

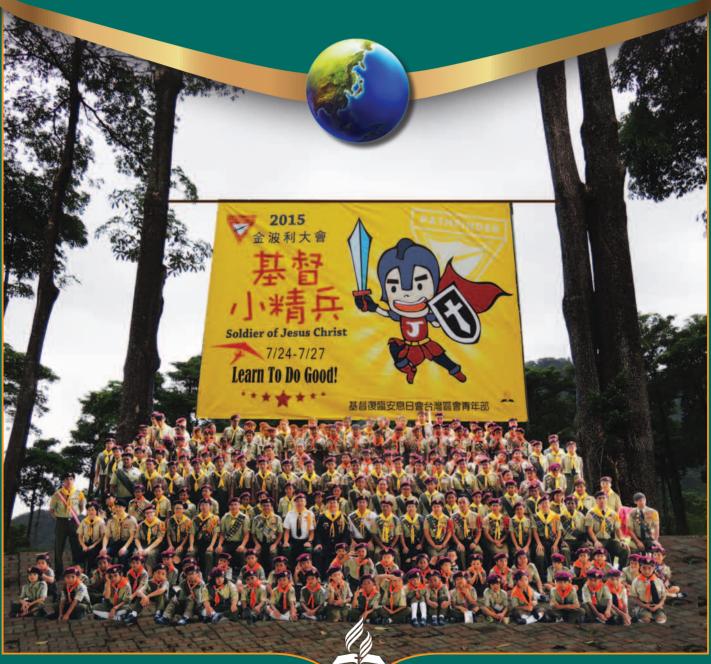
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Mission First in All Activities!

To Reach the World with the End-time Messages

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The existence of the church in this world is for the salvation of men and women. Ellen White clearly and succinctly stated, "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world" (AA, 9)

The mission of the church is based on the gospel command that Jesus left with His followers before ascending to heaven. He said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20). Jesus commanded His followers throughout the generations to spread the good news of God's plan for human salvation until the end of the world because He will return only "when the gospel is preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations" (Matthew 24:14).

In these last days, God has established the Seventh-day Adventist Church in order to complete the gospel work in the entire world. God has entrusted the Three Angels' Messages to this church. We must spread these messages "to every nation and tribe and tongue and people" (Revelation 14:6). The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a God-ordained church structure. Under the General Conference, there are 13 divisions, about 130 unions (including unions of churches), 600 missions and conferences, and about 80,000 organized churches in more than 200 countries. What is the ultimate purpose of having this wonderful church structure? It is to accomplish the mission of the church effectively and rapidly.

There are numerous departments at each level of this church structure, such as youth, education, family ministry, and many more. What is the purpose of having these departments? The answer is for the effectiveness of the gospel work. There are also many church-operated institutions, such as colleges and universities, hospitals and clinics, publishing houses, and many others. What is the purpose of having these institutions in the church? The answer is simple and clear. It is to accomplish the gospel work effectively. Therefore, all the ecclesiastical church entities, all their departments and institutions must work together for the effective and rapid spreading of the gospel message to "every creation" (Mark 16:15).

In order to quickly achieve the ultimate purpose of the church, MISSION should be the top priority in all activities, corporate and individual. The success of departmental work should not be measured by the appearance of events or programs but by the contributions to the gospel work. Likewise, the success of institutions should be measured by their contributions to soul winning rather than financial success alone.

"Mission First in All Activities" should be practiced daily by every ecclesiastical entity including church organizations. Furthermore, as Christ's followers, it is our conviction and obligation to live every moment with the compelling spirit of "Mission First." This is the way that we can reach the world with the gospel message in a short period of time.

"To everyone who becomes a partaker of His grace, the Lord appoints a work for others. Individually we are to stand in our lot, saying, 'Here am I; send me.' Whether a man be a minister of the Word or a physician, whether he be a merchant or farmer, professional man or mechanic, the responsibility rests upon him. It is his work to reveal to others the gospel of their salvation. Every enterprise in which he engages should be a means to this end' (*PK*, 222).

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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From August 24 to 27, 2015, more than 550 Pathfinders, Adventurers, youth leaders, and volunteers gathered together to participate in the Pathfinder Camporee at Saijia National Park located in Southern Taiwan. It was held by the Taiwan Conference (TWC) youth ministries department (Youth Director: Tom Sun) under the theme of "The Good Soldier of Jesus Christ."

"Oh, we are the Pathfinders strong..." The solemn voices of the Pathfinders as they sang filled the air. As the flag bearers holding the Taiwan national flag marched at the head of the opening ceremony, the faces of the attendees were lit up with excitement.

As the host introduced the Pathfinders clubs, young Adventurers, Pathfinders, and their leaders who were all dressed in uniform marched from the gate. Their dashing and dignified figures were like the strong and brave soldiers of God who are worthy to represent the Heavenly City of God.

TWC president Steven Wu expressed his unbounded confidence in the TWC youth and gave them an encouraging message. His talk was met with loud

applause. The main speaker of the camporee, Pastor Kim NakHyung, youth ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), strongly urged camporee members to be "a lamplight of faith" for the bright future of Taiwan.

Although there was a typhoon and pouring rain, the camporee proceeded as planned without cancellation of any of the programs, thanks to the devoted efforts and passion of the camporee team and volunteers.

Learn to Do Good

For the past two years, the Taiwan Conference youth department has strived to train lay leaders as well as pastors. As a result, the lay leaders were able to run various activities for the camporee, including twenty booths, outdoor fieldwork, and community service.

As far as the booth activities were concerned, participants could select the booths according to their age, hobbies, talents, or the clubs they belonged to. Some booths were very popular, including CPR, a baking class, bicycle repair and maintenance, and a flower arrangement



class. The participants believed they could immediately use these skills to help their neighbors.

The camporee host wanted the youth to gain biblical insights, so they attempted to reach the participants through drama skits. Pathfinders from several churches prepared drama skits about Bible stories and performed them at the camporee. This was their first attempt to this at a Taiwan Pathfinder camporee, and they received very positive responses. It was also a good opportunity for the Pathfinders who had prepared dramas to discover their talents. For the youth who were watching the skits, it also added to their knowledge of the Bible.

One of the clubs was made up of Sunday church youth members and their leaders from Kaohsiung, the second biggest city in Taiwan. They had come to attend this camporee even though they had never attended the Adventist Church before. They participated in every single program during the camporee, and they complemented the Church's unique youth program, saying that it was a very positive experience.

Good Soldiers for Jesus Christ

"Drill and Marching Presentation" was definitely the highlight of the camporee. The participants could view themselves as good soldiers for Jesus Christ, united in Him. This also made an indescribable and deep impression on the audience and all the leaders.

As the event concluded with Cultural Night, the participants had a strong feeling of being one in Jesus Christ. Pastor Kim NakHyung urged the Pathfinders to "be good and strong soldiers of Jesus Christ, be armed with the Word of God, prayer and mission, and march toward the end of the world so that we can hasten the second coming of Jesus."

The NSD is scheduled to have the second division-wide camporee two years later in Taiwan. This camporee helped the Pathfinder leaders in Taiwan to assess if all the programs in the camporee worked out well and to make sure the leaders and volunteers were well organized.

Kim NakHyung NSD Youth Director









- 1. Banners displayed in a row welcome Pathfinders.
- 2. Pathfinders carry out a marching
- display holding a Pathfinder flag.

 3. The camporee brings bright smiles to Pathfinders.
- 4. Pathfinders show great interest in learning how to repair a bicycle.5. The booth activities include CPR
- training.
- 6. A group of Pathfinders play drums.
- 7. Several groups of Pathfinders performed Bible-themed drama skits. It was the first attempt at a Taiwan Pathfinder camporee, and they received good responses.











- Pastors and leaders enjoy a dance routine together with young Pathfinders.
 Pathfinders line up to receive lunch.
 A teacher kindly explains how to make a basket to a young Pathfinder.
 Pathfinders have a lot of fun at a flower

- arrangement class.
- 5. Pathfinder uniforms are hung on a clothesline around the tents.
- 6. Pathfinders take a picture with Pastor Kim NakHyung.
- 7. Pathfinders carry out a street-cleaning activity.















