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His Power for Our Mission

Only by His Power Will We Accomplish the Mission

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

Jesus had his final farewell meeting with His disciples on the Mount of Olives. Soon He would depart from this world. Perhaps He gave a long farewell speech to His disciples on that day. He must have felt sad departing from His disciples with whom He had closely spent the last three and a half years. These were His final words to them: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth” (Acts 1:8). This is the great mission that Jesus gave to all His followers, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to all individuals in the world. It is, indeed, a great task and a very challenging mission.

God established the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the last days for a very special purpose, which is to complete the gospel work in the entire world through this church. The General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was officially organized in May 20-23, 1863, in Battle Creek, Michigan. It had a very humble beginning. It was organized with 125 local churches, 31 pastors and about 3,500 church members.

The Lord has blessed the Seventh-day Adventist Church in many remarkable ways. As of 2012, we have 13 divisions and two attached fields, 124 unions, 601 conferences/missions, 75,184 local churches with 18,182 ordained ministers and 18 million church members. We have 113 universities/colleges, 580 hospitals and health care centers, 63 publishing houses and many other church institutions. Our publishing houses are printing books in 362 languages. We baptize on average 3,000 people every day. It is certainly an amazing church.

However, there are many millions of unreached people. Millions upon millions of people have never heard of the gospel message. About 4 billion people,

60% of the world’s population, are living in the 10/40 window. Less than 4% of them are Christians, which includes Roman Catholic believers and Protestant Christians including Seventh-day Adventists.

Finishing the gospel work in the entire world seems almost impossible, and even if it were possible, it may take hundreds of years, delaying the second coming of Christ. How soon can we finish the gospel work in the entire world?

We need to understand that this is not our work but God’s work. God has planned and started this work, and He will surely finish the work in a short period of time using His people who are giving their total commitment to the gospel work. When Jesus empowered His disciples, He promised the power of the Holy Spirit, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.”

Likewise, in the last days, God’s people will be filled with the great power of the latter rain of the Holy Spirit, and this will encourage us to go out boldly and preach the three angels’ messages to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people. The world will be turned upside down with the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ.

Only by the power of the Holy Spirit can we accomplish the gospel commission. “The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as in the future; but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it and believe for it. We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it” (*Ev*, 701).

We need to receive the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish our mission. Let us earnestly pray to the Lord to fill us every day with the power of the Holy Spirit.

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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Rise Up, NSD RETENTION!

A report on the 2nd NSD Summit on Retention and Reclamation



Teru Fukui
NSD Retention Project coordinator

The second Retention and Reclamation Summit of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) was blessed by excellent lecturers, good presenters and wonderful attendees from all over our division, but most of all by the grace of God.

The NSD is one of the most critical divisions in the world in terms of church retention rate, according to a report by the General Conference (GC) Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research (ASTR), which was made public at the first Global Summit on Nurture and Retention, which was held in Silver Spring, Maryland, in 2013. The NSD is also the first division to seriously tackle this issue by holding division-wide summits. By the presidential initiative of the division, the first Summit was held in Okinawa in 2014, and the second NSD Summit on Retention

and Reclamation was held from March 2 to 5, 2015, in Nagasaki, Japan. In the city of Nagasaki, people are trying to preserve the memories of historical events, such as the atomic bomb or Christian martyrdom. They are fighting against strong waves of vanishing memories by creating museums, publishing books, holding programs, etc. However, our issue of retention and reclamation can be solved only by establishing the living image of Christ in our current leaders and members of the church.

There were 64 attendees at the Summit on Retention and Reclamation. All three officers and the retention coordinator from every union, the president and retention coordinator of every conference/mission, plus the theological chairs of our schools in the division were all invited to come and discuss the issue.

Two special lecturers, Dr. Artur Stele, chair of the Committee of Nurture and Retention at the GC and director of the Bible Research Institute, and Dr. G. T. Ng, GC secretary, were invited as speakers. Dr. Stele stressed that numerical growth should not be the primary goal but that the growth of the word of God must precede anything else. Dr. Ng tried to stimulate the thinking of attendees about changing our current system of theological education, training intern pastors, administrative evaluation of pastors, and training of laity to better suit the issue of retention and reclamation.

Four other excellent presenters—two Korean pastors, one Taiwanese pastor, and one young lay leader from Hong Kong—were also invited. Our special appreciation goes to Pastor Yoon HoYoung, Pastor Kim



Attendees at the Summit on Retention and Reclamation from the division, unions, conferences, missions and schools.



1 & 2. Two special lecturers at the retention summit, Dr. Artur Stele and Dr. G. T. Ng
3. NSD president Jairyong Lee speaks at the summit.

KeonSoo, Pastor Feng Sheng Chian, and Mr. Tommy Kwok, who shared excellent examples of improving retention rate and other indexes of evangelistic work. These pastors gave us reports of their respective ministries. Their excellent ministries inevitably increased their retention rates. Their reports impressed and encouraged the attendees. Also, the report by Tommy, the only lay person this time, gave us insights on young people who are facing problems and leaving our church. He stated that young members can be trained and changed to become active workers to harvest for the kingdom of God.

I wish to express our deep appreciation to the local pastors in the Kyushu district of West Japan Conference, who joined us, not only to benefit from the summit, but to support us and to help us have a successful meeting. May God bless us all to become faithful servants to the gospel ministries in the last days.

During the past two years, the number of baptisms has increased in places where the Mission to the Cities evangelistic meetings were held, such as in Tokyo and Ulaanbaatar. As the saying goes, the difficulty is not starting an enterprise but carrying it to final success. In other words, although it is important to gain new members by baptism, it is even more important to retain the new members after their baptism. How can we retain the new members we gained through the Mission to the Cities evangelistic efforts?

Post-evangelism Follow-up Training for Newly Baptized Members

Preparation of Church to Accept New Members

First of all, it is necessary for the current members to be ready to accept new members. Church growth specialists say that 50% of newly baptized members will leave the church within six months unless they find at least six friends in the church. Church members who have strong relationships with each other should be willing to absorb new members into their cluster. Otherwise, new members may not settle down into church life due to the feeling of being left out.

Another reason new members leave the church is that members do not always live according to what the church teaches. For instance, suppose that there is a member who is attracted by the health message introduced by the Adventist Church. They would expect that most of the members, if not all, live according to the health message, but if they discover that only a few members practice the Adventist health message, the new member may be disappointed and leave the church.

Some people leave the church because they find that it is difficult to assimilate themselves into the Adventist way of living although they were attracted by the beauty of the truths they found in the Adventist Church. They may be disappointed as they feel it is not easy to keep the Sabbath day holy, to apply the health message in their lives, and to practice stewardship. If we can encourage them, help them, and wait for them through brotherly love until they root themselves in the church, they will continue to stay in the church as co-workers of Jesus.

Follow-up Trainings for New Members

Newly baptized members may have acquired knowledge of the fundamental beliefs or biblical prophecies through evangelistic meetings. Some of them may have been attracted by the human relationship with the person who led them to the remnant church. However, they may not have experienced a close relationship with Jesus Christ. Above all, new members should be strengthened by the compelling love of Jesus. After all, what is built on the Rock will not collapse. The love of Jesus Christ described not only in the Bible but in *Steps to Christ* and *The Desire of Ages* written by E. G. White will help new members cast their anchor of faith in the church.

As new members develop a strong relationship with Jesus, they will learn the fundamental beliefs commonly accepted by Adventists. While

new members become Christians through the first level of training, they grow up as Adventist Christians through the second level of training. New members have learned about the seventh-day Sabbath and the second coming of Jesus. Now, they need to experience peace in their hearts and blessings in their lives from keeping the Sabbath and surety in the hope of the second coming of Christ. They may not gain full knowledge of Adventist beliefs by attending a series of evangelistic meetings. As the truth is emphasized again and again, their confidence will become solidified. There may be some topics that they have never studied. If they have not learned about the conditional immortality of the soul, a life of stewardship, or the standard of Christian living, they should acquire these topics at this stage.

The third level of follow-up training is about the identity of the remnant people. There are various religions in the world as well as many Christian denominations. Then, why not any denomination? Why the Adventist Church? In-depth study of Daniel and Revelation will give them a clearer understanding of our identity. In this level of training, they become the remnant people. Through studying Bible prophecy, they will gain confirmation that the Adventist Church is a movement of destiny. The birth of the Adventist Church was prophesied long before it was born. In addition, the mission of the church, preaching the everlasting gospel to the ends of the world, preparing the way of Jesus' return, and helping men and women prepare for His coming have also been prophesied.

The final training as follow-up for newly baptized members is to train them as witnesses of Jesus Christ. Most Adventists do not have non-Adventist friends outside the church for one of the following reasons: many of them are second- or third-generation Adventists, or they have been long-time Adventists. Their objective of personal evangelism is limited due to their separated way of living from the secular world. However, newly baptized members still have many friends and relatives they can invite to church. Almost all of their acquaintances are non-Adventists except for the one or two who led them to Adventism. They need to be trained to be witnesses for Jesus Christ to lead their friends to church. As they come to the point of reproducing by witnessing, they will be more likely to remain in the church.

Kwon JohngHaeng

NSD Adventist Mission/Stewardship Ministries/
Global Evangelism Director



Newly baptized members and pastors after the UB14 evangelism last September.



Specialnes

Read Exodus 12:1-28

Ancient Israel, a God-Led Movement

Can you imagine what it was like to be an Israelite in Egypt at the time of the first Passover? Nine plagues had fallen as judgment on the land of Egypt. A tenth plague was about to fall upon the Egyptians. God knew that this would be the last plague and that the people of God would be allowed to leave. These were God's chosen people! They would leave quickly, and they would see more miracles as they went. The Promised Land was just days away!

The Israelites were told to take a lamb, a spotless lamb, and kill it and roast it over a fire. They were to eat of it with their traveling clothes on, their sandals on their feet, and their walking staff in their hands, ready to go at a moment's notice. They were the specially called people of God! They were to urgently prepare to go as God directed. They were to expect miracles to continue as God took them to the Promised Land. Instructions came to take the blood of the lamb and place it upon the doorpost of the house. Any house that had the blood on the doorpost would be a house of a special people, God's own, under His protection. The destroying angel would pass over that house.

