel” (7T, 59).

Christ’s method alone is the model for this training: “Christ method alone will give true success in teaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me’” (MH, 143).

In the Bible, Matthew 9:35 talks about Christ’s earthly ministry. “Jesus went through all the town and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.” An additional

task, which is not mentioned in this text, is Christ’s discipleship for the twelve disciples. As a medical minister, we need to teach, preach, bring the sick to Jesus for healing, educate others on the prevention of sickness, and relieve human suffering by using simple home remedies.

The MMT certification program is delivered in three stages:

- 1) Basic medical missionary training certificate
- 2) Intermediate medical missionary training certificate
- 3) Advanced medical missionary training certificate

The first stage includes basic health ministries, cooking school, emotional health, practical health ministries, and vibrant discipleship. The second stage includes how to start a plant-based cooking school in the community/church, emotional health training, specific exercise program, stress management, weight management, massage, grant proposal writing to get funds from government/foundation/church, and six hours of training on how to

give Bible studies. The third stage includes first aid, CPR, giving a full Bible study to a seeker under the supervision of a church leader, and running a health program in church/community under the supervision of the conference health director.

After completing all three stages, participants will graduate with the medical missionary teacher certificate from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and TWC Health Department.

Twenty-two people have graduated from our program, and they are equipped to go two by two to do this work. “The history of the advent movement has been characterized by a dual ministry. Health and temperance work has always been a part of world evangelism. Many important reforms in healthful living are recognized as being closely interwoven with the advent gospel message. Pointing the way to a full observance of God’s law has included the recognition of the law of health” (*A Call To Medical Evangelism and Health Education*, 7).

Photo courtesy of Adventist Weekly

KUC CHILDREN'S Evangelistic Festival in Jecheon District

The children's ministries department of Jecheon District held a children's evangelistic festival at Yeongwol Church from November 8 to 9, 2014. About 50 children from 10 churches in Jecheon participated in the festival which included various programs, such as booth activities, orienteering, and a talent market. Pastor Yoon HoYoung, pastor of Yeongwol Church, gave a message on "God's dream."

This festival took place at Maepo Church the previous year. For the event, children's Sabbath school teachers raised money on district field day. Young people and teenagers as well as teachers participated in the festival. Pastors also supported the successful evangelistic event.



"It was a festival not only for children, but also for adolescents and young adults. It was also a good chance for all churches in Jecheon to be united," said Cheon MyoungHee, children's ministries director of Jecheon District Mission Association. The children's evangelistic festival will be held every year.

KUC

CHILDREN MISSIONARY MOVEMENT Cherishes a Vision

The children's ministries department of the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) developed the Children Missionary Movement (CMM) in order to involve our Adventist children in mission work. As a part of the movement, 53 missionary children went to the Philippines from January 4 to 14, 2015. During the first three days, they went through a training course with 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionaries on the 1000MM campus. After the training, they were sent to mission fields for mission work. "We will help the children continue missionary work in their local churches through missionary training," said Pastor Kim HyungJoon, WCKC children's ministries associate director.

The children's ministries department of the Middle West Korean Conference (MWKC) held a Three Angels'

Children Evangelism School at Anmyeondo Retreat Center from January 5 to 7, 2015. At the school, 42 children learned biblical teachings about Jesus, Creation, and salvation. They memorized Bible verses so that they can give Bible-based answers when their friends ask questions. They also visited a dinosaur museum to learn about Creation. It was a good time to talk about schools' evolutionary education from a creationistic point.

"The evangelism school was planned to help our Adventist children have an Adventist identity and grow in faith. Then, they will introduce their faith to their friends and work as young missionaries in their local churches," said Pastor Cho MyoungHwan, MWKC children's ministries director.

WCKC missionary children on the Philippines 1000MM campus



TWC

First Family Evangelism at Chiayi Church

The first family evangelism was held at Chiayi Church in Taiwan from December 1 to 6, 2014. The Golden Angels gave the series a kickstart by holding a concert at a park on one of the busiest intersections in Chiayi City on the evening of November 30. The pastor's wife, Mrs.

Shin, and the MC for the evening were dressed in Korean traditional dress, hanboks. A registration booth was set up with samples of kimchi given to those who wanted a taste of this delicious Korean food. People could register for Korean language and cooking classes that would be held after the sermon each evening.

On the first night, we were pleasantly surprised with a packed audience of about 50 people who crowded into the small chapel. There were only 10 members; the rest were seekers.

The guest speakers, Dr. Sally Phoon and Dr. Chek Yat Phoon from the family ministries department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, presented the true meaning of love and how it can be best expressed in the same way that Christ loved us—unconditionally. Throughout the week, they shared skills based on biblical principles that would help improve and enrich couple relationships. The Great Controversy was shared as the explanation behind the breakup of families and relationships that plague our world today. A number of couples expressed their appreciation for the help they received through the evening messages.

In addition to singing each evening, the Golden Angels held a class for the children, taught beginning and intermediate Korean classes and assisted with the cooking sessions.

Two seekers pledged to be baptized before the end of the year after completing a series of Bible studies with Pastor Shin HyunChul, who had been preparing them for months. Let's pray that Chiayi Church will continue to grow as families are strengthened to reach out to others.



Above: One of the groups at Chiayi Church
Below: Korean language class



Sally Lam Phoon

NSD Women's Ministries Director, CLAP Coordinator



Participants show great interest in Korean cooking class.



Attendees of a religious liberty meeting for Mongolia

MM Religious Freedom *in Mongolia*

By Bazarsad Sukhbaatar - Mongolia Mission Legal Advisor

After the fall of Communism back in 1990, Mongolia adopted a new constitution which allowed the people of Mongolia to enjoy freedom of conscience, the right to beliefs and freedom of practice. Almost 80 to 90 percent of Mongolians are followers of Tibetan Buddhism.