GC Chinese Pastors Enjoy Adventist Heritage Tour

special Adventist Heritage Tour sponsored by Athe General Conference took place July 12-23, 2015. The journey began at 4:45 a.m. the Sunday after the 60th General Conference Session in San Antonia, Texas. Sixty pastors and Adventists from the Chinese Mother Church boarded school buses for the trip to a very busy San Antonio airport to begin their trip to Washington, D.C. They would join Elder Mark Finley, General Conference (GC) assistant to the president; Jim Nix, GC Spirit of Prophecy coordinator; Bob Folkenburg, president of Chinese Union Mission, and his wife Audrey; and David and Lynn Ripley from the ministerial department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division for a journey to Adventist historical sites. The goal was a deeper understanding of the cultural setting of the early work of the Adventist movement, its leaders, and God's leading.

The group first went to the General Conference office in Silver Spring, Maryland, for orientation and a tour.

Highlights from the time at the office were seeing President Ted N. C. Wilson's office and a visit to the Hope Channel studio and offices.

For the rest of the tour, the group traveled on two Washington Adventist University buses. After visiting some Washington, D.C., landmarks, they traveled to Adventist historical sites in the New England states, then to Michigan. During the trip, Dr. Finley shared messages about the development and biblical foundation of the Adventist witness, and Dr. Nix shared stories about Adventist founders and God's leading in their lives.

At the Miller Chapel in Low Hampton, New York, a special communion service was celebrated. Group members expressed joy in the fellowship and new appreciation for how God led in the development of the Adventist hope.

Lynn Ripley NSD Assistant Ministerial Secretary



Some Adventist Heritage Sites the Group Visited as Described by Sandra Blackmer

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Silver Spring—Tour the church's world headquarters and see the White Estate and its church history memorabilia that are on display, the stunning Second Coming painting by Nathan Greene called "The Blessed Hope," and the *Adventist Review/Adventist World* offices, where these two publications are produced.

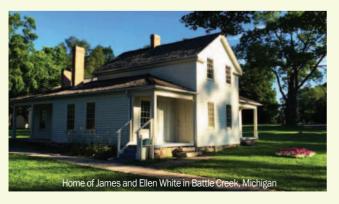
Washington, New Hampshire, Seventh-day Adventist Church/Sabbath Trail—The Washington, New Hampshire, Church is the earliest Sabbathkeeping Millerite church that is still an Adventist church today. The white clapboard, gable-roof building seats about 120 people and boasts a small but still-active congregation that meets there from April to October. During the winter and times of other inclement weather, the road to the church is impassable. The Sabbath Trail winds through the woods behind the church. Thirty-one granite stones along the trail trace the history of the Sabbath from Creation to the present.

Joseph Bates' Boyhood Home, Fairhaven,

Massachusetts—Joseph Bates was born in Rochester, Massachusetts, on July 8, 1792. One year later the family moved into the home they called Meadow Farm in Fairhaven, where they lived until 1835.

Brackett Street School, Portland, Maine—Ellen Harmon likely received her early formal education in a wooden schoolhouse on Brackett Street near her home on Spruce Street (home no longer in existence). The school building was first erected in 1828 and replaced with a brick structure in 1836—about the time that a student at the school threw a rock at Ellen, causing her face injury.

William Miller Farm, Low Hampton, New York— The Miller farm, a chapel (built by Miller in 1848), and Miller's gravesite are located just across the border from Vermont. It was here that Miller first studied and began to share his views on the prophecies of Jesus' second





coming, which led to a dramatic spiritual revival in New England and eventually to the beginnings of the Advent movement. Ascension Rock, where many Millerites waited for Jesus to come on October 22, 1844, is located between the home and the chapel.

Old Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts—Visiting Old Sturbridge Village is like going back in time to rural New England during the Millerite movement and early Adventism. It is a reconstruction of the actual town in 1790-1840, with some added period structures such as a cobbler's shop, print shop, blacksmith's shop, and a schoolhouse. These portray how our church pioneers lived and worked in eighteenth-century New England.

Hiram Edson Farm, Port Gibson, New York—The Edson farm is generally referred to as the theological birthplace of the Adventist Church. Following the disappointment in October 1844, Edson was walking through a cornfield when the Lord gave him insight on the heavenly sanctuary and the high-priestly ministry of Jesus, which helped the discouraged believers to understand why Jesus hadn't come when expected. Though the original house and barn are gone, Adventist Heritage Ministry has reconstructed a similar vintage barn on the site.

Historic Adventist Village, Battle Creek, Michigan—This re-created, nineteenth-century, three-block village showcases James and Ellen White's home, a replicated 1857 Meeting House, an 1852 log cabin, two historic family estates built in the early to mid-1800s along with one of the property's original barns, a nineteenth-century one-room schoolhouse, a replicated Ascension Rock, and other period buildings. Nearby is the former Battle Creek Sanitarium that was run by John Harvey Kellogg. Today it is the Battle Creek Federal Center.

For more information on other historical sites, please see the Adventist Review news article at http://archives.adventistreview.org/article/5379/archives/issue-2012-1515/taking-a-vacation.

Winters in Mongolia can make you feel like you are residing at the South Pole. It gets extremely cold. In fact, Ulaanbaatar is the coldest capital city in the whole world! Thus, as summer sets in with all its warmth, there is a lot of excitement and people sparkle to life because it gives them an opportunity to enjoy the wonderful outdoors so vibrant and full of life which God gave humankind to cherish. It's the perfect time for camping!

From June 23 to 26, 2015, the Adventist Youth (AY) Camp took place in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. There were nearly 70 young people present at the camp, with the theme "P1, the Power of One." After a lot of planning and many meetings, the camp organizers were able to find a beautiful place to camp out. It was a beautiful place nestled between a mountain and a river not so far away.

Many young people from different churches in Ulaanbaatar were excited to be a part of this camp. The camp

"All the believers were ONE in heart and mind" (Acts 4:32)

not only had Adventist young people but also non-believers which made the camp a powerful witnessing tool. We believe that the young people are an integral part of the church and a camp like this helps them to get out of the city, spend time with God and commit themselves to mission. It allows them to stop being distracted and to take the time to reflect on God's purpose for their lives amid the beautiful nature that He created for us to enjoy. The AY team in Mongolia fully believes that the key to keeping the new generation (the millenials) in Church is moving them from being passive spectators to active participants!

The AY camp included many fun and social activities, but, most of all, it taught the young people essential Christian values, such as communion, relationship and mission. We could see the Holy Spirit move the hearts of the young people as we spent time communicating with Him in many creative ways. We witnessed the hunger in these young people to know God and connect with Him. And one of the highlights of the camp was witnessing the baptism of a young man who gave his life to Christ.

"The AY camp was one of the greatest experiences I've ever had as a Seventh-day Adventist church member. God put in our hearts the desire of showing the youth a different way of spending time connected to Him and getting strength for the Christian battle that we as young people face every day. I really felt so blessed by this camp!" remarked Rebeca Aguirre, a volunteer English teacher from Peru and staff member of the AY team at Mongolia Mission.

By the grace of the Lord, AY ministries is growing day by day in Mongolia. There is a need like never before for fervent prayers that God will move the souls of young people so that they commit their lives to God and His mission. A young person's life has many challenges and there are moments where a wrong decision can take us far away from God. Hence, the main focus of AY ministries was to show, through this camp, that we as a church care about them and that God cares and is willing to lead their lives if they let Him though the "Power of One"!

We invite you to pray for the work here in Mongolia, especially for AY ministries. The challenge here is so big, and the enemy doesn't want the youth to get involved in church activities, but we know that our Almighty God is more powerful than anyone. May many souls be won to His cause!

MM THE POWER OF ONE in Mongolia Mission

By Jason Parmanandham and Rebeca Aguirre – Volunteer Missionaries in MM



A young man, who was baptized during the AY camp, and Pastor Yure Gramacho



TWC Spiritual Retreat at TAIWAN ADVENTIST COLLEGE

Pastors David and Lynn Ripley of the NSD Ministerial Department led out in a spiritual retreat on the campus of Taiwan Adventist College. On Friday, September 18, and Sabbath, September 19, the college students and faculty met together for this special time of connecting with God. Several students and faculty members remarked that the small group meetings were the most powerful time of the spiritual retreat.

Pastor David Ripley shared three essentials for a group of Adventist Christians to understand if they are going to connect well with God and go on a mission for Him.

Specialness, Urgency, and Expectancy

1. Specialness: (We are chosen)
We are to remind ourselves that God

has already selected us as His special people. We are a special, called-out people to do what no one else can do in our community.