And so it was. The children of Israel did as God asked. They ate the Passover as instructed, ready to leave at a moment's notice. It was not business as usual. It was with anticipation. They were on their way home to their new home!

s, Urgency, Expectancy



David Ripley

NSD Ministerial Association Director

Your Church and Its Mission Are Led by God

As we meditate on the Passover story in Exodus, I believe there are three things God wants us to learn from this recorded history: Specialness, Urgency, and Expectancy. Our church today is led by the same all-powerful, all-knowing God who led the Israelites out of Egypt. If we desire to overcome the problem of retention and follow God to accomplish His will for our church, the culture of our churches must change to include these three concepts.

What we hold as culturally right for our church will drive us to make decisions. Therefore, cultural norms must be examined so the correct decisions are made. Specialness, Urgency, and Expectancy must be a part of that culture, or we will be doomed to wander in the wilderness for more generations.

These three things are so important they must be installed in the local church culture. To do this properly they should become a part of our worship, preaching, visitation, small group studies, education, and everything else we do. We must always be communicating these three principles within the culture of our church. If a church is going to grow as God wishes, the congregation must accept these three as norms.

Defining the Foundational Norms for Seventh-day Adventist Churches

1. Specialness

This means we are the chosen people of God. We should review

what God has already done and constantly remind ourselves of the God-sized mission and vision that we can accomplish through His power. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a called-out church. God is calling to your church. He has a specific, unique, and special mission for your congregation. God has brought your group of people together for His purposes. We are a special, called-out people to do what no one else can do in our community.



2. Urgency

We must make decisions in the church based on the knowledge that we are in the last days of earth's history. Church leaders should constantly remind church members where we are in earth's history. Jesus is coming soon! There are souls in our communities that need to be rescued. If we do not accomplish our God-given mission, people will die in their sins. We must remind

the church that discipleship is God's way to reach others.

3. Expectancy

God is all-powerful, and He is eager to perform miracles to accomplish His desire to save people from destruction. We must remind our church that God is able, that God's will for our church is to grow, and what God wills can happen if we cooperate. Teach the church members to look for and recognize the miracles of God. Teach your church to pray for and expect many more miracles as the church changes into a discipleship community to share the Gospel with your part of the vineyard.

These are the foundational norms for the culture of a healthy, growing church. In my personal pastoral ministry, I found that the church was successful when the local leaders and the congregation grasped these three concepts and made decisions based on their leading.

Preaching is a good place to begin sharing these norms. If you would like to have a copy of what I call "Sermon Starters for Specialness, Urgency, and Expectancy," please send me an email at dripley@nsdadventist.org. It is available in several languages.



Mr. Song SungSub preaches the gospel on a subway train by carrying his banner.

Modern Jonah *in the Big City of Seoul*

Many people living around us still do not know about Jesus. Most Adventists have felt a burden to share the message of Christ's second coming in their neighborhoods, but it is tougher than ever before to reach people with God's message, especially in the cities. In Korea, leaving leaflets and booklets in front of apartment doors used to be a common way of evangelism, but this activity is now considered distribution of unpermitted advertisements and is not allowed without permission. It is also forbidden to give out items in public transport. Leaflets can be handed out on the street, but most people ignore them or receive but do not read them.

Mr. Song SungSub, assistant secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, thought about how he could evangelize people in the city

where he lives. He was concerned about how to preach the three angels' messages in an effective way. Then, one day in fall 2013, he came up with the idea of printing a short message on a bicycle flag. If he rode his bicycle around with the flag attached to it, people would read the message. However, the bicycle flag was too small to print words large enough that people could read when they walked by. He tried to think of a better way and came up with another idea: "What if I make a large banner and carry it on my back like a backpack?" He immediately ordered a customized banner with the words: "Sabbath=Saturday=The Seventh Day/ Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

"People remember the phrase on the banner just by glancing at it. If I give out leaflets, people have to

purposefully open them and read them to find a message. On the other hand, if people see me carrying this banner, the message on the banner could be planted in their minds, regardless of their will," Mr. Song explains. He goes walking in the park in his neighborhood carrying his banner. When he takes the subway, he walks from carriage to carriage without saying anything. When he commutes to his job or goes out for lunch, he always wears his banner.



A passer-by reads the words on the banner, "Sabbath=Saturday=The Seventh Day/ Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

Plant the Sabbath in People's Minds

The responses have been varied. People often see the banner and read out the phrase word by word. Mr. Song is glad that they are reading the phrase out loud and, at the same time, sharing it to the people around them. Once, there was a person who followed Mr. Song to ask if there is a church which keeps the Sabbath. The person had read the Bible steadily and thought Saturday should be the Sabbath according to the Bible. Mr. Song gave the person a book about the Sabbath.

Mr. Song has also been able to meet some people who used to attend the Adventist Church but have left. The banner on his back reminds them of the Adventist Church. Some people have stopped Mr. Song to tell him about their past religious lives. Some people wish to attend the Adventist Church again. They ask him for addresses of churches. People with an Adventist in their family, relatives, or friends also show curiosity.

Even for those who have no idea what the Sabbath is or have no interest in it, the message is planted in their minds as seeds. People usually see an advertisement on television without any thought, but it affects them later at the store; the brand in the advertisement comes to their minds and sometimes leads to purchase. In this manner, people may not immediately know what the message means, but one day it will flash into consciousness and help them find the truth.

A Banner Man

After he began to carry his banner, Mr. Song made a lot of new friends. "I got a new nickname, 'Banner Man.' Sometimes people call me by my nickname when I am on the street and say hello to me. They used to be just strangers living in the same neighborhood, but now they are my friends and acquaintances. When I get to know them better, I may be able to share the gospel of God with them," he says.

Mr. Song's special way of mission has had a positive effect on other Adventists. His work of carrying the banner has helped them think about different ways they can preach the gospel. Many Adventists he knows have said to him, "You are a man of great courage!" and "I should do something for God's mission as you do." Some people even told him that the banner is a great way to reach people and they would also do the same.

Have a Little Faith

Mr. Song did not feel so daring when he first began to walk around with such a large banner. "When I tried to go out carrying the banner for the first time, my face burned with shame and I felt like everyone was looking at me. However, I should not judge people's reactions, and I should not chicken out without

even trying." After he went out with the banner for a few days with faith, his fear disappeared. As he carries the three angels' messages on his back, he knows that God has promised to always be with him and to send His angels to protect him. Mr. Song finds it easier to share God's message with others. He strongly believes that the Holy Spirit is with him.

Mr. Song's mission work influences his entire life. Now he is willing to put himself on the line for God. He participates in other evangelistic work and church activities. For him, mission is not a one-shot event; it is a part of his daily life.

"I did not expect that this banner could save souls around me, but I feel great because I have received more positive responses than I expected," Mr. Song says. He calls his way of mission the "Jonah Movement." He compares himself to Jonah, who walked around the big city of Nineveh, warning citizens that the city would perish if they did not repent. Mr. Song stands firmly in the conviction that if he continues to march around his city, the three angels' messages will spread and soon the day of Christ's second coming will come. Carrying a banner is not the best way for all Adventists to preach the gospel. However, if all of us embrace mission work as a part of our lives, the Lord will soon come. Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!



Mr. Song SungSub is nicknamed "Banner Man."



Mr. Song hands out booklets on the street.



Mr. Song talks to a man who shows interest in his banner and the Adventist Church.



A group picture of 2015 NSD PREXAD delegates

2015 NSD PREXAD (President's Executive Advisory Committee)

For the 2015 PREXAD, the administrators of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), three union presidents, and two conference/mission presidents gathered in Sanya of Hainan Island, China, on March 9, 2015. Sanya is the so-called southern tip of the NSD territory.

In his opening remark at the business meeting, NSD president Jairyong Lee reiterated NSD's motto "Mission First," emphasizing the unity needed to expand the kingdom of God in the most challenging territory in terms of population and mission work. When he mentioned the second Retention and Reclamation Summit, he expressed his gratitude to all the church leaders for their commitment and

support on this issue. He asserted, "Until churches are able to retain church members and reclaim the lost successfully and satisfactorily, we have to work on this issue." He also talked about comprehensive health ministry as a very effective ministry the church could do for outreach and soul-winning. As the opening wedge and the right arm to the three angels' messages, the church should utilize the health message to remove the bias of modern people against the gospel of Christ and to meet the felt-needs of many sick people in the end time.

Union presidents and conference/mission presidents shared their plans to evangelize each city in their respective fields for 2015 Mission to the Cities. NSD began with Tokyo13

as an initiative for the Mission to the Cities in 2013. Last year, each union designated a large city in its territory as a target for Mission to the Cities. This year each conference and mission will make efforts to do this in respective areas.

In addition to attending the business meeting, NSD leaders had the opportunity to visit four Adventist churches and a Life Hope Center in China during the week from March 9 to 14. Church pastors and members gave a heartfelt welcome to the leaders. They also shared their church history, future plans and current activities.

There is a church that has plans to construct a church building with a construction cost of four million dollars. What a big vision and dream for a small group of members! Another church that the NSD leaders visited had suffered persecution from a Sunday-keeping church that shared the usage of the church building. A female pastor who had retired from her career as a medical doctor was faithfully leading the Adventist church with 17 pastoral staff. During the persecution, the Adventist brethren were allowed to worship in the cold damp dirty basement infested with rats. With prayers and tears, the small group of Adventist members renovated the basement into a clean and tidy place of worship. The basement is now used as a place for fellowship. The NSD leaders also visited an area where there used to be a former union office, an Adventist hospital, and a Sahmyook school and food factory. Unfortunately, they were taken by the government and used for different purposes, but the avenue which was named Sahmyook is still used. The name of the avenue reminded the NSD leaders of the past prosperity of the Adventist Church in China.

The Life Hope Center was impressive, and the NSD leaders commended the commitment of the members. Sixty to seventy church members had rented a small building

NSD PASTORS' TRAINING EVENT Held in Okinawa



1. Daniel Jiao, CHUM secretary (left), and Jairyong Lee, NSD president (right)
2. NSD leaders worship together at a local church in China.

and opened a bookstore and bakery. In one corner of the building, they had displayed some of Ellen White's writings translated into the local language and some books on the health message. In the other corner, different kinds of bread along with some health products were displayed for sale. The second floor of the building is used as a place of worship. According to the elder, last year seventeen precious souls were baptized. The NSD leaders saw the great potential of the Life Hope Center in China.