In Mongolia, there is a law called Relation between State and Religion. Since the law was approved 22 years ago, there has been no amendment or development. Some people believe that this law should be renewed and developed. For example, there is one statement that says that although other religious groups will not be denied, the Buddhist religion will be respected and considered the predominant religion. Also Mongolia's national security concept very clearly mentions that Mongolia supports the Buddhist religion rather than foreign religions.

On January 24, 2015, our worldwide Church emphasized Religious Liberty Day. That Sabbath, the churches in Mongolia also focused on religious liberty, and that afternoon, they organized a religious liberty meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was: 1) To help our pastor and leaders understand religious liberty, 2) To start a dialogue with other churches and religious groups and congregations, 3) To develop a good network with government officials and officers.

We invited delegates from other congregations, religious groups and members of Parliament /district governor, officers and teachers of a national university as well as some presenters and other guests. One of the

speakers came from the Mongolia Parliament, Mr. O. Baasanhuu, who is the only Christian on the cabinet. He shared the challenges of religious liberty in Mongolia especially in the legal system and the understanding about religious matters at the government level. The second speaker was Dr. M. Gantuya, who was from Mongolian National University School of Religious Studies. She talked about the development and practice of many religions from ancient Mongolian empires up to now. Mr. Bazarsad Sukhbaatar (legal aid to Mongolia Mission) was one of the speakers, and he spoke about the Constitution principle in the relationship between State and Religion.

The meeting achieved its purpose, which was to initiate a good relationship between delegates and guests by pointing out the main issues we are facing. One thing that was really clear is that we cannot fix all issues and problems with just one meeting.

Nowadays we have freedom of religion, and we do not have physical prosecution or threats. However, we still have challenges as a religious minority due to Christianity being considered a foreign religion. There is some pressure and burden negligence from the government and society. We need more constant and faithful prayer, and we should stand firm and see God's powerful guidance by His wisdom. Please, brothers and sisters, always remember in your prayers the Adventists in Mongolia and their religious freedom.

NSD NSD ASI Officers' Meeting *Held in Japan*

By Yutaka Inada - JUC Executive Secretary

With the memories of the Adventist Layman's Service and Industry (ASI) Convention 2014 in Korea still fresh on our minds, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) ASI held a training seminar and advisory for their officers in Okinawa, Japan, from January 23 to 25, 2015. Okinawa is a major island in southern Japan and is well known for its beauty and tropical flavors.

The attendees had the chance to enjoy the beautiful scenery. They also visited the historical site where U.S. Army Corporal Desmond Doss, a military medic, saved more than a hundred wounded soldiers from the battlefield under intense gunfire during the Battle of Okinawa in 1945. He was the first conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor. ASI officers learned much from the life of Desmond Doss, a well-known Seventh-day Adventist.

On January 24, which was a Sabbath, they visited the Okinawa International Adventist Church. In Okinawa, there are many American military bases, mainly Marine and Air Force. The U.S. military population is about 45,000 and includes families and quite a few Adventists. The ASI attendees enjoyed attending the church and having good fellowship with the congregation.

The General Conference ASI coordinator, Dr. Jonathan Kuntaraf, was the seminar instructor. He taught about the history of ASI and shared some North American ASI projects. Pastor Teru Fukui, NSD ASI coordinator, chaired the business meeting. The attendees prayed together and made plans together. They were motivated by Dr. Kuntaraf's talk and pledged their devotion to the progress in the area.



1. Dr. Jonathan Kuntaraf, GC ASI coordinator, leads the seminar.
2. Pastor Teru Fukui, NSD ASI coordinator
3. Attendees visits the historical site of U.S. Army Corporal Desmond Doss.

20 Foreign Workers *Born Again in Christ*



A special baptismal service for foreign workers in Korea took place in the Theology Hall at Sahmyook University on December 21, 2014. Twenty young people from Cambodia, Thailand, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka testified of their faith and were born again as children of God.

These young people accepted the Adventist message through Pastor Kim JongGeun. It was June 2012 when Pastor Kim met them for the first time. He invited some Cambodians who were passing by him to his house. As Pastor Kim taught them the Korean language, more Cambodian young people joined them. As they ate together and developed friendships, they naturally learned how to read the Bible and how to pray. After three months, eleven people were baptized. The mission work for foreigners spread to foreign workers from Thailand, Sri Lanka, and China, and about 50 foreigners are now attending Sabbath worship.



Group photo of HKMC staff on Mission Day at Zheng Sheng College on Lantau Island



The visitors' gift of 22 cases of copier paper

CHUM Hong Kong-Macao Conference Staff Visit Troubled Youth on Mission Day

On December 11, 2014, Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) staff visited a rehabilitation center for juvenile delinquents located on Lantau Island, one of the largest outlying islands in Hong Kong SAR. It was the annual Mission Day, and the HKMC staff had decided to do something different. At 9:00 a.m., more than fifty staff members boarded a boat and headed toward Christian Zheng Sheng College, a non-profit institution operated by a Christian charity to rehabilitate troubled youth.

The Adventist visitors took 22 cases of white copier paper as a gift to the school. The visitors were warmly welcomed by the teachers and students. One of the teachers showed them around the campus. The HKMC staff members were impressed by the positive impact that the school has been making upon its students. Every student had made terrible mistakes in life. Some were drug addicts. Some had committed minor offences. Every one of them had come to the school voluntarily, and their lives had been changed.

One female student shared her testimony. She told the story about how she had broken the law and broken up with her family. When she came to Christian Zheng Sheng College, she was resisting rehabilitation. Gradually she yielded to the love and power of Christ. She began to overcome her problems. Her testimony touched the hearts of her Adventist audience who applauded in return.