- 2. Urgency: (It is the end time) We should constantly remind ourselves where we are in earth's history. Jesus is coming soon! There are souls in our community to rescue. If we do not share about the soon coming, many will be lost.
- 3. Expectancy: (God is eager to perform miracles)
 God is able to perform miracles so that we can accomplish whatever
 God asks. We must pray for and expect many more miracles as the church accomplishes things that only God is able to empower.

Pastor Lynn Ripley shared a study on the prayer in Daniel chapter 9.

Through the example of Daniel's prayer we learned four lessons that will help us connect with God.

- 1. Confess your need to God: We sometimes think that we know everything we need and that we can be independent of God, but we must recognize and confess that we are helpless without Him.
- 2. Recognize and claim who God is: God is so merciful and forgiving that we can claim Him as our personal Savior and Friend.
- 3. Claim God's promise to answer: When we call upon the Lord, He always hears. We are to claim God's promise even when we do not yet see the results.
- 4. Anticipate His answer: Because God is so powerful and we know He hears us, we can go on God's mission with confidence knowing He will answer.





Above: A small group of people discuss several topics. Below: Pastor David Ripley (left)

Following each presentation, the college students and faculty divided into eleven small groups to share and study more deeply the concepts presented.

Pastor Lynn Ripley gave some training on how to have successful small groups. Each group chose a leader, assistant leader, and a host/scribe. Also, each group selected a name for their group and a song to represent the mission of the group. Each group had a different color band with "Spiritual Influence" printed upon it.

The small groups were challenged to pray about what mission they would accomplish for God. One group shared how they would go and help the students at the academy know Jesus. Another group decided to give Bible studies on campus. Still a third group decided that they would work to have fifteen Bible studies out in the community around the school. Yet another group determined that they would go on a mission trip outside of Taiwan.

God truly blessed as we met together from early to late. A great feeling of the presence of God was felt by all.

David RipleyNSD Ministerial Association Director





NSD

2015 AHCA

Presidents' Council Meets in Hong Kong

Stanley Ng NSD Assistant to the President for China Affairs and ACHA advisor



The 2015 Presidents' Council of the Adventist HealthCare Association (AHCA) of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) was held from September 21 to 25, 2015, in Hong Kong. More than 30 hospital administrators plus the guest speaker, division president and union presidents representing 11 member hospitals from the NSD and one associate member hospital joined the Council. Participants came from Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia and USA.

The Presidents' Council is an annual event for hospital administrators to meet and have fellowship with each other for spiritual enrichment, networking and continuing education. The guest speaker for this year's council was Dr. Lowell Cooper, the recently retired general vice president of the General Conference. He continues to serve as chair for the boards at Loma Linda University Health — an academic medical center comprised of an eight-school university and six hospitals.

Dr. Cooper gave presentations during two morning sessions, stressing the importance of governance for the healthcare institutions, their mission and ministry and their structural relationship to the Church. Participants were divided into different language groups for discussion and interaction. Reports were given to the whole group.

On the first day, the morning devotional was given by NSD president Jairyong Lee who challenged the administrators that

healthcare institutions should be mission-oriented, extending the healing ministry of Jesus.

On the second day, the morning devotional was presented by Dr. James Wu, vice president for lifestyle and spiritual affairs at Hong Kong Adventist Hospital. He reminded the healthcare institution leaders to see their patients/customers from a holistic perspective, with the mission to make a person whole.

On September 22 and 23, the participants went on a tour of Hong Kong Adventist Hospital in Tsuen Wan, the Union Hospital, a private-for-profit hospital, and Hong Kong Adventist Hospital at Stubbs Road. The participants were impressed by the high-tech medical equipment and efficient management system.

The AHCA business session was conducted on the afternoon of September 22. Dr. Toshihiro Nishino, AHCA president, presided over the business session which dealt with routine agenda items, such as reports from member hospitals, review of AHCA bylaws and the financial report. This year, the Council voted



(From left) Stanley Ng, Toshihiro Nishino, Lowell Cooper, and Huang Hui-Ting

to record the report from AHCA officers on the recent development of forming a Health System within the NSD territory and requested a special steering committee to continue to explore and study various types of health systems that may fit the needs of our healthcare institutions in the territory.

The Council also re-elected Dr. Toshihiro Nishino, president of Tokyo Adventist Hospital, to continue to serve as AHCA president for the next two years (2016-2017). The newlyelected AHCA secretary/treasurer is Dr. Huang Hui-Ting, president of Taiwan Adventist Hospital.

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



CHUM

SPIRITUAL REVIVAL for Adventist Teachers in Hong Kong and Macao

By Frank Tam – HKMC Education Director and Principal of HKAA

Leave school. I go to church on Sabbaths because my headmaster and my students, it is late at night when I leave school. I go to church on Sabbaths because my headmaster and my students expect me to be there, but I often do not have any energy to participate. I often feel that I am taking care of other people's kids, and I tend to neglect mine and my spiritual needs."

Raymond's voice was echoed by many fellow teachers who were present at a spiritual retreat organized by the education department of Hong Kong and Macao Conference (HKMC). In attendance were 118 Adventist teachers who were there to revive their spirits and pledge their commitment to saving souls. The teachers were from five Adventist schools in the Hong Kong and Macao territories, namely, Kowloon Sam Yuk Secondary School, Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School, Macao Sam Yuk Middle School, Yuen Long Sam Yuk Kindergarten and Hong Kong Adventist Academy. The total enrollment of these schools has reached 2,500 students in the current school year. These schools were established in Hong Kong and Macao regions by our church as mission schools, and the majority of the students are from families with no religious backgrounds. All of these schools, with the exception of Hong Kong Adventist Academy, are receiving public funding to support school operation, so they need to comply with the funding requirements of the government as well as the operation standards of the community.

"Secondary school campuses are a great place to do mission work because the money we spend for Week of Prayer and gospel camps at a school can bring many times more souls to Jesus than the same amount of money spent to do a crusade in the community," asserted Pastor Chiloe Fan, HKMC president, who also met Jesus when he was a student at Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School. "However, we need to recognize that doing gospel work in school is very different from running a church. For example, in a school, chaplains have to work with the teachers in order to reach the students because it is much easier for the teachers to bring students to the church than the chaplains themselves. Therefore, we treasure their contribution and recognize the difficulty of teaching and doing gospel work at the same time."

"Teachers in Hong Kong face many challenges, and Adventist teachers face even more challenges when they work in our Sam Yuk schools," exclaimed Pastor Isaac Foo, who has served as a chaplain for 10 years and was the feature speaker for the morning session. "In order to survive, our schools need to meet parents' expectations by producing products of good quality, which means good results in the public examination. We need to cater to students' diverse learning needs, plus everything that a normal public school would do," he continued. "In addition, Adventist teachers need to do more because we are driven by the mission of saving souls for Jesus."



MM

Mongolian Women Touch Hearts as They Reach Out to the World

By Purevdulam Jugderjav – MM Women's Ministries Director

The women's and family ministries departments of Mongolia Mission organized two 2-week courses in aesthetics in June and August of 2015. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) women's and family ministries departments engaged Mrs. Stella Hong, the founder of Stella-In International Advanced Aesthetics Academy of Malaysia, and Ms. Jacqueline, a teacher at the academy, to train the group of sixteen who registered. Stella is a pioneer in the area of aesthetics training in Malaysia and is a well-recognized authority in vocational training for the country. She is an outstanding teacher who demonstrates God's love and grace to all her students. Four modules were covered during the four weeks: 1) facial therapy, 2) bridal make-up and hair style, 3) full body massage, and 4) manicure and pedicure.

The objective of the training is to create opportunities for believers to interact with those seeking for the truth as they deliver services in the aesthetics area. During the training, the participants were shown how to impart the simple gospel message by touching hearts, one at a time, as they use their skills in massage, bridal makeup, and pedicure and manicure. Graduates of this course may also start their own independent businesses, have their own sources of income, influence others and share their beliefs as opportunities present themselves.

Of the 16 who participated in the training, 14 of them obtained their diplomas and 2 received certificates. Among the group was one woman who was not good at reading and writing and had not even completed her elementary schooling. However, she turned out to be an excellent student, skillful with her hands. As a result, her confidence has improved significantly; now she is ready to "go" out there in answer to the Lord's commission and to make a difference in the lives of others. Watching such miracles happen during the training brought us much joy and increased our faith in the Lord as we praised His name.