On Sabbath afternoon, the NSD leaders visited a former Adventist sanitarium, located on a small island, that now belongs to the government. An Adventist church is renting it for health ministry and evangelism. PREXAD 2015 provided church leaders with a good opportunity to learn more about God's ministry and its great potential in China.



Joo MinHo
NSD Assistant to the President

From Tuesday evening through Thursday, April 7 to 9, 2015, fifty pastors and their church leaders met for the Okinawa Mission Pastors' Training Event.

The Okinawa Mission president Lee KeunWan coordinated the time of equipping, which was part of the preparation for Okinawa15, a major evangelistic outreach. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) ministerial department led out in the presentations.

The topics shared by Dr. David Ripley were "The Culture in Your Church," "Mission and Vision in the Local Church," "Moving through Attendance Barriers," "Pastoral Leadership and Disciples," and "Relational Evangelism." Pastor Lynn Ripley's messages were "Living as Disciples," "Outreach-Focused Sabbath Schools," and "The Missional Church."

The participants interacted enthusiastically as they practiced sharing their testimony, praying together, and participated in other learning activities. A time for "Questions and Answers" was well received. The questions focused on how to apply what was learned to the ministry in each church. The equipping time included a time of "United Prayer," and each Okinawa church and its ministry was prayed for by name.

One pastor shared, "It was so encouraging to have my church leaders so active in their desire to become better at their witnessing skills. I know God will bless our evangelistic efforts so that they will be very fruitful. We all want to thank the NSD for helping us in such a practical way."



Lynn Ripley
NSD Assistant Ministerial Secretary





The Ministerial and Health leaders in the NSD territories.



Delegates create a plan for comprehensive health ministry.

NSD **COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH MINISTRY** Planning Session

By David Ripley - NSD Ministerial Association Director

The Ministerial and Health leaders from the unions, missions, and attached conference met from February 25 to 26, 2015, to discuss and plan for comprehensive health ministry in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). NSD administration and many departmental directors joined us for the presentations and discussions. We prayed and planned for a future when all Adventist congregations will have a comprehensive health ministry as part of their ministry and their identity as Seventh-day Adventist Christians.

The General Conference has asked us to be involved in the comprehensive health ministry initiative. Our meeting was to help us understand how the ministry could be used in our field to move mission forward. It is not a new approach to mission, but one that was important to the Adventist Church from its very early days of existence.

Sometimes the title of this initiative is not clearly understood. The following explanation may be helpful.

Comprehensive – This means that we seek to look at all possibilities in helping people’s lives to be better. It involves a wide range and a variety of approaches. It is a broad spectrum addressing felt needs in the mental, physical, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects of people’s lives.

Health – This is likely the least understood part of the title of the initiative. When people see the word “health,” most of them immediately say, “I am not a medically trained person, so this is not for me!” Please do not misunderstand. Comprehensive means that this includes a wide range of outreach ministries that will better the lives of people in the community and help develop a positive attitude and awareness in the minds and hearts of the community for the local Adventist church as it works to accomplish its God-given mission.

Ministry – This refers to the activities of congregations as they seek to accomplish their God-given mission, a compelling focus on ministry that invites all members to be involved.

During our two-day planning session, we heard presentations by Dr. Jairyong Lee, Dr. Barbara Choi, Dr. Choi YoungII, Pastor Lynn Ripley, and Dr. David Ripley. We also heard a report from each union, mission, and attached conference on what is happening now in comprehensive health ministry. After the presentations, we broke into small groups and discussed different aspects and ideas of comprehensive health ministry.

In some of our breakout sessions, we also spent time exploring the concept of what a local church may look like in its community when church members truly understand the concept of comprehensive health ministry and its ability to enlarge our ability for God’s mission.

Comprehensive health ministry is important for large churches and for our health institutions. It is also important for small churches made up of just a handful of people. Because of the nature of the initiative, it will provide important ministry opportunities for all Seventh-day Adventist congregations.

Jesus Himself modeled for us what comprehensive health ministry is all about. It is about alleviating people’s pain and suffering. It is about changing the community around our church into a better place to live. It is about making friends for heaven and eventually spending eternity with those who choose to follow Jesus.

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me’” (*Ministry of Healing* 143).

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THE URBAN EVANGELISM PROJECT



Sally Lam Phoon

NSD Women's Ministries Director, CLAP Coordinator

The Urban Evangelism Project, an initiative of the women's ministries departments of the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), came to a successful conclusion on March 24, 2015, when 14 graduates received their certificates and diplomas from Stella-In International, an accredited aesthetics college in Malaysia.

Launched in 2012, the project aims to equip a group of 16 to 20 church members in each of four locations in China with skills in massage and cosmetology. They can then set up their own businesses or work with wellness centers, salons, spas and the like, which are mushrooming in many big cities. Armed with these beauty skills, these urban missionaries will touch many who would never step into a church or come into contact with a pastor. We pray that centers of influence will spring up in these cities with workers who have been trained to reach out to post-modern people wherever they are just as Jesus did.

Our principal trainer, Mrs. Stella Hong, a qualified aesthetician who owns three training academies in Malaysia, has trained a total of 54 young people from four selected locations in China. Most of the graduates from 2013 are already working in spas and other businesses. One graduate from the northern region set up a bridal business at a large church. There, these urban evangelists provide services for couples who plan to hold their weddings at the church. Many of these couples experience conversion after coming into contact with church leaders while planning for their weddings. Weddings are regularly held at the church. In one particular year, seventy weddings were reported.

On October 14, 2014, Mrs. Stella Hong paid a visit to the NSD office and met with one of the graduates of the Urban Evangelism Project, Rebecca, who is now furthering her studies and honing her skills in bridal hairstyling and makeup here in Seoul.

Rebecca had this to say: "It was by the providence of God that I enrolled in the Urban Evangelism Course and met Mrs. Stella Hong, the principal instructor. She made a very deep impression on me as a special kind of teacher who leads by example. From her, I caught a vision of what it means to serve. This course showed me the future direction I should take. Not only have I learned a lot of skills from the

teachers, but they have deepened my understanding of how I should live a life of faith."

Rebecca's dreams include completing her course here in Seoul and getting some work experience in Korea before returning home to China to set up her own bridal business. One day, she hopes that she, too, can train others in the area of aesthetics. We hope that in the near future, this can become another center of influence for spreading the gospel.

In Shanghai, three women who opened their own spa business after graduating from this training felt a special blessing. One of them said, "Although we had to travel two hours each way to attend this course, we have benefitted so much from the insights gained in aesthetics. Although we have attended similar classes, we can say that the training in this course was far superior to what we had experienced prior to this. The teachers are so committed to giving us their very best and go far beyond the call of duty."

We just received news that a group of four graduates are in the process of furthering their skills by visiting Teacher Stella in Malaysia so that they can learn more about how to set up their business in the near future.

We certainly praise God for all He has accomplished! He has stayed true to His promise—"Call upon me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things that you do not know about." Our God is in the business of multiplication as we extend our small efforts in response to His leading.

Next in the lineup is Mongolia Mission, which is gearing up its preparations to hold an urban evangelism course in June and August 2015. This novel project, which holds great potential, is being funded primarily by the NSD in cooperation with the local union/mission and women's and family ministries departments of the General Conference.



14 graduates of the Urban Evangelism Project



Instructors providing feedback in the final exam for Manicure

NSD EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 2nd Educational Leadership Conference of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) was held in the beautiful Celebrity City Hotel in Nanjing, Jiansu Province, China, from April 27 to 30, 2015. A total of 75 delegates attended—34 from Korean Union Conference, 2 from Japan Union Conference, 7 from Chinese Union Mission, 1 from Mongolia Mission, 6 from Taiwan Adventist Conference, 10 from the Division office, guest presenters and their spouses and also a few local leaders. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, gave the opening address, reminding the participants that they are first called to be “spiritual leaders” and that without being so, they could not be effective leaders for the church.

Two presenters came from the General Conference (GC): Dr. Ella Simmons, GC vice president, who is also the chair of the International Board of Education (BOE) and vice chair of the International Board of Ministerial Theological Education (IBMTE), and Dr. Mike Lekic, GC associate education director, who is the executive secretary of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities (AAA). Dr. Simmons talked about effective boardmanship that would impact challenges in the future. Dr. Lekic talked about the commitment of individuals to Adventist education and the work of the AAA.

Three presenters come from other Divisions—Dr. Mario Martinelli, president of Safelix Publishing in Spain; Dr. Sung Kwon, the executive director of community services from the North America Division; and Ms. Joanne Kim, principal of Guam Adventist Academy. Dr. Martinelli shared the new science and religion textbooks for primary

and secondary schools. Dr. Kwon talked about “hybrid” educational leadership for effective ministries, and Ms. Joanne Kim shared her personal journey in Adventist education and what she is now doing at Guam Adventist Academy.

The other presenters came from the NSD. Pastor Kim NakHyung talked about public campus ministry. Dr. Sally Lam-Phoon talked about the human bonding process and shared vital information that should be presented to students and young people in our churches. Dr. Barbara Choi shared a brief history of our health institutions and the role they play in training health workers for our institutions. Dr. David Ripley and Pastor Lynn Ripley talked about their experiences as they worked with churches that ran schools, and Dr. Kim SiYoung shared exciting stories about the work of the Pioneer Mission Movement in relation to mission and education.

Two sessions were set aside for the participants to discuss the challenges ahead and to work on possibilities of facing these challenges. The participants enjoyed lively exchanges with colleagues from other institutions and fields, receiving suggestions and support from each other.

On the final day, the group visited the location of the old San Yu School in Qiao Tao Zhen, the Sun Yat Sen Mausoleum in Nanjing, the museum of massacre during the Second World War, and the Nanjing Adventist Church.



Chek Yat Phoon
NSD Education Director



Delegates of the 2nd NSD Educational Leadership Conference

Attendees of a Vegetarian Nutrition Conference



The health ministry leaders of General Conference, NSD, and KUC



GC/KUC VEGETARIAN Nutrition Conference

On March 9 and 10, 2015, the General Conference Health Ministry team, comprised of Dr. Peter Landless, Dr. Fred Hardinge, Dr. Kathleen Kuntaraf, and Dr. Viriato Ferreria, conducted a two-day Vegetarian Nutrition Conference for our members.