The HKMC staff witnessed the gospel in action. They were encouraged to take the life-changing power of Christ to the people living in Hong Kong and Macao.



SHUC president Kim GwangGyu (2nd from left)

KUC SHUC and LiveABC in Taiwan Make an Agreement

Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) signed an industry-university agreement with LiveABC in Taiwan on December 9, 2014. LiveABC is an English

education company which has a 60% share of the Taiwan English publication market. It has also been recognized internationally in China, Japan, and Europe.

The purpose of the agreement is to increase business efficiency, overseas employment, and cooperation for mutual network construction. The agreement includes joint interviews for student employment, education customized by the industry, cultural experience for student employees, a language program, employee recommendation, and discussion on curriculum for customized education.

“This MoU will provide a good chance for our students to grow bigger in this big world. The school will continue to support this project until it bears fruits,” said Kim GwangGyu, SHUC president.

Meanwhile, SHUC is focusing on English education, emphasizing terminology and conversation. To overcome the low national job market, SHUC will help students find jobs with overseas companies.

KUC

West Central Korean Conference Spiritual Camp for Parents and Children

A spiritual camp for parents and children was held at Deer Mountain Retreat Center under the auspices of the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) Family and Children's Ministries Department on December 13 and 14, 2014. In spite of the cold weather, the hearts of the 87 attendees were warm as they shared love with their families. The camp had three topics: Making happy family memories, learning a lesson from Jewish education, and healing family through communication with children.

"Even Christian families can have flaws, so we should try to understand each other better. To be good parents to their children, couples must first work on deepening their relationship. The couple needs to have deep and meaningful conversations to be connected to each other," said Ahn JaeSoon, Korean Union Conference family ministries director, who was the main speaker.

"It was good to have such a program for parents and



Groups of families enjoy a group activity at the camp.

children to be together. The purpose of this camp was to help parents and children communicate in Christ and to help parents share their faith with their children," said Pastor JungHwa Lee, WCKC family ministries director.

"I used to rule over my child, but during foot washing, I was able to understand her better. It was a very happy and meaningful time," said a mother. Her daughter remarked, "I was usually reproved by my mother, but I have a much closer relationship with her now."



Participants of a spiritual camp for parents and children take a picture together.

KUC The Korean National Examination for Medical Specialist Changed from Saturday to Friday

The date for Korea's medical specialist exam, an important national examination in Korea, was changed from January 10, Saturday, to January 9, Friday, through efforts of Adventist medical specialists and many officials and authorities.

Doctor Kang HaRa first learned the original exam date. He informed Adventist examinees that the test was scheduled for a Saturday, and he asked for help from his acquaintances, the Korean Adventist Doctors Association, and Seoul Sahmyook Medical Center. Examinees visited officials and authorities

at the Korean Medical Association and Korean Academy of Medical Sciences to appeal their situation.

The biggest obstacle to change the exam day was a test site, so examinees asked Sahmyook University for help. Sahmyook University agreed to provide a place to accommodate 350 examinees, requesting help from Hankook Sahmyook Middle School and High School on the campus. The Korean Medical Association visited Sahmyook University for a field survey and determined that the university could be used as an exam site.

CHUM

From a Hard-Headed Businesswoman to a Servant of God

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

For most of her life, Yummy was a hard-headed businesswoman, enjoying the thrills of making money in Hong Kong and China. She pushed herself toward financial success by sacrificing her family relationships, her health and her soul.

After pursuing power, money and fame for many decades, she decided it was time to retire. At this time, God arranged for her to attend a Newstart health program, which took place in June 2010, to change her unhealthy lifestyle—she was a chain smoker and overweight. A close friend offered to support her in this endeavor to kick her smoking habit and follow a new way of life by eating healthier foods. At the end of the program, many participants shared testimonies about how God had helped them make changes in their lives.

Yummy was attracted to the new lifestyle, but in her mind, she was determined to stop smoking and to eat healthy on her own terms—she was confident that she had the perseverance to do it. After all, she hadn't smoked for three whole days during the program! This was progress! However, right after this, she decided to reward herself and bought a pack of cigarettes and continued smoking a pack a day. The Holy Spirit kept working on her.

In September of that year, Yummy was drawn to another five-day health program. She says, "I told my friends that I would kick smoking, but I soon realized that I could not do it with my own strength. When that realization dawned on me, God could do His work."

A group of sisters and the pastor from her church in Hong Kong prayed for her. One sister prayed, "God, please help Yummy to feel such disgust at the smell of cigarettes that she will not want to smoke." And this prayer was answered! As Yummy lit her cigarette, it smelled so repulsive that



Pastor Sunny Yau and Yummy

she threw the entire pack away. She kicked the habit instantly! With this miracle, she was convinced about the love and power of an Almighty God.

In December 2010, Yummy's neck became swollen, and doctors suspected that there were malignant tumors inside. Yummy prayed earnestly for God to heal her along with the promise, "If I am healed, then I promise to serve you the rest of my life!" However, as she prayed daily, the Holy Spirit helped her to submit her life into God's hands without any conditions attached.

God healed her miraculously, and Yummy became convinced about the power of a loving God who had called her from darkness to light. Following a series of Bible studies with Serene Chong, women's ministries director of the Hong Kong-Macao Conference, she was baptized by Pastor Sunny Yau in April of 2011.

Today, Yummy celebrates each Sabbath with gusto, taking part in small group activities, caring for and encouraging others along their spiritual journey. She has also participated in several mission trips overseas. "I feel so alive and fulfilled being a part of this Church! I enjoy peace and happiness and am humbled by the fact that God has saved me from my wicked past—all glory goes to Him!"