Mongolia Mission is now working to establish a beauty salon that will be a center of influence for the Adventist Church in Ulaanbaatar. Our graduates will







 Mrs. Stella Hong, the founder of Stella-In International Advanced Aesthetics Academy, gives a speech at the graduation ceremony of asthetics courses.

2. A trainer practices bridal make-up.

3. Make-up artists and trainers with models for bridal make-up course

be able to use their newly acquired skills in this unique outreach ministry.

We are thankful to the NSD and the General Conference women's and family ministries departments who provided financial help and emotional support throughout the training session. Above all, we appreciate our God who is able to turn what seemed impossible into a reality.



Two children dress up as Bible characters.

Each year when summer arrives in Mongolia, children begin to make plans to attend the long-awaited Children's Camp. This year from July 1 to 5, about 160 children, between the ages of 6 and 15, attended the summer camp at Khandgait.

"Jesus loves you" was the theme chosen for the occasion. During the event, the children participated in recreational activities, listened to Bible stories, and sang Christian songs among many other activities. They also received a DVD with stories from the Bible in Mongolian, produced by an Australian team from Wahroonga Adventist Church that also came to help with the camp.

MM

Children's Camp in MONGOLIA

By Estela Silva, Volunteer Missionary and Yure Gramacho, MM Communication Director

The annual Children's Camp has been an active part of the Mongolia Mission children's ministry department throughout the last few years. The camp organizers are always determined that the activities not only provide fun and adventure, but also provide foundations for the Christian faith. "I really love to share God's Word with the little ones. They will be our future. We had 60 children coming from Adventist families, and the other 100 children are from a non-Adventist background. Maybe now we cannot see the results of our efforts, but I'm sure that one day in heaven we will meet with someone who attended our Children's Camp," said Purevdulam Jugderjav, the children's ministries director at Mongolia Mission.

Considering that most of the children attending the camp do not go to the Adventist Church, this also represents an important tool for child evangelism in Mongolia. The Children's Ministry Department is aware that summer camp is important for children, not just to gain crucial social skills or obtain lasting memories, but most of all, to learn more about Jesus Christ and deepen their faith in Him.





GC SunPlus Worldwide Meeting in Thailand

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By Cho Kyung Ja – NSD SunPlus Coordinator

SunPlus* 2015 worldwide meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from September 22 to October 2, 2015. GC SunPlus (GST), Division SunPlus (DST), ADRA, GC Cloud, IT support (CIS), and SunPlus Accounting Services Center (SASC) team members participated in this meeting. New features in SunPlus 6.0, SunPlus dimensional accounting structure and a new financial statement design, which are both based on SDAAM (SDA accounting manual), were introduced and shared.

The new motto of SunPlus support network, "Everybody should help everybody," was shared in the meeting. In

the past, if a cashier did not know how to solve an issue in SunPlus, he/she usually asked a person in a senior position. However, the person in the senior position did not always have the solution. In this case, another person could have the knowledge to solve the issue. The SunPlus motto, "everybody should help everybody," breaks current support structure, and whoever has knowledge should help others in need.

*SunPlus is an official accounting software which the Adventist church divisions, including the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, have adopted.

Share Neighborly Love

Adventist young people in the Middle West Korean Conference practiced showing their love for neighbors through a "Youth Volunteer Camp" from August 10 to 12, 2015. Sixty young people from 20 churches participated in community service.

On the first day, they went to Daejeon National Cemetery to clean tombstones and graveyards. It was a great time to remember the patriotic martyrs of the country, celebrating Korea's 70th anniversary of Independence Day. Participants also volunteered at major welfare agencies and elderly care facilities in Daejeon, cleaning, talking with the elderly and helping them, guiding blind people, and helping tourists.

The volunteer camp is not only about the service itself, but it is also to help instill Christian spirit in young people. As the years go by, the number of applicants has increased. "I have only three days of vacation because I am preparing for the college entrance exam, but I participated again this year due to very fond memories of service from last year. It is very meaningful to have friends who share the same faith and to serve others. I want to continuously participate in the volunteer service after I become a college student," said a participant.

From August 29 to 30 and September 5 to 6, 2015, there was an evangelism series in relation with Comprehensive Health Ministry in Hong Kong Taipo Church. The main theme of the series was "Better Health, Better Future." Mr. Andy Tsio, who is a third-year theology student from Hong Kong Adventist College and is coached by Elder Johnny Wong, a founder of Gateway Adventist Center in Australia, was invited as a speaker. Dr. Barbara Choi, health ministry director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was the other speaker, and she spoke during the first 25 minutes about health matters in family lives.

This evangelism series focused especially on the family. These were the topics presented during the series:

- Foods That Fight Cancer; Life After Life
- Depression: A Common Flu in Society; How to Find Your Way to Happiness
- Entertainment or Addiction; God's Final Message for the World
- To Be Healthy in a Junk Food World; A Fatal Mistake
- Secret of Forgetting Stress; Sign of Allegiance in Earth's Last Conflict
- Live 11 Years Longer; The Anti-Christ Who Is He? There were also two workshops:
- Natural material for skin care
- How to make fruit ice-cream

CHUM



Above: Guests of the evangelistic series are ready to enjoy vegetarian dishes provided by the Taipo Church.

Below: Two guest speakers, Mr. Andy Tsio (third from the left) and Dr. Barbara Choi (fourth from the left)

BETTER HEALTH, BETTER FUTURE

Participants came prior to the meeting to check their physical conditions, such as height, weight, blood pressure, and Body Mass Index (BMI). If they attended more than four meetings, they were given the chance to get a health check that included fasting blood sugar,

cholesterol, tri-glyceride, and health counseling. Moreover, Taipo Church provided guests with a breakfast of fruit, soy milk, sandwiches, and cookies. The evangelism had an altar

The evangelism had an altar call each night to offer prayer, and a final decision card was handed out to the attendees on the

last day of the meeting. The meeting had more than 70 registered from outside of Adventist churches. Some people showed their interest in vegetarian cooking classes. Some of them expressed a desire to know more about Jesus or to attend a Bible study with Adventist churches. Also, Hong Kong-Macao Conference

is planning a health and spiritual retreat at Hong Kong Adventist College in Clearwater Bay for the newcomers.



Barbara Choi NSD Health Ministries Director

KUC

Women's Ministries Has Leadership Training for Women

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) women's ministries department held a leadership training for women at the KUC auditorium from September 8 to 10, 2015. Women's ministries departments from the five conferences and the Korean Adventist Women's Association worked together on the event themed "Daughters of life, to the light, to the future!" About 60 women leaders from each area and group participated in the training to think of women's role in gospel work.

Dr. Nam DaeGeuk highlighted effective women leadership in a methodological way and suggested a way to develop women leaders.

Pastor Kim DaeSung, KUC president, spoke on "women, spirituality, and mission." "Even an average, introverted person can be diligently, steadily, and successfully involved in evangelistic work. Evangelism is not only for certain people," said Pastor Kim.

Photo courtesy of adventist.or.kr



The training participants attentively listen to the message and take notes.

Dr. Yoon SeonMi, the first Korean Adventist woman granted a Doctor of Ministry degree, gave a lecture on "finding hidden woman power." She appealed to Adventist women leaders to be warm-hearted instead of calculating and cold.

Participants said that it was a great time as disciples and workers of Christ to prepare for revival of individual evangelism as well as women leadership. We hope all Korean Adventist women can wake up to be faithful in their church, home, society, and work place as sincere evangelists.

Celebrates Family Time

During the summer of 2015, Yuenlong Sam Yuk Kindergarten, in a joint effort with the family ministry department and the children's ministry department of Hong Kong-Macau Conference (HKMC), held a two-day camping event for its students and their parents. Eighty campers participated to celebrate a happy and healthy family time.

A registered nutritionist from Hong Kong Adventist Hospital taught parents how to prepare NEWSTART healthy food. Serene Chong, director of family ministry and children's ministry at HKMC, talked about the importance of family unity. She encouraged husbands and wives to spend quality time together and to appreciate each other more.

Parents and children also had a wonderful time playing challenging games. The goal of the two-day camp was to strengthen families by bringing both parents and children to Christ.



A group photo of children holding their work.



Parents and children enjoy the camp together.