More than 180 people attended the first day, and on the second day there were more than 120 attendees. Their energy and enthusiasm during the question-and-answer period were encouraging. The health ministry department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) plans to run a repeat program for KUC ministers and their spouses.

The Conference included the following topics: the SDA nutritional philosophy, hypertension implications for the vegetarian, advantages of vegetarian diets in diabetes, the Bible and a vegetarian diet, the use of alcohol, and nutritional facts and fiction.

More than a century ago, God used Ellen White to sketch a way of life for people in His prophetic movement. It was based on exercise, adequate rest, a wholesome diet,

abstinence from harmful substances, a positive mental outlook, and trust in divine blessings. More than a hundred years have passed during which scientific research has confirmed over and over again the benefits of the way of life God presented to Ellen White.

God's plan for this world includes the complete restoration of men and women to His image. To complete this task, the health message may be used in two ways: health education for church members and health evangelism for the community.

You are what you eat! When members have been educated, they can share the love of Christ to others and teach them how to eat right and live right to restore His image, thus hastening His second coming. Each one of us can have a part in this approach to "Mission First"!



Barbara Choi
NSD Health Ministries Director

MM Mongolia Mission's DRUG FREE Youth Program

By Enkhbayar Mishigdorj - MM Health Ministries Director



Mongolia is a country of youth where about 60% of the total population is under age 30. As these statistics show, our church is a church of youth. Therefore, Mongolia Mission (MM) has been planning activities for our young people. Since last May, the MM Health Department has been running a "Drug-Free Youth" program.

The main objective of this program is to support our young people so that they can spend time with friends without using any drugs or substances and so that they can use their musical talents to bring friends to church.

So far there have been four organized nights for the "Drug-Free Youth" program with more than 300 participants. Through this program, several young people have started coming to an Adventist church.



The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) office family had the special joy of precious time in God’s Word during its 2015 Week of Spiritual Emphasis. Our speakers were spiritual leaders from the NSD ministry team. Speakers focused their message on the theme “Completing the Mission in Our Day.”

On Monday, NSD president Jairyong Lee shared a message from Acts 1:8-9, “His Power for Our Mission.” Pastor Kim SiYoung, Pioneer Mission Movement director, led us through a passage from Nehemiah 11:1-2, “The Men Who Volunteered to Live in Jerusalem.” Then on Wednesday, Pastor Stanley Ng, assistant to the president for China Affairs, took us back to Nehemiah 1:1-4, “Completing the Mission with Spiritual

Leadership.” On Thursday, Pastor Joo MinHo, assistant to the president, led us through Luke 24:13-35, “Covered, Discovered, and Recovered.” Pastor David Ripley, ministerial secretary, called for us to claim the promise from Joshua 1:3 and Deuteronomy 11:24, “Wherever Your Feet Step, I Will Give to You.” We all responded to Pastor David’s appeal for prayer signifying our willingness to join God’s plan for completing the mission in our day.

After each message, we bowed for united prayer mentioning each part of the NSD mission territory, asking God to multiply our fruitfulness in mission for His kingdom. Together we asked God to complete His mission through the efforts of all our mission territory members. As we sang our theme song, “Watch, Ye Saints,” we felt renewed spiritual commitment and courage to serve God with joy and united purpose. It was a special blessing to have guests attend this spiritual time, including Bill Knott, *Adventist Review* editor, Claude Richli, *Adventist World* publisher, and Juan Prestol-Puesan, under treasurer of the General Conference. Our visitors also included Health and Ministerial leaders from the NSD mission territory who were attending the Comprehensive Health Ministry planning session.

We want to thank each of our speakers for their ministry to us from God’s Word. We also thank the In-House Revival and Reformation Committee members for their careful preparations. We were so encouraged by the Golden Angels ministry in music each day, and we thank NSD graphic designer Mrs. Lee AhnSook for the very meaningful banner that featured a picture inviting us to join Jesus on the banks of the Jordan River.



The five speakers of 2015 NSD Week of Spiritual Emphasis



Chenggong elders' group



Dr. David Ripley leads the elders' training in Chenggong.

NSD Elders' Training Event Held in Chenggong, Taiwan

By Lynn Ripley - NSD Assistant Ministerial Secretary

From April 4 to 5, 2015, twenty church elders with their pastors met for the first elders' training seminar held in Chenggong, Taiwan. The event was coordinated by the Taiwan Conference ministerial secretary for aboriginal pastors at the Heping Peace Seventh-day Adventist Church in Chenggong. Pastor Wu and his wife, Ruth, who is also a pastor, hosted the historic gathering. The NSD ministerial department led out in the presentations.

The topics shared by Dr. David Ripley were "The Elder's Call and Qualifications," "Specialness, Urgency,

and Expectancy," "Partners in Leadership with Your Pastor," and "Conflict Management." Pastor Lynn Ripley's message was "Discover! Spiritual Gifts" which included a spiritual gifts inventory. The participants also reviewed the booklet "Spiritual Gifts Ministry in the Church." The series ended with a shared presentation "How to Lead Special Services" and a time of consecration.

The second elders' training event will take place April 17 to 19, 2015, in southern Taiwan.

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To God Be the Glory

By Purevdulam Jugderjav - Director of Children's Ministries and Women's Ministries at Mongolia Mission

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let us be known to all the world" (Isaiah 12:4-5).

The year 2015 marks the 20th anniversary of the General Conference women's ministry and the 10th anniversary of Mongolia Mission women's ministry. We had a celebration on March 7, 2015, on International Women's Prayer Day. During the program, we thanked God for His faithfulness and gave praises for the past years.

Our theme for the event was "Each One Reach One," and more than 250 church members around Ulaanbaatar area attended the meeting. The program included a special praise to God from each of the churches of Ulaanbaatar, shared testimonies, and an encouraging sermon.

Cleidi Kuhn, the first women's ministry director of Mongolia Mission, reminded the audience of God's faithfulness during the past 10 years. God has led us,



Women in Mongolia present various program on 2015 International Women's Prayer Day.

blessed us, and shown us His unfailing love. He has ever challenged us to maturity and always provided us with the means and possibilities to grow for God's kingdom. For this we are assured that God is with us in our ministry. The way we do this is "Touch a Heart, Tell the World."

Everyone at the meeting received a booklet titled "A Ministry for Every Woman" and a bookmark to remind them of the event. During the celebration, we cut the cake and expressed our thankfulness to all shepherdesses.

To God, who is Lord of lords, and King of kings, be glory and honor!



Group praying time during the CHUM 10 Days of Prayer.

CHUM Ten Days of Prayer at the Chinese Union Mission

Have you noticed how busy our lives have become? The digital age has accelerated our pace, there are numerous distractions, the media is clamoring for our attention, healthy lifestyles are easily compromised, and time with God is often diminished. It is as though we are on a runaway train hurtling down the tracks. It cannot be stopped, and we scream out in desperation, “I want off!”

Beyond and above us, however, is a different picture that sometimes startles us: The world we live in will soon reach a

point when the God of heaven will say, “It is closing time.” During these last seconds of earth’s history, the world Seventh-day Adventist Church encourages us every year to refocus our energies on eternal realities and the final spreading of the gospel to every corner of our world.

Adventist churches and institutions, large and small, all around the world, spent January 7 to 17, 2015, in Ten Days of Prayer. This year our focus was the fruits of the Spirit as found in Galatians 5:22-23. There were so many things to consider and so many things to pray about.

The Chinese Union Mission staff members, directors, and administrators called a moratorium on all travel from January 12 to 16. They met for two sessions every day in order to cover the ten days of material provided.

Two highlights emerged during this time. First, the only way to bear the fruits of the Spirit is to spend much time with Jesus. Clearly branches never bear fruit if detached from the vine. Second, only when the Holy Spirit produces those nine fruits in our lives will we be able to witness effectively to others.

Welcome to eternity!

As we seek eternity with Jesus, let us do it on our knees, tightly clinging to the word of God.

KUC

The Gospel Seed Sown in Seoul

Seed-sowing Evangelism, which was implemented by the Korean Self-supporting Mission Association in order to evangelize Seoul in 2014, came to an end. Since the evangelism was initiated on January 12, 2014, 3.4 million booklets and publications and 150,000 gospel tracts were distributed by 5,130 participants. As a result, 140 interests in the Seoul area contacted our churches, and 50 of them asked for more materials or continued Bible study.

The devotion of church members enabled this evangelism. There were about 10 lay members of all ages, from 30-year-olds to 93-year-olds, who participated in seed-sowing at the mission center. Necessary funds also came from lay people. Those who could not join directly donated food, such as rice, kimchi, and vegetables, for the missionaries.

“Seed-sowing evangelism was initiated to give opportunities to church members who did not usually participate in mission work. It was very meaningful that people all over Seoul were evangelized, and this will spread to nearby areas. We hope more lay people can join in evangelistic work because evangelism is not only for certain people, but for every member. If anyone wants to join, please contact the Korean Self-supporting Mission Association,” said Mr. Lee BongJu, president of the association.



“Even church members in Japan and USA want to join this evangelism. Delegates from Japan have already visited us twice, and the churches in USA also have a plan to start the movement from Los Angeles to all over the United States,” said Elder Choi JinGyu, a participant.

TWC Taiwan Adventist Hospital Celebrates 60th Anniversary

By Huang Hui-ting - President of Taiwan Adventist Hospital

Taiwan Adventist Hospital was established in 1955 by Dr. Harry Miller. It has been 60 years since its inception. In the traditional sense of Chinese society, the 60th anniversary is considered important. Our goal is to turn over a new leaf, move to a higher level in 2015, and earn a new spotlight in Taiwan.

By the Holy Spirit, we will be able to stand out above our peers in Taiwan. Here we want to thank our God for His faithfulness for leading and guiding us in the right direction. As we celebrate the 60th anniversary, we remember those who have dedicated themselves at this institution. They are the pioneers who have built up the cornerstone for hospital growth.

To pursue corporate sustainability, we will continue to work hard physically and spiritually with each helping hand to become the role model of church hospitals. In pursuit of quality and patient safety, Taiwan Adventist Hospital acquired JCI (Joint Commission International) approval in 2012, and we will head for the second in 2015.