Yummy and a women's group at her church

KUC

A Monument for a Mother to the Korean War Orphans

A monument for Mrs. Zilda Grace Rue, who was called a mother to Korean War orphans, was put up at the Memorial Hall of Sahmyook Medical Center (SYMC) in Seoul on January 3, 2015. Mrs. Rue was the wife of Dr. George H. Rue, who was president of Seoul Sanitarium Hospital (presently SYMC). She also served as principal of a nursing school (presently Sahmyook Health University College) and the first director of the Seoul Sanitarium Hospital Orphanage. About 600 war orphans were internationally adopted through her efforts.

Mrs. Rue was born on July 28, 1910, in Anaheim, California, USA. While working as a nurse in the United States, she met Dr. Rue, who was a hospital patient due to an accident, and married him in 1947. From the moment she arrived in Korea that same year until she returned to her homeland due to Dr. Rue's retirement in July 1967, she made a big contribution to the development of the Korean Adventist Church. She spent a lot of time in serving others, sometimes apart from her husband. In Seoul, Busan, Jeju, wherever she went, she was often the only foreigner. Most missionaries returned to their native countries or to Japan during the war, but Mrs. Rue did not leave Korea, even when shells were dropping only a mile away. Although her house was destroyed and there was no proper medical facility, she looked after the sick, sterilizing medical appliances on a coal fire.

Mrs. Rue also worked hard to help the war orphans. At first, she started taking care of them at Seoul Sanitarium Hospital, but as the number of orphans increased, the Seoul Sanitarium Hospital Orphanage was established. Mrs. Rue helped orphans to have an opportunity for a new life through adoption into families in USA, Norway, Australia, Sweden and many other countries.

After her return to the States in 1967, she continued giving personal Bible studies and doing community service in Marrowstone Island, Washington. On September 24, 2008, Mrs. Rue attended a meaningful event celebrating the 100th anniversary of Adventist medical mission work in Korea. She passed away on July 13, 2009, at the age of 98.

Photo courtesy of Adventist Weekly



Tsuen Wan Church's cheerful performance at a shopping mall

As Christmas loses its true meaning little by little in an increasingly secularized world, Adventists living in Hong Kong once again used various ways to tell the world of our wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ.

On Christmas Day of 2014, members of Tsuen Wan Adventist Church organized a cheerful performance at Ma On Shan Plaza, a local shopping mall, to spread the good news of salvation through Christ. Early in the morning, the church members transported their stage equipment to the site and calibrated them for the best results. Under the magnificent glass dome of the mall, surrounded by colorful decorations, the stage was ready to boost the festivity.

The start of the program immediately caught many shoppers' attention. People began to gather

CHUM

Adventists in Hong Kong Demonstrate *the True Spirit of Christmas*



around. The first program was brought by the residents from Heng On Social Centre for the Elderly. They sang a gospel song in Cantonese which was based on the tune of a well-known traditional folk song. Their beautiful presentation was rewarded with loud applause from the audience. Then Pastor Robert Wong gave a short sermon, telling the story of the Savior's birth and its meaning to today's world.

Next, the youth of Tsuen Wan Adventist Church demonstrated their impressive talents in music, including a violin solo, trumpet, electric keyboard and choir. The choir, after months of practice, gave their best to the show. With love for Christ and fellow citizens in their hearts, they wrapped up the program with "Joy to the World." The event reached its climax with this inspirational song. The

audience was electrified by the spirit of Christmas.

Adventists at Yuen Long Church held a music show on December 20, 2014, for the children of its kindergarten and their parents. More than 40 parents and 30 students came. The youth from Pioneer Memorial Church were invited to be the main performers. They sang the story of Christmas and presented Christ as the focus of the holiday. Five people expressed their desire to study the Bible and to join the worship services.

Other Adventists were equally brave and creative. Some went to Ocean Park, a famous theme park for tourists and brightened the Christmas Day there with their talents and love.



Adventist students sing at Hong Kong Ocean Park

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West Central Korean Conference *Children's Winter School*



Children remain focused during a Winter School program.

The children's ministries department of West Central Korean Conference held their 17th Children's Winter School at Deer Mountain Retreat Center from January 18 to 20, 2015. This winter school with the theme of C.U. (Church United) was attended by 370 children and teachers.

The winter school was organized to teach Adventist beliefs to our children so that they can grow in truth. The children's curriculum on the 28 fundamental beliefs, which has been applied since 2008, has especially helped children to understand basic Adventist faith. The topic this time was church. All topics, including the Remnant and its mission, unity in the body of Christ, baptism, the Lord's Supper, spiritual gifts and ministries, and the gift of prophecy, are taught at the children's level. Three hundred children were divided into twelve groups to participate in this program. The praise team also played a role in vitalizing children's praise and music by sharing songs with lyrics and actions.

KUC *Churches Wind Up* Mission to the Cities

The evangelistic meetings which were held in Daejeon, Daegu, and Gyeongsan as part of the Mission to the Cities project of the General Conference came to an end. Churches that participated in the project are working hard on follow up and management of interests and new believers. The Mission to the Cities project brought passion for soul-winning work among pastors and church members as well as an influx of new church members.

Daegu Local District Mission Association held a special meeting on interesting topics, such as "What does the Bible say about aliens?" or "Are there other civilized planets besides Earth?" They also invited Dr. Lee SangGu as the main speaker of an evangelistic seminar on "natural

healing for modern people" held at Daegu Sahmyook Elementary School from November 10 to 15, 2014. Daejeon Local District Mission Association is planning to give new believers opportunities to mingle with church members through a picnic or a mission trip. They will also maintain contact with interests through healthy food cooking classes or child education seminars.

Gyeongsan Local District Mission Association is continuing small group activities and mission work. "The number of interests will increase when we find a proper way to approach them. I hope such meetings will not finish as a one-time event, but become constant spiritual awakening and revival," said Pastor Kang SoonKi.