MM/CHUM

Master Guide Training: Fostering Youth Leaders

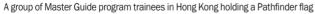
By Kim NakHyung – NSD Youth Director

Pacific Division that is in need of attention and care. According to an annual report from the 2014 NSD Secretariat, the number of church members in all 11 churches in Mongolia Mission was 2,110 and the number of pastors including PMM pastors was only 18. This shows how small the Church is in Mongolia. However, Mongolia Mission is still a very hopeful field with tremendous dynamic potential. The reason is that more than 70 percent of the church members are youth. We can see the bright future of Mongolia Mission when we think of the pastors who have a passion for youth ministries and the youth who eagerly participate in various activities with love for the church.

In celebration of Mongolia Mission's 23rd anniversary, the Master Guide Training, which is an important part of fostering youth leaders, was implemented in November 2014 in order to create a strong Pathfinders program.

The Master Guide Training is constantly conducting programs, both indoors and outdoors. The NSD youth ministries department also successfully ran an intensive course for the leaders of Mongolia Mission with the theme of "Youth Leaders with Mission Experience" from September 11 to 13, 2015. The first Master Guide graduation ceremony in Mongolia is expected to take place on December 12, 2015.

From September 15 to 18, 2015, the youth ministries departments of NSD and Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) collaborated on the Master Guide









Above: Pastor Kim NakHyung teaches an intensive course in Mongolia Mission. Below: Mongolian youth leaders are divided into groups for discussion.

Training in Hong Kong, the cradle and outpost of NSD mission work.

The pre-leaders group, a group composed of youth leaders from each church in HKMC, after their busy daily work, gather together for the prayer meeting every Thursday to strengthen their spirituality. Furthermore, they attend various youth leadership development programs run by the youth department each Sabbath to temper their mission spirit and their vision as leaders. There are currently 25 members in this training program, and they will go into the HKMC Pathfinder Camporee which will be held from December 27 to 30, 2015, as real leaders.

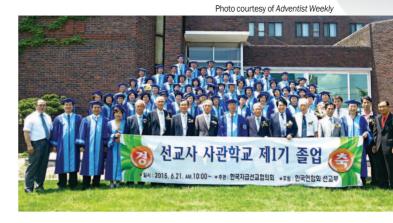
The HKMC youth department is also planning to begin a short-term missionary training at the 1000 Missionary Movement as a way of fostering leaders. The program will be four weeks long, made up of two weeks missionary training, one week cottage meeting, and one week field work. This will be implemented from the year 2016 as soon as the discussion with the 1000MM headquarters in the Philippines or Indonesia is over.

KUC The First Graduation of **Missionary Training Academy**

Missionary Training Academy had their first graduation, which took place at the Korean Union Conference (KUC) auditorium on June 21, 2015. The Korean Self-supporting Association evaluated the missionary skills, community service, and attendance rates of the 147 students who studied this past year, and 67 students qualified for graduation.

"Do not be satisfied with a superficial relationship with God, but be true witnesses who are thoroughly preparing yourself and others for the coming of Christ," said Pastor Kim DaeSung, KUC president.

"You were cadets, but now you are officers. Please be true leaders, following the example of Jesus and the Apostle Paul," said Dr. P. D. Chun, principal of the academy.



As part of the regular training course, graduates were able to get in touch with many interests through mission activities in local churches, and one family went to Sri Lanka for overseas missionary volunteer work.



CHUM HKMC Sends a Group of Young People to Plant a New Church

A ugust 22, 2015, was a special Sabbath for the members of Bible Auditorium Church in Hong Kong. A group of young people were dedicated for the work of planting a new church. Pastor Chiloe Fan, president of Hong Kong-Macau Conference, gave a special sermon. He used Philippians 4:1 and John 15:16 to help the young people see God's calling for mission and to find strength in the Lord. Pastor Fan passed a torch to the young people, encouraging them to carry out the Great Commission in the city of Hong Kong.

Most of the group members are young professionals. Since 2007, feeling the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have been determined to equip themselves for church-planting. From only four, they grew. Now they have a new meeting place, and a Korean pastor has arrived from South Korea to lead this group. May God bless their fellowship so that the saving grace of Jesus Christ can spread in this challenging city.



TWC

From Field to Field:

Taiwan Adventist Foundation Works for a Healthier Society

By Jane Lin – Director of Taiwan Adventist Foundation

Family Day

"Family Day" is not a new concept, but did you know that family day can be a joint event with health promotions and social welfare projects? Taiwan Adventist Foundation (TAWF)* actually made this happen!

Working with an enterprise was a new attempt for TWAF. They held Family Day for New Deantronics, LTD., on June 7, 2015, with an emphasis on Adventist health messages and social welfare projects launched by TWAF.

As a social welfare foundation, TWAF has initiated several projects to take care of children, the elderly, and poor families. One project focuses on "Health Promotion and Market Support." The purpose of "Market Support" is to help local farmers, especially older indigenous farmers, turn their crops to products for a better living and to keep away from exploitations.

How can this goal be reached? First, farmers need to introduce themselves to society, which is their future market. Health promotion is the other focus of this project. It advocates healthy lifestyle by reminding people to be aware of what they eat and drink. The vision of TWAF is to motivate and

empower everyone in Taiwan to live with a better and healthier lifestyle. We hope both fields—the field of crops and the field of the spirit—are healthy and blessed.

New Deantronics, LTD., (NewDean) is a world-leading medical device manufacturer with more than a thousand employees. Ms. Jane Liu, the founder of the company, supports TWAF's mission and vision and wants to encourage all of her employees to have a healthier lifestyle as well. NewDean invited TWAF to co-plan their Family Day event. Ms. Liu showed respect for our beliefs by not only giving donations to TWAF but

also moving Family Day from Saturday to Sunday!

The Family Day event was held at Mike Farm in Hsinchu County. There were 15 booths covering the eight elements of the NEWSTART health concept. The booths included farmers' market, cooking demonstration, health consultation, photo printing, DIY, two local churches with vegetarian and natural products, and some nonprofit organizations. A total of 79 people supported the event, including TWAF staff, the farmers and their family members, and the volunteers. They shared their beliefs and helped make 710 participants happy so that they could leave the venue with great memories!

Based on the evaluation from the participants, 92% responded that they had acquired new knowledge through the event, and 88% reflected that they have high interest in supporting farmers in the future. The most popular booth was the health consultation booth, a great witness to share the health messages.

From the poor to the wealthy, from field to field, we will continue doing our best to help the people in Taiwan, the beautiful Formosa. May this island be surrounded by God's blessings!

*Taiwan Adventist Foundation (TWAF) was founded in 2004, and Elder Stanley Ng is the current chairman of the Board. Our vision is to motivate and empower everyone in Taiwan to live with a better and healthier lifestyle. We invite you to visit us at www.twaf. org.tw.

Distinguished Service Award for NSD Ministries Directors

Dr. Sally Phoon, family ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and her husband, Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, NSD education director and resource personnel for family ministries, received the Arthur and Maud Spalding Distinguished Service Medallion on July 4, 2015, in San Antonio, Texas, in recognition for their contribution to family ministries. They have served in team ministry for families for 10 years in the NSD and, prior to that, 20 years in the Southeast Asian territories.

Organized ministry for families within the Seventh-day Adventist Church began with the establishment of the Home Commission in 1919. Arthur Spalding, an educator and editor who in 1913 was convinced by Ellen G. White to dedicate his life to the training of parents, served from 1922 to 1941 as secretary of the Home Commission. Through tireless efforts for nearly two decades, he and his wife Maud brought recognition and acceptance of family life education within the church in North America and in many countries around the world. In recognition of the untiring efforts of this couple, the Arthur and Maud Spalding Distinguished Service Medallion was inaugurated by the General Conference family ministries department in 1987.

Sally and Chek Yat Phoon were the 40th recipients of this service medallion, and it was presented to them by Willie and Elaine Oliver, GC family ministries directors. Both Sally and Chek Yat Phoon have expressed that family ministries is foundational to the "Mission First" concept of the NSD. Strong families make a strong church, and the home is the first mission field for parents. For Sally and Chek Yat Phoon, their involvement with family ministries continues to be a lifelong commitment as they leave the NSD for home in Singapore.

NSD Administrative Secretary for Secretariat







Above: Pathfinders raise their hands in salute. Below: Young Pathfinders enjoy an activity at the camporee.