To ensure workplace safety, we acquired OHSAS 18001 (Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series) and TOSHMS (Taiwan Occupational Safety and Health Management System) certification in 2015 to safeguard our facilities. We exhibit Christian spirit and touch on some areas that our peers are reluctant to address. For example, environment protection, magnet workplace and health care with do-no-harm are all our social responsibilities.

On March 26, 2015, right after the regular hospital board meeting, we invited the board members to participate in a special 60th anniversary ceremony in front of the Health Management building. Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) who also serves as our board chair, gave a speech as guest of honor to thank all hospital staff for their tireless efforts to make this hospital a distinguished regional hospital in Taiwan. He also challenged all staff to continue to strive for excellence for the good reputation of Taiwan Adventist Hospital. After the ceremony, Dr. Lee and Dr. Huang Hui-ting, president of Taiwan Adventist Hospital, cut the birthday cake, and all hospital staff stood up and sang the "Happy Birthday" song. The senior medical doctors served cake and ice cream to the staff.



1. TAH Board of Directors together with hospital senior management team participate in the celebration.
2. Pastor Jairyong Lee gives a congratulatory remark to the hospital staff while Pastor Stanley Ng translates.
3. Medical doctors serve the ice cream to the hospital staff.

The following are future prospects for Taiwan Adventist Hospital:

From 2015 to 2017

1. JCI Accreditation International Gold Seal
2. To seek more third-party reviews and validation for quality service and safety
3. Steady increase of revenue from medical tourism
4. To develop cutting edge medical technology
5. To set up a multi-purpose Health Information Cloud

From 2018 to 2020

1. To pursue Magnet Hospital Certification
2. To establish a comprehensive Cancer Care Center

Through all these efforts, Taiwan Adventist Hospital will show improvements day by day and year by year.



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East Central Korean Conference Pastoral Spouses Hold Charity Concert

By Kim JungHee - ECKC Pastoral Spouses Ministry Coordinator

East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) Shepherdess Ministries held a New Year's charity concert on Sunday, February 2, 2015, at Cheongnyangni Church. It was a moving time for the 500 people who attended the concert and who shared God's grace through diverse musical presentations. The "Hallelujah Chorus" sung by the combined choir provided a very meaningful time of dedication especially with the pastors' children providing the instrumental accompaniment.

Korean Union Conference president, Kim Daesung, shared precious words of encouragement stating what a rare and moving experience it was. It was a touching

time of praise for all the conference officials, pastors, and church members who attended. The goal of the concert was to raise funds to help six families that are suffering from financial need because of serious health conditions. The goal was accomplished through the generous contributions that were given. The ECKC pastors' spouses gained new strength through the experience of commitment and sharing as they planned this event. Each Shepherdess expressed joyful praise to God and thanks that He is being glorified through their simple service. We also want to give special thanks to Pastor Lynn Ripley, NSD coordinator, for her encouragement.

KUC 150 Children's Teachers Attend Healing Camp

The children's ministries department of the East Central Korean Conference held a camp for children's teachers of local churches. From January 17 to 18, 2015, 150 teachers gathered at the Adventist Prayer Center to be comforted by the word of God and to be reminded of their calling. The camp was not function-centered but spirituality-centered so that participants could have enough time for personal prayer and meditation.

"Before we become children's teachers, we need to stand firmly as Christians. Let's make sure of our calling to be Christian teachers and faithfully accomplish our mission. In addition, let's reestablish personal family-centered worship for personal spirituality," said Jang YoungKi, the main speaker.



Participants of the Healing Camp carefully listen to a lecture by Pastor Jang YoungKi.

During healing lesson time, teachers shared their experiences with others. It was the third camp, and the number of participants increased to 150 teachers and 100 children who attended this year.



KUC BookTime Begins to Publish New Bible Study Series for Small Groups

BookTime, a sub-brand of the Korean Publishing House, published a new small-group textbook that includes studies for each chapter of the 66 books in the Bible. This Bible study series is a 45-volumed work: 33 volumes for the Old Testament and 12 volumes for the New Testament. Studies for Genesis, Acts, and Romans were

published in December 2014, and 12 New Testament books will be printed this coming October. All 45 volumes will be printed by October 2017.

The textbook is well-organized and allows users to fully study the 1,189 chapters of the Bible. This is a major accomplishment in the publishing ministry history of Korean Christianity. For each chapter, a main verse is given along with a summary so that readers can have a good grasp of what they are studying. There are also questions, suggestions and explanations that help readers to understand the content. Various groups, including individuals, small groups, teenagers, and Adventist Youth clubs, will find this study series useful. Complex theological theories and complicated explanations were excluded as much as possible, and Bible verses were compared to other verses for interpretation. The main focus is understanding the overall flow of the Bible and God's love.

“Both reformation and revival of personal faith and church growth come only from Bible study. As Hebrews 4:12 states, I hope that the living word of God will penetrate the joints and marrow and change the souls of those who study this book,” said Dr. Kim KiKon, the author of the series.

KUC Sahmyook Health University College Strives for *Global Employment*

Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) was selected for the “Specialized College Development Project” and the “Segyero Globalization Project” by the Korean Ministry of Education. SHUC will receive government support worth 12 million US dollars over the next five years for the Specialized College Development Project. In addition, about a million US dollars of government aid will be given for the Segyero Globalization Project for five years.

SHUC is operating various programs with the funds. The Segyero Globalization Project, which aims for overseas employment for SHUC students, is already paying off. Seventeen graduates went abroad for employment last November, and 30 students are

gaining work skills and experiences in Australia, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Students will also apply to leading international corporations in USA, Canada, Australia, Japan, and China. This program has been a success due to rapid footwork and business agreements with overseas companies.

The Specialized College Development Project is being implemented with four goals: global entrepreneurship, professional education and training in health care business, health-related management training, and fostering of natural talents. Through these two projects, SHUC is hoping for the growth of the school and the local industry.



Mongolian teenage girls pay close attention to an instructor of a beauty seminar.



The ages of the seminar participants range from 11 to 18 years old.



MM Real Beauty Seminar

The Mongolia Mission women’s department with the cooperation of Nalaikh Church organized a “Real Beauty” training seminar for teenage girls from May 11, 2014, to January 8, 2015. This seminar was held twice a month, five hours at a time. Nalaikh Church, which is not

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MWKC Holds the First Youth Leader Training School

The first “Jesus Way Youth Leader Training School” was held by the Youth Ministries Department of the Middlewest Korean Conference (MWKC) in cooperation with Seohae Sahmyook Academy at Anmyeondo Retreat Center from January 23 to 25, 2015. The purpose of this event was to train students at Seohae Sahmyook Academy to be leaders so that they can help and support youth ministries in their local churches. Twenty students who were active participants in religious clubs at the school were chosen.

The training was led by the Student Mission Center of the East Central Korean Conference. It included lectures on prayer, meditation on the Word, fundamental beliefs, prophecy and teen-dating. Holding a prayer session every evening on the mountain heated up the spiritual atmosphere.

“I will put God as the top priority of my life, and I will try to develop a more intimate relationship with Him,” said one attendee.

“We will continue to train our students for mission so that they can organize student groups in three churches

an officially organized church but nearly considered one, is located in a remote district of Ulaanbaatar and consists of predominantly young people.

There were nearly twenty participants at each seminar. The participants of these seminars were girls ranging from 11 to 18 years old. The main goal of the seminar was to discuss what was perceived as real beauty and the differences between the appearance of boys and girls. The seminar also dealt with how society looks at beauty, which is mainly about appearance, and the biblical perspective of beauty, which emphasizes the inner beauty that comes from trusting in God. The teachers shared with the participants the unique characteristics of Christians and the importance of the reassurance of being a special creation in the image of God. They taught the participants to look at themselves through the eyes of God, and not to compare themselves with others.

At the end of each training, the teachers asked the participants to brainstorm on what changes they could make in their lives and gave them some ideas and even tips that they could implement until the next session. The participants took their assignments seriously, and the teachers could see very good changes happening in their lives.

At the beginning of the training, some of the girls had stated that they were not satisfied with how they looked and how they perceived themselves. However, by the end of the training, their outlook had changed. They seemed to have more self-satisfaction. They seemed more joyful and happy sharing their experiences. It was a memorable time to recognize that all humans are fearfully and wonderfully made by our loving God.

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Twenty youth leaders participate in the MWKC Youth Leader Training School

each year,” said Pastor Cho MyoungHwan, MWKC youth department director.

In cooperation with Chungcheong ACT (Adventist Collegians with Tidings), the MWKC youth department will empower youth leadership training. It will also support youth leaders as they work at the schools.

CHUM WE WANT TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS!

By Leung Chun Wai (Tuen Mun Church) and Kwok InIn (Kowloon Church)

We, along with thirty other Adventists from Hong Kong, participated in the first Youth Leadership Congress of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) from February 11 to 14, 2015, on the beautiful campus of Taiwan Adventist College. It was a spiritually uplifting event for us!

Pastor Gilbert Cangy, director of the youth ministries department at the General Conference, blended his own life experiences with the story of Moses to vividly make his point: God wants us to focus our eyes on Him, not on our failed past! He also sees our needs. He hears our prayers. He cares about our situations. And He strengthens us to do His work!

On the second day, we attended different seminars on leadership and ministries. We learned that, before starting any ministry, we should pray that God prepare the right people for us to serve. Once we decide on the right target group, we need to follow the example of Christ to humbly serve them.

On the third day, we participated in community service. We went out and picked up litter left behind by tourists near the famous Sun Moon Lake. The weather was gorgeous. While working, we enjoyed every breath of fresh air and every beam of sunshine. There is no better way of enjoying God's creation than by keeping the environment clean!

When night fell, the Sabbath began. We had an outdoor communion service. Some young people performed a drama of the Last Supper. Our hearts were touched by the scene of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples. Likewise, after the story, we washed each other's feet and then shared the bread and the grape juice. We felt that all our pride, weakness and sins were taken away by the Holy Spirit. Many people wept silently, but inside we felt a new strength.

The next day, the organizers of the congress built a life-size sanctuary model. They re-enacted the process of offering



Youth leaders participate in community service at Sun Moon Lake.

sacrifices. Afterwards, we made a cross. Wearing a crown of thistles, some people walked carrying the cross while others sang hymns. It was a solemn moment. We felt that we had gone back to the day when Jesus was crucified. The appreciation of what Jesus had done for us sinners became stronger in our hearts!

We were blessed by the first NSD Youth Leadership Congress. We want to be more like Jesus!