The first Mission to the Cities evangelism in Korea in Daejeon



CHUM Hong Kong Adventist College Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Hong Kong Adventist College holds "Hope Walkathon" to celebrate its anniversary.

For three days, starting on October 31, 2014, Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) celebrated its 75th anniversary with various activities. The school has been standing at its current site near scenic Clear Water Bay since 1939 when it was moved from Guangzhou on the Chinese mainland during the Sino-Japanese war. Five of the school's main buildings are assessed by the Hong Kong SAR Government as Grade 2 Historic Buildings.

On the first day of celebration, students from the Health and Fitness Program (Bachelor of Science) demonstrated to the honored guests how to use some of the fitness equipment at their newly opened Health and Fitness Center. On the same day, Adventism in China (AIC) and HKAC jointly launched the Center for Chinese Adventist Heritage (CCAH), an entity dedicated to the preservation of written records and a collection of historic items that

memorialize the Adventist Movement in China.

On Sabbath, hundreds of alumni, honored guests and staff members worshiped in the beautiful Bay View Church built nearly half a century ago. In the evening, a fund-raising banquet was held. Teachers and students performed wonderful programs to add to the festivity.

On Sunday, crowds gathered on the campus. From there, they started a walkathon. It was a fund-raising event that involved hiking along the scenic route along Clear Water Bay.

HKAC staff and students know that they have a bright future lying ahead. The anniversary celebration boosted their spirits and their faith. They will continue to improve the school's mission and academics until perfection (school motto).



Fitness center opening ceremony at HKAC



Hundreds of alumni and honored guests attended Sabbath worship at Bay View Church.

On December 18, 2014, the campus of Taiwan Adventist College (TAC) was briefly transformed back in time to recreate the little town of Bethlehem. In Taiwan, the majority of society loves Christmas, and they know about Santa and giving presents. However, few understand the real reason behind the season. We wanted to present the Gospel to our community in a fun and exciting way in order to attract many people who may know very little about Jesus and His birth so that they would come and experience the events of that historical night for themselves. And they did! More than 500 guests participated, taking the journey, including more than 80 new visitors, all from the surrounding communities, who came to walk through Bethlehem and see for themselves the events that took place on the night of our Savior's birth.

We were prepared to welcome each visitor at the gate of the campus. As visitors arrived, they enjoyed a mini-concert by students singing and playing instruments. Jerry Hall, the orchestra teacher for Taiwan Adventist International School (TAIS), coordinated the music as other staff and helpers organized the visitors into groups that would soon set off on their journey.

As they began their journey across campus, walking through the open field, they found a small group of shepherds watching their flock of sheep. Suddenly angels appeared and began singing "Joy to the World." The students from Taiwan Adventist Academy (TAA), in Dave and Ulana Robertson's ESL Bible classes,

prepared the shepherd scene, creating cutout sheep and hanging lights that turned on, illuminating the place as the angels appeared.

The students from TAIS worked together to create backdrops for market places and shops around the village of Bethlehem. There were basket shops and pottery shops, a fish market and a spice market, a bakery with samples of freshly baked bread, a clothing shop and a jewelry shop. Students from both TAA and TAIS acted the parts, portraying the shopkeepers and pretending to try to sell their products to the visitors as they passed by.

It was a wonderful evening, full of laughter and fun as students gave visitors the guided tour through the Bethlehem stages set up all around the campus, making sure they stopped at each location along the way. Students from all three of our Adventist schools on campus, Taiwan Adventist Academy, Taiwan Adventist International School and

Taiwan Adventist College, all played major roles as actors: as shepherds abiding in the fields, angels coming down to sing and proclaim the Messiah's birth, Roman soldiers, shopkeepers, wise men, and of course Mary and Joseph.

After our guests visited the shops, they needed to fulfill their most important obligation. They had to be registered for the Roman census and pay their taxes. The student guides leading the visitors distributed pretend coins to each person in their group. Then each person had to go before the Roman tax collector, played by TAC professor, Dr. Kah Eng Kuah. Once the taxes were paid, the visitors began seeking an inn where they could go to sleep for the night, but as they knocked on the doors, unfortunately, they found that there were no more rooms available. They told them that they even had to turn away a pregnant woman earlier that night. There were no rooms for our guests, so they had to continue their journey a little further across campus toward the campus church.

One of the TAC professors plays the role of a Roman tax collector.



TWC

Taiwan Adventist College Invites the Community to Walk through Bethlehem

By Dannie and Tamara Storie at Taiwan Adventist International School



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INTERNATIONAL ADDICTION SEMINAR at Sahmyook University

The International Addiction Seminar was held at Sahmyook University on January 8, 2015. The 250 attendees included professors of domestic and foreign universities and members of the Addiction–Psychology–Alcohol Association. It was the first international seminar which the government held to educate addiction specialists. The world's greatest scholars were invited to introduce solutions to addiction problems and to discuss schemes of cooperation.

Seminar presenters were Dr. Thomas Babor, who is a professor at the College of Medicine, University of Connecticut, and a developer of the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT), and Dr. Gerhard Buhringer, a professor at Technical University of Dresden.

Dr. Kerstin Stenius, president of the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE) and a researcher for the National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland, emphasized the importance of national interest and measures. “The most crucial part in prevention of addiction is to control the market. Tax should be charged to tobacco or alcohol so that people cannot easily buy addictive substances.”

On January 9, Sahmyook University and the International Conference of Addiction Research Association (ICARA) and the Institute of Research and Development (IRD) made a mutual agreement to develop and offer an addiction specialist training course and international certificate, international student internship, and joint research.

“Modern people are seeking ways to avoid addictions and addictive behaviors. This seminar and agreement will give our students direction and qualify them to be leaders in the war against addiction,” said Dr. Chun SungSoo, a professor at Sahmyook University.