KUC

Pathfinder Camporees Heat Up Summer Season 2015

The youth ministries department of the East Central Korean Conference had a Pathfinder camporee at the Deer Mountain Retreat Center from August 26 to 29, 2015. About 450 instructors and members participated in this event with the theme of "Joseph, Dream of God." The event started with a parade of Pathfinder clubs. Members learned new skills through various booth activities.

The Pathfinder camporee of West Central Korean Conference, "Passion for Mission," was held at the same venue from August 6 to 9, 2015. In addition, a 30/40 camp, geared for those in their 30s and 40s, took place in conjunction with the Pathfinder camporee in order to meet the needs of parents and children.

The Middle West Korean Conference had its Pathfinder camporee themed "Abraham's World Vision" at Anmyeondo Retreat Center from July 27 to 29, 2015. A total of 350 Pathfinder members enjoyed various programs, including honor booths and 17 experience-based outdoor activities.

The Pathfinder camporee of the Southwest Korean Conference took place at Mizpah Retreat Center from July 24 to 27, 2015. The camporee with 700 participants began with a march of flag bearers from each club. There were 35 booths for skills and outdoor activities, and members had the special experience of assembling a 1/10-sized tabernacle in accordance with the theme of the camporee, "The Promised Land."



Kuc Children's Teachers Participate in Jesus I Teachers' School



Photo courtesy of Adventist Weekly

The Jesus I Teachers' School (JITS) program, which was developed by the Korean Union Conference children's ministries department as a part of the Saehim 2015 project, received positive response from children's teachers in local churches. The East Central Korean Conference had a completion ceremony for the first and

second graduates of JITS at the KUC auditorium on September 5, 2015. There were 86 teachers from Seoul and Gyeonggi area who finished the whole course. The West Central Korean Conference children's ministries department also certified qualification of 59 graduates at the 8th JITS completion ceremony.

JITS targets pastors working for children's ministries, children's ministries coordinators in local churches, vacation Bible school superintendents, children's teachers, and Pathfinder guides. Participants join a 10-week training course, which includes four core areas: spiritual training, Sabbath school program, teacher education, and skill education. Well-educated children's teachers will teach the love of Christ to children who are the hope and the future leaders of the church.

"There has been a flood of inquiries for JITS by many churches and teachers who sympathize with the necessity of such specialized and quality education. The number of trainees and graduates has been growing all over the country. No matter how great our system, it is nothing without people. Ultimately, we must train people. I hope all church members are interested and participate in this work for the future of the church," said Ahn JaeSoon, KUC children's ministries director.

New Scholarship Tower for AlIAS

By Bruce Sumendap - Director of Public Relations at AIIAS

Administrators, faculty, staff and students of Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) gathered on August 10, 2015, to break ground for the Scholarship Tower that will be constructed in the southern part of the AIIAS campus. The building will feature 15 housing units and a multi-purpose lobby, which will provide housing for approximately 30 more students.

"This tower is a little bit different than the others," stated Dr. Stephen Guptill, AIIAS president, in his remarks, "not so much about its size and its shape but its purpose."

Through the years, many students at AIIAS have been aided by scholarship funds. As the number of self-supporting students grows, there is an increasing need for more scholarship funds. The AIIAS administrators thought about different ways to generate enough scholarship funds, including financial endowment, but soon realized that it was not a sustainable option.

"The unique feature of this scholarship tower is that all the proceeds from this building will be dedicated to worthy student scholarships at AIIAS," said Dr. Guptill.

AIIAS Student Association president, Alvaro Rodriguez, expressed how important this project was. "We are not only building a tower but preparing new missionaries to go all around the world. Thank you to all the donors."

Funds for the building project comes from the Crocodile Foundation, Southern Asia-Pacific Division, Northern Asia-Pacific Division and other private donations. Presently, almost all of the funds for the project have been raised.

Located in the Philippines, AIIAS is a graduate institution of higher learning owned and operated by the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and offers programs in the areas of business, education, health and religion.

ADRA Korea Presents Hope to CAMBODIA



Korean youth volunteers paint the walls at Utey Primary School in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Korea nyouth volunteers participated in an overseas voluntary service program, which was led by ADRA Korea and the Korean Ministry of Gender Equality and Family. They traveled to Siem Reap, Cambodia, where they stayed from July 27 to August 6, 2015. This program was initiated to give socially disadvantaged youth the opportunity of volunteering abroad and to build global relationships with Cambodian young people. Sixteen young people between the ages of 15 and 20, including those with disabilities, participated in the project. They worked on various activities, such as providing health education, planning sports activities, constructing a playground for children, repairing desks and chairs, and painting the walls at Utey Primary School. They also carried out cultural exchange by cooking Korean food.

ADRA Korea and the Korean Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs also had multicultural families volunteer in Siem Reap from July 16 to 24, 2015.

Ten multicultural couples living in Korea participated in the project. In the sizzling summer heat, over 35 degrees Celsius, volunteers helped to build facilities for those with social needs, such as orphans and single-parent families. Three buildings—a community service center, an orphanage, and housing—were completed through their service. They also provided public health education for children and introduced Korean traditional foods. A medical team, including physicians, surgeons, and dentists, accompanied them to give medical service to 300 local residents. Other volunteer workers helped the medical team in translation and registration.

"I really appreciate the young people and multicultural family couples who participated in this work of service and love. Many Cambodian people received hope through your sharing hands," said Pastor Shin WonShik, ADRA Korea director.



ADRA Korea and Adventist Doctors Association Convey Love of God to NEPAL

Korean Adventists shared love with the people of Nepal who were suffering from a terrible disaster. ADRA Korea and 11 medical workers from the Adventist Doctors Association provided medical services in Nepal from June 1 to 8, 2015.

The medical service took place in the Sindhupalchok area, which suffered the most damage from the earthquake. It is a village in the back woods, about a four-hour drive from Kathmandu. Two earthquakes took the lives of more than 4,000 people and caused uncountable injured people.

About 1,200 wounded people received treatment from the medical team. "It was the first time that a medical team visited our village more than a month after the earthquake," said a resident. Their devoted service was also a great encouragement to the mission work in the area.

"God sent you for His glory," Pastor Umesh from the district told the volunteers. "It was the first time for almost all the church members to meet medical missionaries. Many dejected people who had lost their loved ones and cherished possessions could find hope through your sacrifice and help. You showed the love of Christ to them"





Above: A child injured from the earthquake receives medical treatment. Below: Sindhupalchok was one of the most-damaged areas in Nepal.





Above: The first 50/70 camp hosted by the Southwest Korean Conference received positive reponses from the camp participants.

Below: A couple wearing school uniforms take a picture at a "retro photo zone."

KUC

SWKC Family Ministries Holds **50/70 Camp**

The family ministries department of the Southwest Korean Conference held their first 50/70 generation camp at Korea Agricultural Training Institute in Jangsugun, Jeollabuk-do, from September 12 to 13, 2015. This was the first camp focusing on older people over 50 years old in Korea. About 400 people gathered from all over the province for the meeting themed "Take a blessed seat."

"We were blessed in the past, we are being blessing now, and we will be blessed in the future. This is the promise of God who is the source of blessings. Adventist members should be happy, and we should share this happiness with our neighbors. Then, we can boldly preach the gospel. I hope you enjoy blessings and happiness in Jesus Christ," said Um BoSeok, a retired pastor who served as the main speaker.

Various programs engrossed participants in nostalgic thoughts of their youth. A "retro photo zone" provided reminders of wedding photos and photo shoots in school uniforms. Participants had big smiles.

"There were many events geared for the 30/40 generation, but fewer programs for the silver generation, so I really appreciate having this happy time. All the programs were so interesting and inspiring that I could look back on my life and gain energy for the future," said a participant.

Teaching a Course for MCM Students at TAC

Taiwan Adventist College (TAC) is providing pastors and theology students with graduate courses (MCM – Master of Christian Ministry) for continuing education and advanced studies. TAC has extended its classes to mainland China for the purpose of educating Adventist church leaders since Adventism in China has no theological seminary to teach its church leaders and young people the Bible and theology. That's why master courses are presented not only to theology students and pastors in Taiwan but to Chinese leaders and students in mainland China.

Due to lack of teaching staff, TAC often invites external scholars to teach these classes. Dr. Joo Minho, assistant to the president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and who majored in world mission and church ministry, was invited to teach at TAC from October 12 to 23, 2015. The class he taught was THST 656: Equipping Lay-Leaders for Ministry. Four students were registered for the course.