Young Adventists from Hong Kong participate in the cross-carrying experience.



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105 Pathfinders from eight clubs in the East Gyeonggi area gathered together.

KUC

Pathfinder Clubs in East Gyeonggi Area Develop in Unity

United Pathfinder Club activities are very active in the East Gyeonggi area. A united Pathfinder program was held at Ganam Church on February 28, 2015. It was the second meeting of the year, and 105 Pathfinders from eight clubs gathered together to learn how to prepare an insect specimen, which is a crucial part of the Insects Honor.

Pathfinder activities in this area has become more active since 2012. The churches lacked the capacity to operate programs for children and youth, so they started a united program once a month. At first, about 60 children and youth from five churches participated in the Pathfinder

activities. Because they offered various dynamic programs, more churches decided to join them.

Above all, the dedication of the teachers and the support of the local district mission association were a tremendous help. East Gyeonggi area is supportive of the activities of Pathfinder Clubs. “The united meetings are not compulsory, and each church can freely attend as occasion demands. The positive outcome has been possible because of the financial investment from the local district mission association as well as the dedication of the teachers,” says Lee TaeHo, Pathfinder coordinator of the East Gyeonggi area.

KUC Evangelistic Meeting for Teenagers by Campus Mission

Campus Mission held an evangelistic meeting for teenagers at Yeongdong Church from February 18 to 24, 2015. The mission workers met about 150 middle and high school students on the streets every day, and 12 of them began to develop a relationship with Christ.

The meeting was planned to activate youth ministry at Yeongdong Church with the support of the East Central Korean Conference as well as the Yeongdong Church. Through the meeting, the church hoped to bring new teenagers to the church and to restore the faith of church members’ children who were not attending church.

Working in groups of two, the mission workers invited people in the Gangnam District to come to church. For those who were interested in Christianity, they developed a one-on-one relationship to share the gospel. As a result, about ten new people attended the meeting every evening, and four teenagers were baptized on Sabbath, February 24.

“At first, I came to the church with my friend, but then I even got baptized. I really appreciate the church’s interest



Photo courtesy of Adventist Weekly

The Campus Mission team has praise and worship time with teenagers.

in young people. I will continue attending the church and keep my faith,” said a newly baptized teenager.

“The youth group in Yeongdong Church was very small, compared to the scale of the church. However, the location of the church was good for youth ministry because it was near many schools and private educational institutes, so we held a meeting and met with good results,” said Park SeongWon, a junior pastor.

The Campus Mission team will continue to visit the church to support the new believers.

CHUM

United Worship Service Wraps Adventists in Love

On February 7, 2015, Hong Kong-Macau Conference (HKMC) held its annual new year's united worship service at Taipo Sam Yuk Middle School. Believing that a good start would benefit the spirituality of members for the rest of the year, HKMC hoped to use the occasion to refresh the local Adventists' commitment to the Lord.

When Sabbath school started at 9:45 a.m., Adventists from different churches went to different classrooms to participate. The whole campus became a big Bible school full of prayers, discussions and sharing of thoughts.

During the worship hour, Pastor Isaac Foo, ministerial association director at the Chinese Union Mission, gave the keynote sermon. He preached on chapters 2 and 3 of the Book of Revelation, which contain the repeated emphases made by the Lord Jesus Christ. "Jesus calls every Christian again and again to give ear to the teachings of the Holy Spirit. The end is near. We have to prepare ourselves to meet the Lord every day," Pastor Foo urged.

One program that really impressed the audience was a performance by a group of children, ages 6 to 12. They performed a drama based on the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25. Their lovely performance and the biblical message touched the hearts of those who were watching.



Pastor Isaac Foo, CHUM ministerial association director

Indeed, the United Worship Service wrapped Adventists in Hong Kong with the word of God and the love of Christ.

1. New Year worship for the kids/ 2. Special music at the united worship
3. Church members of Hong Kong-Macau Conference





KUC broadcast a special 2015 Global Youth Day program through satellite.

2015 GLOBAL YOUTH DAY

The Global Youth Day event occurred all around the world on March 21, 2015. Global Youth Day, the third Sabbath of March every year, defines the mission spirit of 8 million Adventist youth worldwide under the common theme “Be the Sermon.” Throughout the day, Adventist youth reach out to the underprivileged and to needy neighbors by being a Good Samaritan. They also experience unity by being a part of the world church.

Adventist young people throughout the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) also worked to be a living word to the world. Last year, Korean Union Conference (KUC) held a big meeting at the headquarters of the SDA Language Institute, but this year, it asked each area and church to conduct its own meeting.

“You do not just belong to a Korean or Asian denomination, but to the world church with 8 million other Adventist young people. Service is not an event. The practice of love should not be an annual event. At church, we should listen to God’s Word, but outside the church, we should be a living sermon. Form a volunteer group to share love with the neighbors and do it continuously,” said Pastor Choi HoYoung, KUC youth ministries director.

“If you are hesitating, just go and do something to be light and salt to others. Your small service will be a touching sermon. May God’s abundant blessings be with all Adventist young people,” said Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD youth ministries director.

KUC broadcast a special one-hour program at 4 p.m. through satellite. The broadcast conveyed vivid and impressive stories of service within the NSD territories during the past year. WCKC reported that the AY club in Gangnam Central Church had traveled to Indonesia to do community service from January 29 to February 11. In spite of various obstructions from Satan and even though they ended up getting little sleep, they did their best to preach the gospel. “We want to be a reflector of Christ at every moment, thinking of what Jesus would do,” said participants.

Youth in Hanyang Church introduced their food-sharing service. Since June 2013, they have shared side dishes with 10 needy families, based on an agreement with Seongdong Senior Welfare Service Center. They also keep the elderly company and build relationships.


ACT Church reported their mission activities in Pokhara, Nepal, from January 18 to February 6, 2015. They provided educational service and medical service in cooperation with SMA (SDA Medical Students Association). “We went there to serve, but we learned so much,” said participants.

Working with the local service center, Hopyeong Church is volunteering to help the elderly for two hours on Sabbath afternoons. They visit the elderly in their homes and try to meet their needs by cleaning house, giving a massage, talking, etc. One elderly woman who was touched by their sincere service accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior through baptism even though she was in the intensive care ward.

The young people stated that they want to live a life suitable for the purpose and mission Jesus has given to them, and that is the way to “Be the sermon,” which was the theme of Global Youth Day. They also remarked, “These are the last days. If we become true disciples of Jesus, if we preach the gospel to the ends of the world, if we make disciples, and if we are faithful and good, the day of Jesus’ coming will be hastened.”

Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Director





Fourteen couples (including one divorced couple), most of them married between one and five years, gathered at a beautiful lakeside resort in Central China from March 17 to 19, 2015, to learn more about the intricacies of the marital relationship for the first time in their lives. With the honeymoon behind them (most of them had long forgotten what it was like!), most of these couples had been facing challenges in their relationships with their spouses. The majority of them were very busy entrepreneurs who faced tremendous stress in their lives but were willing to invest by closing their businesses for three days in order to refresh their marriage.

Prior to this retreat, they had completed the Prepare-Enrich assessment, an in-depth survey of a couple's relationship, exploring their unique strengths and growth areas. Throughout the retreat, they were mentored by Pastor and Mrs. Hong, a local church pastoral team, and the family ministries directors from the Chinese Union Mission and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Communication and conflict resolution skills were taught, and through financial and parenting seminars, biblical insights were shared on how to manage their families in a Christian manner. Above all, time was given for focused couple dialogues.

The one divorced couple came with different agendas. One spouse was hoping for reconciliation; the other was rather adamant that she was not giving in (at least for the next two years). She had been deeply hurt by her husband, and this was obvious from their non-verbals as they sat through the first lectures. The leaders of the retreat worked with them in private counseling sessions and prayed continually for

them. We observed the miracle that can only come about through the Holy Spirit softening the heart as He opened up the communication channels between them. By the third day, after spending time talking together, they came to the conclusion that they would attempt to make things work between them for the sake of their five-year-old son. It certainly was a point for great rejoicing!

The rest of the couples took with them newly acquired skills for communication, and that weekend, one of the family ministries directors stayed behind to conduct two more seminars at their home church. It was the beginning of more miracles to come as couples expressed their willingness to submit to change through the power of God. One wife was overjoyed when her husband joined them for family worship right after arriving home, praying with the children. We know that this is only the beginning

of a journey of renewal, and we keep these couples in constant prayer as they face the vicissitudes of life together.

The Prepare-Enrich assessment has blessed couples in China as certified facilitators are beginning their work with those who are interested in enriching their marriages. This is the first step toward setting up a private company to train more couple teams in the use of this very useful survey in enhancing relationships. A group has begun the tedious job of translating the materials into Chinese and refining what exists. It will take time and energy, but in view of the tremendous benefits it will bring to strengthening the family, every effort expended will be worth it.

A MIRACLE OF TRANSFORMATION

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



1 & 2. Last Christmas, Adventist volunteers from Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital, and other institutions had an event at ferry piers.
3. Hong Kong Adventist Hospital opened a new clinic at Causeway Bay.

CHUM Adventist Hospitals Make a Great Impact in Hong Kong

Hong Kong Adventist Hospital and Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital are making a big, positive impact on public health in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, China. Since the launch of the Adventist Lifestyle Club by the two hospitals at Hong Kong Adventist College in November 2014, Adventist health professionals have been actively promoting a healthy lifestyle at various venues and through different methods.

Last December, during the Christmas season, Adventist volunteers from the two hospitals and other institutions set up booths at one of the busiest piers on Hong Kong Island to serve the public. Visitors enjoyed vegetarian food and free physical check-ups that were offered by the Adventists. Six hundred and fifty people benefited from these activities.

In order to improve its quality of service, Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital has been constructing a new building. Last month, two elevators were successfully installed. The whole facility is expected to be dedicated to service in a few months.

Hong Kong Adventist Hospital opened a new clinic at Causeway Bay, one of the major business districts, to better serve the community. With easier access, the clinic can accommodate the needs of time-strapped citizens. The clinic offers many services including minor surgeries and endoscopy.