Along their trip, they had to beware of the Roman soldiers. They found a stable, but even it was occupied by Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus just as the angels had described when the guests were in the field with the shepherds earlier. As Mary and Joseph told everyone about their experience, to everyone's surprise three wise men bringing gifts arrived at the stable. The wise men explained how they had followed the star to find the place of Jesus' birth. Finally, the visitors found a place to rest and hear more about the plan of salvation from the TAC theology department students. Pastor George Liu helped run and organize the college students, who shared the message of salvation in the church, softly played music on the piano, and play the parts as innkeepers, Mary and Joseph, wise men, and Roman soldiers.

After our guests left the church, they were invited to receive refreshments in the International Education Center. TAIS Jr. High teacher, Moriah Hawkins, led the students in decorating the center and passing out delicious snacks and warm drinks.

The event was more than just an evening of fun. It involved weeks and weeks of preparation, drawing backdrops, setting up outdoor stages, installing lights, sewing costumes, preparing food and refreshments, practicing lines and learning Christmas carols. It took the combined effort of many, many people. It could not have happened without the coordinated effort of all of our schools and the cooperation of each different administration to enable this gift to the community to take place.





Church has worked in Taiwan for more than ten years, so he has plenty of experience to develop that church.

We had concerts every morning during the week of evangelism. Young people who love music or are interested in learning Korean attended our concert. During the evangelistic meetings, we had some interesting activities and games with students, enabling us to get to know one another better and to share our views and thoughts about religion and God. On Friday night, we had a special sharing session, and there was a baptism for one of the seekers on Sabbath.

We thank God for allowing us to share that “We Are One Family” through our singing, concerts, activities, dinners, etc. Please continually pray for the students so that they have the passion to seek Jesus and keep attending Douliu Church.

Chiayi

The Golden Angels visited Chiayi Church to help out with evangelistic meetings from December 1 to 6, 2014. Chiayi Church is located in mid-south Taiwan, so the weather was very good.

Pastor Shin HyunChul is the ordained minister of this church. Chiayi Church is bigger than other Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) churches, but they still experience some challenges. Around twenty to thirty members attend the Sabbath worship. Pastor Shin is also in contact with many students who want to study Korean and who are interested in the Bible.

Dr. Sally Phoon, family ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, served as the speaker for these evangelistic meetings. Her title was “Let’s Build a Home in Love.” Her presentations were very touching as well as practical and helpful to the audience.

The attendees were divided into four groups: Korean cooking class, beginners Korean class, intermediate Korean class, and children’s

class. All attendees participated in the group activities with great enthusiasm. On the last day of the evangelistic series, some people shared their testimonies. This church needs our prayers, so please pray for them.

Douliu

“Young blood” is the best way to describe Douliu Church. By the grace of God, the church is located near several universities in southern Taichung. There are so many young people who await the chance to know the love of God. The pastor of Douliu

Taitung

We also went to Taitung, where we participated in our last evangelistic meetings as members of the Golden Angels 11th group. The church was newly built by the members’ efforts, sacrifice and prayers. The church was really beautiful. It took almost six hours by car from Douliu. We arrived at night. We were greeted by Pastor Cheon and his wife, and she welcomed us with delicious food. We were surprised to learn that Pastor Cheon has been working in Taiwan for ten years. PMM pastors usually



Be United in the Holy Spirit and Shout Out His Name!



1. Dr. Sally Phoon (left) gives a sermon to the evangelistic meetings at Chiayi Church.
2. A Korean class for beginners

serve in other countries for six years, but Pastor Cheon prolonged his time in Taiwan.

During that week, the pastor's wife offered a cooking class for many Taiwanese who like to eat Korean food. After the cooking class, she packed the food in plastic bags and gave them to the people who participated in the class. I believe she packed her love and Jesus' love together with the food so that the people could feel the love when they ate the food.

Pastor Kim NakHyung preached a sermon every night about salvation, and Pastor Cheon translated his sermons into Taiwanese. Pastor Kim delivered God's plan of redemption for seekers and beginners. We were able to taste the joy of winning souls. It was truly a sweet time for us.

Pastor Cheon also helped us with our DVD production. He introduced many beautiful places. We were really thankful, and we believe that he did all these things not only for us but for the glory of God. The people in Taitung Church were as beautiful as Taitung City. We give thanks to God, who was with us during our Taitung trip.



A launching ceremony for Maranatha Missionaries

Korea's first Mission to the Cities evangelistic series, one of the Adventist Church's initiatives, was held from October 19 to 25, 2014, in Daejeon. Of several mission strategies for the evangelistic series, Daejeon mission council placed heavy importance on Maranatha Missionaries, who were especially organized to promote the Daejeon evangelistic series for nine months before and after the series.

The missionaries were required to do mission work for 15 hours a week, 60 hours a month. On March 27, 2014, fifteen Maranatha Missionaries, who were picked out from church members in the Daejeon district, had a launching ceremony and promised to dedicate themselves to God. They were also required to strengthen their capabilities as a missionary. During their term of nine months, they gathered once a month for a briefing session, prayer meeting, and lectures.

The slogan of Maranatha Missionaries is "Be united in the Holy Spirit and shout out His name." The missionaries decided to carry out their mission work relying on God only, as the Israelites took the city of Jericho by believing God's promise to deliver the city into their hands.

Two Maranatha missionaries distributed 40,000 tracts and 2,000 booklets during the nine months. Another missionary did not hesitate to stay at the house of a person who was interested in what the missionary was sharing. One missionary had a healthy cooking class in her house to attract people who were interested in eating healthy foods. Not all those who were interested decided to get baptized. Not all the missionaries' efforts were proved by numbers and figures. However, the Maranatha missionaries feel convicted that their evangelistic work and prayers for their souls will someday come to fruition.