Dr. Joo taught the students how to first bring spiritual revival to church members, how to mobilize church



members for soul-winning, and how to disciple lay leaders to go and make more disciples. He emphasized that to make disciples, leaders should be disciples first, and that this is the way to fulfill the Great Commission.

Students enjoyed the class and learned much through discussion. They also had time to analyze current churches and to discover ways to stop churches from declining and dying.

Joo MinhoAssistant to the president of NSD



CHUM

The Ministry of Healing at Chinese Union Mission

A ccording to Matthew 9:35, Jesus spent a considerable amount of time healing people as He traveled to many towns and villages proclaiming the good news of the heavenly kingdom. Following the example of Christ, the health department of Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) is dedicated to promoting wholistic health within the society and the training of medical missionaries.

China is a country with rapid economic growth. As the Chinese people increase in wealth, their overall health is in decline. More and more Chinese are eating foods that are rich in fat, sugar and salt. As a result, more and more of them are having cardio-vascular diseases, obesity and cancer. Many of these conditions can be prevented or improved through lifestyle changes.

Pastor Lee Choke Woh, director of the health department at CHUM, travels regularly to China to educate church members on health. The following two stories from one family testifies to the healing power of Christ and the effectiveness of the Adventist health messages.

Alian lives in the southern Fujian province. She had diabetes. For eight years, following her doctor's advice, she ate a limited amount of food and took medicine for her diabetes every day. She often felt weak due to malnutrition. In October 2012, her older sister became an Adventist and invited her to go to church. Alian went and began to learn about NEWSTART principles as well as the saving grace of God. Alian decided to change her diet. She prayed that God would heal her. After just eight months of lifestyle change, she was off her medication. Her blood sugar level was back to normal! Alian was so elated that she gave her heart to Jesus. In 2013, she was baptized.

Amin is Alian's husband. He used to eat a lot of pork for every meal. One day, one of his legs became so swollen that he couldn't walk. He was in pain. The doctor said that amputation seemed necessary. Amin was scared. He told the doctor that he needed to think about it. Fortunately,



Alian had just been invited to join the Adventist Church. She then asked Amin to attend church with her. Out of desperation, Amin agreed. After hearing the health messages, Amin was determined to change his diet. He began to eat more vegetables and fruit and quit pork completely. In just two months, miracles happened. The swelling and the pain in his leg were gone! He felt refreshed from inside out. Together with his wife, Amin joined the Adventist Church in 2013.

We thank God for giving us the tool of medical evangelism for the growth of His Kingdom.

KUC

Inauguration of the New President at Sahmyook Health University College



Dr. Kim KwangKyu hands over his position of SHUC president to Dr. Park DooHan.

Dr. Park DooHan officially assumed the 18th presidency of Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) on August 25, 2015. The presidential inauguration service was held at its auditorium in front of 1,000 guests, including faculty, students, steering committee members, and others.

Dr. Park suggested "ACE36" as the new management strategy of the school, ACE for Adventist College Education, having an Adventist identity and vision. "SHUC will be a competitive institution that turns out outstanding graduates through quality education," said Dr. Park.

Dr. Park proposed six major strategies: spirituality and character education, development of global talent with language ability, improvement of student satisfaction, excellent faculty with field experience and teaching ability, intensive work experience and employment guarantee, and curriculum based on NCS (National Competency Standards). SHUC plans to work on strengthening the administration and to nurture highly qualified people of ability in accordance with the plans of the new president.



MM Mongolia Mission Families and Workers Have a *Spiritual Retreat*

By Lynn Ripley – NSD Assistant Ministerial Secretary

On Wednesday, August 12, 2015, a cheerful group of pastors and their families and other ministries leaders met at the Mongolia Mission (MM) office. They were gathering for a trip to Dugan Khad Retreat Center where the annual spiritual retreat would be held from August 12 to 14. The theme was "Ebenezer, thus far the Lord has helped us." The retreat was sponsored and organized by the MM ministerial department under the leadership of ministerial secretary Nyamdava Dovchinsuren, and Cleidi Kuhn, pastoral spouses' ministries coordinator.

This time of spiritual rest for this group of ministries leaders included devotional messages presented by Pastors David and Lynn Ripley from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division ministerial department. The devotional

times began with praise singing led by a pastors' and spouses' group, and also included special songs by different musicians. Pastoral couples led out in offering prayer at each meeting. The schedule also included teambuilding exercise and sports activity time. There were team relay races, volleyball, and basketball. Even the younger children who attended with their parents got involved in the fun.

The retreat concluded with a communion service and a special time of praise and prayer. As part of the closing worship, Mongolia Mission president Elbert Kuhn shared a message of encouragement for continued mission that brought thankful responses from all those who attended.

KUC Forum for National Exams on Sabbath

The first forum for religious liberty and equality of opportunity was held to report on how Adventists in Korea are being negatively impacted by national examinations on Sabbath and to consider alternatives. The forum was held at the Korean Union Conference (KUC) auditorium on May 30, 2015. The forum was organized by the group for religious liberty and equality of opportunity with the support of KUC Religious Liberty.

Major topics were national exams on Sabbath and the Three Angels' Messages, exams on Sabbath for college students, the current state of national exams on Sabbath, and experience changing the dates of national exams. There was a question and answer session on the present condition of national exams on Sabbath and why most exams have changed their dates from Sunday to Saturday.

Attendees at the forum believe that the church administration should foster specialists in religious liberty issues and continue to support them in their work. Members of the group will try to talk with other religious people having the same problem and to form a social consensus in the long term.

"Spring Baptism" in Mongolia: NEW SEASON, NEW LIFE!

By Yure Gramacho – MM Communication Director

For the nomadic lifestyle, a change in season means more than a change in weather - it means a new camp, a new beginning, and a new life. The move to new pasture often includes a celebration of some kind. That's why some Mongolian seasons begin with a celebration party¹.

On May 30, 2015, a special celebration took place at Ulaanbaatar (UB) Central Church. This spiritual ceremony is called "Spring Baptism." The spring symbolizes rebirth⁴, as Christians being baptized are born to a new life in Christ. This remarkable Sabbath was characterized by baptisms of children, youth and teenagers, being the "spring" of life.

To make an important decision like this, however, requires preparation, so it's important that the person goes through a Bible class for youth and adolescents to be fully prepared for spring baptism. A Bible study was developed to suit this age group (Pathfinders, Adventurers, youth Sabbath school classes, Adventist school students, pastors'children, etc.) with activities in their own language. After completing these studies, those who decided to make the decision to be baptized and those who were at an age to make such a decision, participated in this baptismal party during the Spring Baptism Special Program.

"We had around 18 children and youth attending the baptismal classes at UB Church for three months. At the same time, Nalaikh Church was also conducting baptismal classes. Pastor Nyamsuren (UB Church) and Pastor Namjildorj (Bayankhair Church) gave us huge support in teaching our fundamental beliefs. Our goal is to encourage and prepare children, teenagers and youth to give themselves to Jesus," said Purevdulam Jugderjav, children's ministries director in Mongolia Mission.

Spring in Mongolia always brings strong wind. Somehow, it is another good illustration of the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in the human heart. As Jesus said, the Holy Spirit is like a wind that "blows wherever it pleases, you can hear its sound, but nobody knows where it comes from or where it is going. So, it is with everyone born of the Spirit" (John 3:8).

Encourage and prepare your children and youth of your church to surrender their hearts to God during the best time of their lives, "springtime." Remember that, for Jesus, they are much more precious and beautiful than the "lilies of the field" (Matthew 6:28-30).