KUC First Korean Woman Graduates with a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Sahmyook University

On February 13, 2015, Mrs. Miriam Yoon-Welch became the first Korean woman to graduate with a Doctor of Ministry degree from Sahmyook University. Gaining admission into the program was not easy because of existing policies. On top of this, Miriam is legally blind, which she has been all her life. She has had a dozen operations in attempts to restore her eyesight but without any success.

Born into a pastor's family, Miriam has been specially chosen by God to a life of ministry, and she has found comfort and peace of mind in a Savior who understands what it is like to be ridiculed by others. We praise God for what He has accomplished through Miriam's life and wish her God's greatest blessings as she continues to serve Him.



KUC

MOU Agreement between Sahmyook University and Loma Linda University

Sahmyook University (SU) in Korea and Loma Linda University in USA signed an MOU for mutual cooperation. Hereby, the universities can exchange human resources and training programs for addiction specialists.

Using funding from the California government, Loma Linda University will develop a certificate program for students majoring in addiction-related fields. The university is also planning to develop a program on preventive education for addiction together with Sahmyook Medical Center, Eden Adventist Hospital and an addiction center at SU. The prevention and treatment program for addiction operated by Loma Linda University will also be applied at SU.

In addition, Loma Linda University promised to share resources from AHS (Adventist Health Study). AHS is the American Adventist cohort study that analyzed the lifestyles of Americans from 1956 to the present day. Because of this study, the U.S. Ministry of Health included Adventist lifestyle in practical principles for health in



1980 and the city of Loma Linda became widely known as a place where people live long healthy lives. Recently, this study helped to determine the relation between lifestyle and lifespan.

KUC

300 Faculty Members and Alumni Participate in Marathon

About 300 people affiliated with Sahmyook University participated in the “2015 Surf City USA Marathon” held at Huntington Beach, California, on February 1, 2015. Alumni and their families from across the United States finished the full course and the half course under the name of Sahmyook. A total of 36 people from Korea, including Dr. Kim SangLae, Sahmyook University president, and other faculty members and their families, also took part in the marathon. Sahmyook University, its alumni association in the United States, Bright Future Foundation, and CART Loma Linda Marathon Club provided support for the marathon.

Three hundred participants in matching attire, inscribed with the words “Sahmyook Love,” ran along the beautiful Huntington Beach. This was Dr. Kim SangLae’s third marathon, which he completed in 5 hours and 7 minutes. Dr. Cho GwangHyun, a professor in the Business Administration Department, finished the full course in 3 hours and 8 minutes, and he was ranked number 38 among all participants and second place among the senior group participants.

Faculty members and alumni run a marathon wearing an orange uniform.



This was not the first time for Sahmyook University to have group participation in a marathon. About 2,000 people joined the “2012 Son KeeChung Peace Marathon” in Korea to publicize excellence of Adventist education. Dr. Kim was highlighted because he was the first incumbent university president in Korea to complete a full marathon course.

“I took the challenge of running a full marathon to share the message of dream and hope with American society. It was a precious time to experience the spirit of Sahmyook and the power of alumni,” said Dr. Kim.

Mrs. Ellen White wrote, “God has placed at the command of His people advantages in the press, which, combined with other agencies, will be successful in extending the knowledge of the truth. Tracts, papers, and books, as the case demands, should be circulated in all the cities and villages in the land” (*Life Sketches*, pp. 216, 217). There are a number of people who are dedicating their time and energy to sharing tracts and little booklets according to Mrs. White’s counsel. Mr. Cho KyungShin, a farmer who serves as an elder in a countryside church, has been visiting door-to-door distributing tracts since 2008. He knows that Jesus has promised to return when the gospel is proclaimed to the end of the world.

When the story of Mr. Cho’s mission work was heard by some lay church members, they also wanted to participate in this work. Around 30 members decided to go to an unchurched area and stay there together for a week in a rented house or a close local church in order to visit all the houses and offices in the target area until they finished handing out tracts to each and every house.

There were three un-entered counties in the southeastern part of Korea. Last year, this group visited these three counties with booklets and tracts. They did not skip a single house as they searched for seekers. As a result of their effort, by the grace of the Lord, they were able to establish three congregations in each of the previously un-entered counties in the Southeast Korean Conference with the aid of Global Mission



A group of people visit Mongolia in order to evangelize people there with tracts and books.

projects in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. As of now, there are no more un-entered counties in the Southeast Korean Conference.

In 2015, this same group decided to hand out tracts to each of the ten million citizens in Seoul, Korea. They rented a house in Guri City, a city that shares a border with Seoul, where they could rent rooms at a lower rate. Ten to twenty members stayed together until they finished handing out tracts to all the families in Seoul. In January 2015, they delivered three and a half million tracts to all the houses and offices in Seoul. For three hours in the morning, from nine to twelve, and then another three hours in the afternoon, from two to five, they visited homes and met people, sharing Adventist tracts. Female members took 500 tracts and books in their backpacks, and male

members took 700. Although it was exhausting, they did not sense the passing of time. Six hours felt like sixty minutes.

As this group continues to deliver tracts to their target people, many members nationwide have begun to join in delivering magazines and tracts. As of May 2015, around 300 individuals in 50 different cities are participating in handing out tracts, and the number of members is continually increasing.

As Mrs. White mentioned, “there is great need of men who can use the press to the best advantage, that the truth may be given wings to speed it to every nation, and tongue, and people” (*Gospel Workers*, 25). Handing out tracts is not limited to only within Korea. In September 2011, 26 members visited Tokyo, Japan, for a week to deliver 150,000 tracts. Since then, once or twice a year, about 30 members have traveled to Taiwan, Hong Kong, Mongolia, Thailand and other countries.

As the Waters Cover the Sea

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

KUC

Missionary Academy Carries Seed of Mission



Above: Members of Mr. Cho's group visit every house in the targeted area.

Below: A member of Mr. Cho's group hands out tracts.



However, the work cannot be accomplished by just these church members from Korea. It costs a lot of money for these members to travel overseas since airfare, food and lodging can be very expensive. Eventually they changed their strategy. By saving the equivalent amount of money needed for international travel, they began to produce tracts in other languages. They supported a million tracts to be delivered in Myanmar, Bangladesh, and Thailand. As the news spread, they received requests for tracts from Vietnam and Nepal. The Korean members are working on preparing the tracts, and members from the respective countries are delivering them.

Soon, very soon the day will come when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9). Until that day, the beautiful feet of those that bring good tidings upon the mountains will never stop.

Missionary Academy was initiated by the Korean Self-supporting Mission Association under the sponsorship of the personal ministries department of the Korean Union Conference in July 2014. The academy offers technical education which can be applied in a mission field along with theological education, which includes homiletics, evangelism, prophecy study, and fundamental beliefs. On December 20, 2014, Missionary Academy held a special day of practical training, and participants were able to choose classes in hair styling, health management, or electrical skills according to their own purpose and talents.

In the hair-styling class, which had 25 participants, the lecturer began by cutting a participant's hair since a visual example is better than a thousand words. "It is necessary to understand our clients' thoughts and feelings. For example, when we moisten hair at the beginning of a haircut, it is better to use warm water because the elderly easily feel chilled during the winter," said the lecturer.

A health management class, which included foot massage and postural correction, had 30 participants. Although unfamiliar terms such as the thoracic vertebrae, costal bone, and nervous system appeared during the lecture, participants followed along in good spirits. "It was a good chance to learn useful techniques which will enable me to meet others' needs, and I will use these techniques for evangelistic work," said a participant.

At the same time, there was an electrical skills class, which included simple electrical knowledge and minor repairs of electronics. "I used to be interested in machines, so it is really nice to learn the basics. How wonderful if I can visit neighbors' homes to fix their rice cookers or to change a fluorescent bulb!" said Mrs. Lee MyoungOk, a colporteur evangelist.

All three classes were filled with the passion of participants. The passion of these lay missionaries, whose hearts are filled with the mission spirit, will surely bear fruit.



KUC president Kim DaeSung speaks at the National Women's Revival Meeting.

KUC National Women's Revival Meeting and the General Meeting of Korean Adventist Women's Association

The national women's revival meeting and the general meeting of the Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) were held by the Korean Union Conference (KUC) Women's Ministries Department and KAWA at Madalpy Training Center from March 4 to 5, 2015. About 250 women, including officers and members of the association and those related to women's ministries, attended this nationwide event.

Pastor Hong MyungKwan, former KUC president, was the main speaker. "Why is love the center of our religious lives? When we serve others with love, God's power is working to change people. The reason Jesus Christ commanded us to love is that self-sacrifice equals self-preservation. In addition, serving others with love is the fulfillment of the commandments," said Pastor Hong.

At the general meeting on March 4, 2015, Mrs. Lee YoungJa was appointed as the new KAWA president. "I will do my best to accomplish the work God has given to

me, and I am determined to live for the gospel work until the day I die," she stated. "I am deficient in many ways, but I will try to revive the church with the help of our officers who have much more experience than I do."

As Mrs. Shin YoungShil, the outgoing KAWA president, gave her retirement speech, she remarked, "When I was called for this important position three years ago, I did not know what to do. I was filled with anguish and tears. However, I was able to do the work because I was encouraged by the fact that God had called me for His work. Also, all things were possible because of the other officers and members who worked with me."

In addition, the meetings included a testimony by Mrs. Ko KeumJa, a deaconess in the Middlewest Korean Conference, an activity report for the KUC Women's Ministries Department and KAWA, and prayer meeting by each conference.

KUC

Pastoral Spouses in East Central Korean Conference Send Wool Hats to Africa

In September 2014, the pastoral spouses of East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) decided to send hand-knitted wool hats for newborn babies to Africa. Through Band (a kind of SNS in Korea), ECKC leaders invited pastoral spouses to get involved. Although there were some pastors' spouses who had no experience with knitting, most of them gladly joined this special outreach as donation angels. Some of the pastors' spouses encouraged local church members to join in too. Everyone who participated was thrilled to experience the

joy of helping meet this need. More than 600 wool hats were donated.

On December 3, 2014, ECKC Pastoral Spouses' Ministry coordinator, Kim JungHee, delivered the hats to ADRA Korea director, Pastor Shin WonSik, and ECKC ADRA director, Pastor Moon ChiBum. The wool hats will be sent to Rwanda and Uganda in Africa. We eagerly hope that the hats will help protect precious newborn babies. May God's grace be with them.



HisHands Dedication at Taiwan Adventist College

By George Liu - Pastor at YuChih Church



HHMM missionaries have a praise and worship session.