Although the Mission to the Cities evangelism ended, the Maranatha missionaries decided to continue their missionary work in 2015 with the help of the Holy Spirit. They are going to hold various cultural events and relief activities to contact souls and invite them to evangelistic meetings.



SDA Fair Mission, guest instructors, and volunteers



Mrs. Park ChunJa teaches vegetarian cooking to booth visitors.

SDA Fair Mission Participates in the Gwangju International Food Fair

SDA Fair Mission participated in the Gwangju International Food Fair as an exhibitor from November 27 to 30, 2014, under the auspices of the HisHands Movement department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and women's ministry of South West Korean Conference. At the fair, they presented not only a healthy way to eat but a healthy way to live following God's way.

SDA Fair Mission set up a total of four booths to attract more visitors. During the expo period, they had more than 15,000 visitors. Approximately 3,300 books and magazines about health and our church were distributed. Also, about 770 visitors responded to a survey by the Mission and agreed to receive Adventist books and magazines. The Mission plans to deliver more material about God to these subscribers.

At the booths, visitors were offered various programs, such as vegetarian cooking classes, counseling, simple health checkups, Bible Correspondence enrollment, and small concerts. All of these programs attracted a lot of attention. The cooking class was especially packed with people and received a very positive response from visitors.

Encouraged by the visitors' response, Park ChunJa, instructor of the cooking class, was passionate as she delivered her presentations. "I did not expect that my class would receive such enthusiastic response. I cannot help but be assured that God is with this work. I am just so grateful that God chose a humble person like me. If I have the chance to do this job again, I will gladly do it," said Mrs. Park.

Many of the visitors shared their testimonies with the Mission. One of the visitors remarked, "I am a working mom. I have always been concerned about how to raise my two daughters with good health. I think I could find some clues in these book you've suggested, *Happy Twins* and *Good Food and Healthy Diet*."

Mr. Ahn SohRyong, a teacher at Gwangju Natural Science High School, visited the booth with his students. "Actually, my students asked me to come here and get some free books. Thank you for the books and other gifts for me and my students. It was a good decision to listen to my students."

One man shared that he had recently begun to attend an Adventist church after seeing the Mission exhibits for three years. "Sometimes I closely observe people's behavior and their activity. As I watched the Fair Mission team here during the past three years, I could see them doing their volunteer work with sincerity. I realized that they work not only to sell food or books but to give people something more. I was convicted that the church these people are attending is the right one."

During the exhibition, about 80 volunteers gave a helping hand. Many young volunteers participated in the work, giving a special boost to the booth. "I cannot help but feel that what I do here is actually not my work but God's. Everything is done under His guidance," said the volunteers.



Han SukHee
NSD Communication Director

Evangelistic Meetings at Douliu Church, Taiwan

Douliu Church, which was planted by a Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionary pastor Chung DaeBok in Taiwan, held an evangelistic meeting from December 7 to 13, 2014. The guest speaker was Pastor S. J. Byun, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) assistant communication director. Every night Pastor Byun preached heart-touching messages under the theme of “Amazing Prophecy.”

After finishing a few evangelistic meetings in other places in Taiwan, the NSD Golden Angels members arrived in Douliu to support the evangelistic series that was about to start. The Golden Angels members together with Douliu church members visited and held mini-concerts at the National Yunlin University of Science & Technology, the TransWorld University and Victoria Academy to invite people to the evangelistic meetings.

Every evening, about 50 students and youth attended the meeting and listened to the message and enjoyed the fellowship with Golden Angels members. Before the meeting started every night, there was a special cooking class, which was a favorite time for people during the event. Deaconesses Go and Bae came all the way from Korea to teach how to cook Korean cuisine, and they also prepared a delicious dinner every day for the participants.

Pastor Byun preached on Bible prophecies in the books of Daniel and Revelation and shared God’s message and His love with the participants. On the last day of the meeting, during the Sabbath school program, several participants of the meeting came forward



1. Pastor S. J. Byun (right) preaches a message to participants.
 2. Youth group activity after the sermon
 3. Pastor Chung DaeBok baptizes Mr. Zhang JiaHe.



to share their testimonies. Mr. Lin MengJi, one of the participants, said, “This was my first time to hear about the Bible message and the prophecies. My heart was deeply touched when I heard that Jesus loved me so much and died for me.” On this Sabbath morning, Mr. Zhang JiaHe, who had been studying the Bible with Pastor Chung for a long time, received baptism and was accepted as a member of the Douliu Adventist Church.

Pastor Chung DaeBok was sent to Taiwan as a PMM missionary 10 years ago. Even though his missionary term expired a few years ago, his zeal for mission made him extend his term for a few more years. Pastor Chung is preparing to build a new church building for Douliu Church.



S. J. Byun
 NSD Assistant Communication Director



Church leaders of NSD and Taiwan Conference cut the red tape outside the new building of Taitung Church.

TAITUNG CHURCH Dedicates New Church Building to God

By Chun JaeSong - Pastor at Taitung PMM Church

On December 14, 2014, Taitung PMM Church in Taiwan had a special dedication service for their new church building. About 200 Adventists from all over the country along with church leaders

from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and the Taiwan Conference attended the service.

Taitung Church was planted by Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Pastor Chun JaeSong. The church, which has fifty church members, made plans to construct the church building right after they purchased the property in October 2012. The church held a groundbreaking service on April 19, 2014, and finished the construction of the church building in late November last year. The new two-story church building, which has a floor space of 370 square meters, is composed of a main hall for divine services, a youth room, a cafeteria, dwelling space for ministers, and guest rooms. The total cost to construct the church building was \$260,000 USD.

In addition to the Taitung church members, many other people including Adventists in Korea and Taiwan, the Middlewest Korean Conference, and a Taiwanese benefactor financially helped the church to complete the construction. Above all, it could not have been finished without the prayers of many Adventists all over the NSD territories.

Chen Jianshan, a Taitung church member, remarked, "I am familiar with numbers and tend to represent things numerically. As a result of the church construction, however, I realized that there was something beyond numbers and figures in God's church. The grace and power of God are above all the numbers in this world." Another member, Siao Choushang, also gave a testimony. "I thank God for His blessings. He enables me to be more devoted through this event. Now I feel a greater sense of belonging to our church than before. I experienced the word of Mark: 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all





1. Pastor Jairyong Lee gives an encouraging message to the attendees at the dedication service.
2. Taiwan Conference president Steven Wu introduces the new church building.
3. Golden Angels sing a special song to celebrate the dedication of the church.

things are possible with God.”

Pastor Chun JaeSong stated, “The one thing our church members and I are so sure about is that we did not build this church but God did. We are seeing not just a church building, but God’s blessings. Moreover, it has been a pleasure for me as the pastor of Taitung Church to see that the church members have experienced God’s mighty hand and that their faith has grown. I pray that the gospel of His kingdom will be spread to the whole world through this church.”

Pastor Jairyong Lee, NSD president, spoke to the attendees at the dedication service. He encouraged them, saying, “I hope that at this beautiful church all of the members worship God with truth, learn His word, love one another, and preach His gospel to the world.”



Nothing Can Separate Missionaries from the Love of God

By Lee EunSup - Associate Director of 1000MM

On May 3, 2014, in a mountainous area of Malay, Aklan, in the Philippines, 43rd batch missionaries Grace Alapan and Noh Yeon were heading towards home after attending a Voice of Youth and Slipper Ministry program when they met a terrible accident. The tricycle they were riding lost its brakes and hit a coconut tree.

Grace Alapan saw her foot covered with blood, and there was a big wound in her thigh. “Lord, I surrender my life to You. Please make me strong!” was her prayer until a rescue team came thirty minutes later and took her to the hospital. X-ray tests revealed that her bones were not fractured, for which she was very thankful. The doctor said that her principal nerve had not been damaged by the steel, so it had not caused paralysis.

“I am serving You. Why did You let this happen to me?” was her question to the Lord. Grace found her answer in the book of Romans: “We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to endure. And endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation.”

Grace experienced the presence of the Great Physician because of the accident. She will never forget His loving kindness and His tender mercy. For her, the accident was a test of faith. Now, she cannot remember the pain anymore but only how good God is. The scars from the 29 stitches on her right leg cannot stop her from continuing to do God’s work. Her comfort in this suffering is that He promised us an everlasting life. “The scars remind me that I am a missionary and that I will always be a missionary,” she states. “I was encouraged to endure, remembering Psalms 73:26, which says, ‘My flesh and my heart may fail. But the Lord is my strength and my portion forever.’”



A 1000MM missionary prays in solitude.

PRAYER GARDEN *Renovation Project*

There is no doubt that the heart of the 1000 Missionary Movement is the prayer garden situated at the center of the campus. Unfortunately, Typhoon Glenda hit and severely damaged the prayer garden on July 16, 2014. Dr. Joshua Shin, the 1000MM director, initiated the renovation project of the prayer garden so that it can fully serve its purpose with a cleaner and more pleasant ambiance. This project will benefit the missionaries as a place where they can offer sincere prayers of dedication and intercessory prayers for their mission.



The prayer garden on the 1000MM campus

1000MM: Coming and Going



Missionary training for the 45th batch of the 1000MM

On January 24, 2015, 58 missionaries from the 43rd batch of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) ended their term of service. These missionaries, who are originally from six countries, bade farewell to their beloved mission fields and the 1000MM campus.

The 45th batch of the 1000MM is composed of 90 trainees who are currently undergoing missionary training which will last until March 21, 2015. They hail from the Philippines, Korea, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Peru, Bolivia, Thailand, and Cambodia. They are now experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit, which will accompany them to unknown places for their missionary endeavors.



Single Parent Families Establishment & Kindergarten of MFSC

The Multi-cultural Family Service Center (MFSC) began operating their Single Parent Families Establishment and Happiness-Sharing kindergarten in August 2013. In the Happiness-Sharing kindergarten, there are three different classes with 45 children, ages 3 to 7 years old. These children's parents are foreign workers who are unable to send their children to a local kindergarten due to the high kindergarten fees. The children are from different countries, such as China, Russia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Korea (from multi-cultural families), and nearly 90% of the children are of Korean descent from Middle Asia and China. Among these children, there are kids from the "Single Parent Families Establishment" from the MFSC's shelter, who form a class which is not charged any tuition fees.

There are six teachers in all with two teachers in each classroom. They are from Korea, Uzbekistan and the Philippines, so they teach three different languages to the kids—Korean, Russian and English—along with other curriculum, such as dancing, ocarina, etc.

When the kids first come, they cannot speak Korean, but as they begin to play with friends, they are soon able to speak fluently in Korean as well as Russian and English. Their language skills are not the only thing that changes, but the students become brighter and more active.

Many children from the kindergarten classes also come to church on Sabbath to learn about God's love, and through the children, MFSC is aiming to evangelize their parents. MFSC does not see foreign workers as just

a labor force, but future missionaries and evangelists who can spread the gospel in their homelands after accepting the gospel through the center. MFSC tries to help them by meeting their needs and showing them the love of Christ.

MFSC believes that the children who attend the MFSC kindergarten and the children who receive help through the "Single Parent Families Establishment" will grow up to become fine people through the richest blessings from our heavenly father.

The kindergarten and "Single Parent Families Establishment" are operated through donations received by the center. We would like to offer you the opportunity to help the children at our center by signing up for a sisterhood relationship with our single parent families or by donating through our center. We are waiting for your kind helping hands.

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