YuChih Church at Taiwan Adventist College had a HisHands Mission Movement training workshop and seminar from March 13 to 14, 2015. About 150 participants, which included staff members and students from Taiwan Adventist Academy and Taiwan Adventist College (TAC), attended this training. The speaker was Pastor Han SukHee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) HisHands coordinator. Attendees were inspired by the HisHands mission spirit and the relationship-based evangelism of Jesus. The training was meaningful because it was part of a TAC project to encourage students to develop a mission-oriented spirit.

On Sabbath afternoon, after the dedication and pinning ceremonies, staff members and students went off-campus to YuChih Village in pairs for door-to-door visitation. Villagers were impressed with the visitations and expressed a willingness to know more about health messages. “There is no failure when it comes to evangelistic activities. There is only an issue between obedience and disobedience,” said Pastor Han. Staff members and students pledged to continually work to accomplish the mission given to them.

Pastor George Liu, the pastor of YuChih Church, was glad that TAC had this opportunity to train the church members. Not only can staff members and students help the YuChih community, but they can also help their local churches when they go home or after they leave school. In the near future, TAC is planning to ask the NSD to assist in a session of health evangelism training. This is their hope and prayer.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:19-20).

HisHands Mission Training in Yeongdong-Okcheon District, Korea



Han SukHee
NSD Communication Director

The Missionary Association of Yeongdong-Okcheon District in Korea invited Pastor Han SukHee, communication director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), to lead out in the training sessions for HisHands missionaries, which was held April 17 to 18, 2015. Members from six Adventist churches in the district, two of them having no church pastors, attended the training to get ideas on how to boost their own mission spirit and how to perform mission work on a daily basis.

On Sabbath, April 18, there was a launching ceremony for the HisHands missionaries. Sixteen lay members and pastors dedicated themselves to evangelism work as God's hands.

"If a person believes in God, he is a missionary. If a person does not believe in God, his heart is a mission field. I urge each one of you to carry the gospel message to those who are destined to die, not having received the love of Christ," said Pastor Han.

As in other rural areas, the aging population is also quickly increasing in the Yeongdong-Okcheon District, and the ratio of elderly church members is higher than in urban areas. This HisHands training seminar is expected to help invigorate the local churches in the district, activate church members to do mission work, and to keep up their mission spirit.

Above: Pastor Han preaches a message to participants of HHMM training.
Below: HHMM training participants in Yeongdong-Okcheon District



Mission, P Evangelistic Me

Beitun Church, where a Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionary Pastor Jang ImChul is serving, held evangelistic meetings from April 12 to 18, 2015. The Golden Angels 12th group missionaries and the guest speaker Pastor Park KunChun, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Golden Angels coordinator, worked together under the theme of this special gospel week program, "How Much Is It?"

After five weeks on their first mission trip to Hong Kong and Taiwan (Kowloon Adventist Academy and Adventist College in Hong Kong and Taiwan PMM churches in Xindian, Banchiao and Saru), the Golden Angels 12th group arrived in Beitun to support the evangelistic series of Beitun Church.

Every night Pastor Park preached the word of God to approach and



Left: Taiwan Beitun Church members
Below: The Golden Angels are busking in the city of Beitun.



Passion and Action: Serving at Beitun Church, Taiwan

touch the hearts of the postmodern people in the Beitun area with the message of righteousness by faith with the title “How Much Is It?” Pastor Park shared the true worth and price of the gift of salvation. The Golden Angels 12th group missionaries tried their best to attract people through cultural activities, such as Korean language classes, cooking classes, small group Bible studies and so on. Through these services, Beitun Church had about 50 seekers and 15 new students for Korean class. Two precious souls were baptized. Pastor Jang ImChul’s family was also fully dedicated for the mission, including their three children, who took a five-day leave of absence from school to serve at the evangelistic meetings.

To God be the glory because He is the one who is always working to save people and all things work

together for good. By the grace of God, many people at Beitun Church experienced the love of God during the week. Sister Ho JaBang, who was baptized that week, says, “I am so happy and thankful that God loves me and saved me, and I want to even change my job so that I can be more faithful about attending church!” Human effort and planning are limited and imperfect, but through God-given mission, passion and action, we can surely bring souls to the Master, our God. Jesus Christ’s second coming will be hastened through accomplishing the mission of God, having the passion of Jesus Christ, and acting through the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!

Park KunChun
NSD Golden Angels coordinator



Above: Pastor Park gives a sermon to young people in Beitun.
Below: The Golden Angels members give their heartiest congratulations to the newly baptized souls.





A baby with her mother in front of a special feast table

People come to the party to celebrate the first birthday of Mrs. Cho's daughter.



Multi-Cultural Family Service Center Celebrates Child's First Birthday

The Multi-Cultural Family Service Center (MFSC) had a party celebrating the first birthday of a child who is being raised by a single mother. Mrs. Cho, who came from China to marry a Korean man, is currently staying at the MFSC shelter with her daughter and her mother due to a feud with the man. She wanted to hold a birthday party for her 1-year-old daughter, but she could not afford it. The MFSC understood her suffering and granted her wish.

Around 80 people, including MFSC staff and Mrs. Cho's friends and acquaintances, came to the party to celebrate her daughter's first birthday. In addition to MFSC, there were other people who helped her to hold the party. The MFSC Chinese Church prepared Korean traditional rice cake and birthday presents, and the MFSC Korean Church prepared food and cake. The child celebrated her first birthday with many guests.

"I send my congratulations to Mrs. Cho and her mother who have been raising a young daughter despite difficult circumstances. I pray that she will grow up to be light and salt in our society," said Kim YoungSoo, director of MFSC.

Multi-Cultural Family Service Center Holds Wedding

On March 21, 2015, the Multi-Cultural Family Service Center (MFSC) held a wedding ceremony for a couple of foreign workers. The bride was a Korean-Russian (an ethnic Korean from Russia) woman who had left Russia and had been living a tough life raising her two children alone in Korea. For her, it was a blessing to meet a Korean-Russian man who had come to Korea for work and to finally get married to him with the support of MFSC and congratulations from wedding guests.

One of the services provided by the MFSC is to host weddings for free for multi-cultural families and foreign

workers who have not had a wedding ceremony due to financial difficulties or other circumstances. Pastor Kim YoungSoo, director of MFSC, remarked, "I truly hope the bride and the groom will enjoy a happy marriage as Adam and Eve did in the Garden of Eden." He also said to the guests, "It is our duty as Adventists to reach out to our neighbors in need and to share their difficulties and worries. We at the MFSC are also trying our best to help foreign workers and multi-cultural families to adjust to Korean society and to protect their rights and interests."



Pastor Kim YoungSoo gives a benediction for a marrying couple.



A Korean-Russian couple gets married with congratulations from wedding guests.



Family of Sewol Ferry Victim Finds Comfort at Multi-Cultural Family Service Center

April 16, 2015, marked the first anniversary of the Sewol ferry disaster in Korea. Not only the devastated families of victims but the whole nation has been in sorrow over the last year. Moreover, nine people still remain missing in the ocean, and investigation into the cause of the ferry sinking has still not been completed. The families are still in grief and frustration, and several issues such as compensation and independent inquiry with the government have not been resolved. The Multi-cultural Family Service Center (MFSC), which is located in Ansan where the student victims were from, has tried to share the families' suffering and comfort them.

Phan Van Chay lost several family members in the ferry accident. When he heard the news that his daughter, son-in-law, and grandchild had died, he rushed from his home in Vietnam to Korea with his other daughter. The daughter who had been in the accident had come to Korea ten years before to get married to a Korean man and had struggled to adapt to life in Korea. The tragedy had happened while she and her family were on their way to Jeju Island in search of a better opportunity. Mr. Phan Van Chay had never imagined that his daughter would come back as a corpse. MFSC welcomed Mr. Chay and his daughter to the shelter last June. When they first came to the shelter, it seemed impossible to console their unfathomable sadness. Now they are regaining peace of mind with the help of MFSC. They are also attending the MFSC Church to find comfort from God.

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!””

(Revelation 21:4-5). In this world, as the Bible says, our worries and tears will not cease. That’s why we sincerely hope for God’s kingdom of heaven where there is no more pain, suffering or sorrow.

When we share our neighbors’ pain and sympathize with them, the love of Christ will be shown to them and His gospel will be preached. In this way, soon the day of His second coming will come.



Above: Mr. Phan Van Chay holds his daughter’s wedding photo.
Below: Mr. Phan Van Chay and his other daughter at the MFSC shelter.

Stories of Two Young Devoted 1000MM Missionaries



Ms. Alexandra Orosco,
a 45th batch 1000MM missionary

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field” (Matthew 13:44). This great conviction is based on the personal joyful experience of encountering Jesus Christ. Here are two young devoted people who offered all they had to become 1000 Missionary Movement missionaries.

Alexandra Orosco is a 45th batch missionary who came from Bolivia, South America. She is definitely the missionary who bought the most expensive air ticket to join the 1000 Missionary Movement. She paid \$3,600 USD to come to the Philippines via Germany. There is a touching story behind this. In order for her to buy the expensive ticket, she sold some land, which was everything she owned. “I offered everything, but I do not regret my decision. Through the seven weeks of training, I have already been compensated for all my sacrifices, and now I am experiencing real joy and happiness of missionary work and winning souls, which is more precious than the whole world.”

Michael Mathias Clements is a 46th batch missionary from Papua New Guinea. After going through a miserable childhood, in 2013, he learned about the love of God and was baptized, starting a new life as a Christian. Soon afterwards, he learned about the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) from his friend who had studied in the Philippines. For two years, he saved up the money he needed to get a passport, visa and air ticket, and at last, in March 2015, he arrived at the 1000MM world headquarters. Unfortunately, when he arrived, the pre-training session for the 45th batch was almost finished. They suggested that he return to his country and come back in July. Michael Clements felt hopeless, and tears began to flow involuntarily. He said to the 1000MM director, “Pastor, if you insist that I go back to my country, it may be another two years before I can come back even though I will work hard to save up enough money.” Hearing his story, the director decided to let him stay and work on the 1000MM campus while waiting for the 46th batch training. “I have never experienced such a happy moment in my life. I am so excited to have trained with the 46th batch missionaries and to have the opportunity to introduce Jesus Christ in my mission field.”



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