⁴ Spring and "springtime" refer to the season, and also to ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection and regrowth. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spring (season)

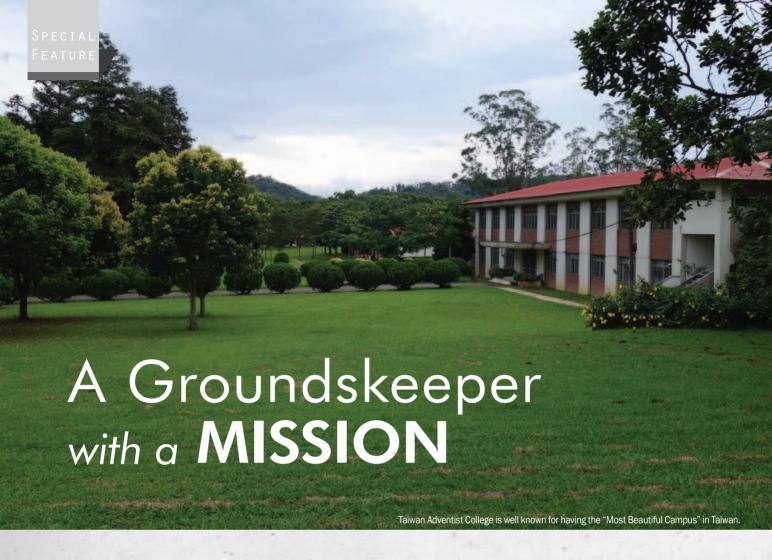


Children and teenagers in UB Church pray to God in a special celebration of "Spring Baptism."

¹ Mongolians celebrate the end of winter with a three-day feast called Tsagaan Sar - which translates as Lunar New Year.

² In Mongolian, *Хаврын Усан Баталгаа* (translit. Khavrin Usan Batalgaa). The "Spring Baptism" was originally created in 1963 by Pastor Ademar Quint, at that time responsible for the Adventist Church of Madureira, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and is held annually in the churches in Brazil in September, a month that marks the beginning of spring in the southern hemisphere. In 2013 this event celebrates 50 years, and more than one million people have been baptized on this special date. Therefore, for over 50 years the Seventh-day Adventist Church in South America has dedicated the month of September for this very important date The Spring Baptism. But in Mongolia this celebration occurs at another time.

³ With more than 260 sunny days a year, Mongolia is known as the "Land of the Eternal Blue Sky." Spring in Mongolia lasts from March to mid-May and has an average daytime temperature of 12°C.



Recently my wife, Ivanette, and I had the privilege of visiting the campus of Taiwan Adventist College and Academy, where we spent four years from 1978 to 1982. At that time, we were a young family with two elementary-age children and adding a third – a daughter "made in Taiwan" and delivered at the Taiwan Adventist Hospital in Taipei.

When we moved to Yu Chih (the "Fishpond"), the campus was still new and relatively undeveloped. In fact, it was after our first year that Taiwan Adventist Academy moved from southern Taiwan onto the shared campus located at the center of the island.

As the business manager for the campus, my portfolio included coordinating efforts to develop the grounds of the college and academy. What had largely been a tea plantation farmed in plots by

dozens of individual farmers was to be converted into a unified campus setting.

Initially we were a small staff of workers providing quality Christian education to Taiwanese students as well as developing the property to provide an atmosphere conducive to helping our students to develop as future leaders for the church.

One of the first colleagues we became acquainted with was Ben Liu, who served as chief groundskeeper for our campus. He had originally been a part of the staff for TAC when it was located in Hsien Tien, a suburb of Taipei, and was the first individual to move to the new campus. I recall watching Ben going about his work, often spending long periods of time just standing as if in meditation, but then I would begin to see areas which were rough and undeveloped being converted into beautiful,

artistic expressions with the planting of trees, shrubs, and expanses of lawn. It was during this time that in a furlough shipment we included TAC's first riding lawn mower as our campus became more and more park-like.

On our recent trip to TAC, it was my privilege to preach in the TAC Church both to students from Taiwan as well as to nearly 70 international students, most of whom were to graduate the following weekend (June 13, 2015). The theme of my sermon centered on what it means to be a missionary. Does one have to cross international boundaries or cross saltwater in order to be considered a "missionary"? The answer should be obvious that all Christians are called to be missionaries reaching across all boundaries that could keep people from knowing Jesus Christ.

It was particularly rewarding to have Ben Liu present in church for my presentation. What I realized was that he represented a living example of what it is to be a missionary. With his passion to develop a beautiful Garden of Eden, he was creating an opportunity to witness to the world about the values of Seventh-day Adventists' Christian education.

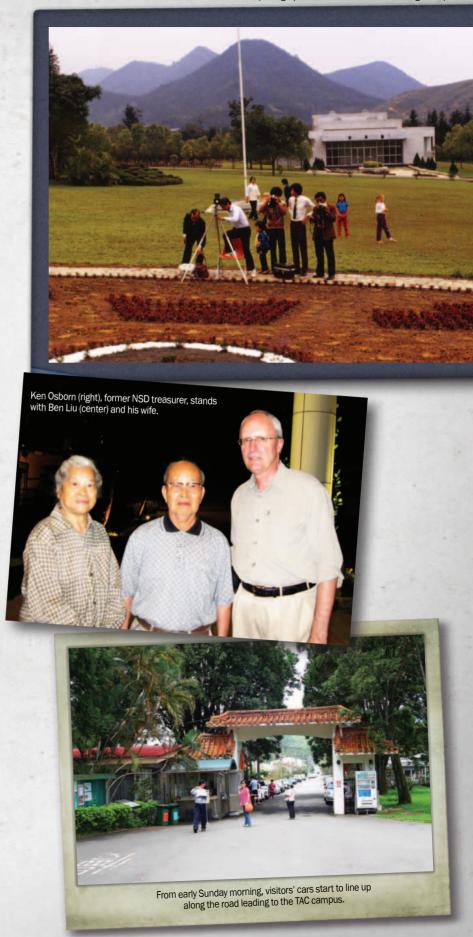
Today, an average of 700 tourists visit the campus each Sunday as they travel to visit the island's nearby premier resort of Sun Moon Lake. Many tour operators include a visit to what has been referred to as Taiwan's "Most Beautiful Campus." An attractive visitors' center has been developed, sharing the story of TAC as well as providing a glimpse of Adventist education worldwide. With clean restrooms and a small commissary selling healthy food choices, the tour operators pay a small fee for admittance to the campus where their clients experience the beauty of the campus.

As I walk on the campus of TAC today, I see Ben Liu's footprints and handprints as the beauty of the campus unfolds. TAC truly represents an expression of what we as a church stand for, including our appreciation for the beauty of nature which God has provided for us to husband. Even the grounds of our educational institutions can stand as a silent witness to the goodness of God.

I'm thankful for the faithful witness of individuals such as Ben Liu who see their mission as representing God before the world using the talents He has placed in their hands.

Note: Ben Liu is the father of Billy Liu, director of CHTV, and Dan Liu, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) associate treasurer supervising the NSD Taiwan Branch Office located in Taipei.

Ken OsbornFormer NSD Treasurer





Chuseok Event for Multicultural Families and Foreign Workers



Above: Guests for the cooking contest enjoy traditional foods from various countries. Below: Multicultural families and foreigners have a good time in Everland.

Ansan Multicultural Family Service Center (MFSC) held special events for multicultural families and foreign workers during Chuseok, one of the biggest holidays in Korea. The first event was a multicultural cooking contest on September 27, 2015. Eleven teams from Vietnam, the Philippines, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, China, and Kosovo took part in the contest, showing off their own traditional foods. The contest was attended by 150 multicultural families and foreign workers.

Another special event was a trip to Everland amusement park and Caribbean Bay Water Park in Yongin. A total of 370 foreign workers and families went together. They had wanted to go there but had not been able to because of economic conditions and a shortage of time, so the special trip brought great joy to the families.

"It is a pity that multicultural families feel isolated and lonely during the holidays, so we prepared this cooking contest and special outing to give comfort and joy to immigrants and foreign workers," said Pastor Kim YoungSoo, director of Ansan MFSC.



The 2015 Taiwan PMM (Pioneer Mission Movement) Revival Meeting took place from August 31 to September 2, 2015, with the theme "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). All eleven PMM missionaries in Taiwan participated in the revival meeting, which was held at Beitun Church in Taichung, Taiwan. Elder Johnny Wong, who has been successfully planting new churches through discipleship training, was invited as a speaker. He presented an ideal model of church growth, based on biblical principles, which isn't solely about operating more church programs but making workers for Jesus who can spread the Gospel. Elder

2015 Taiwan PMM **Revival Meeting**

Wong's teachings were based on his own experience, which helped attendees in a practical way as well as encouraged them to have strong confidence in the growth of the church.

Pastor Jairvong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), attended the meeting and preached a sermon at the opening service. "The most significant and urgent thing in our lives is the Holy Spirit. Without the presence of the Holy Spirit, we cannot do anything. We should be people of God who are under the influence of the Holy Spirit."

Pastor Kim SiYoung, PMM director of the NSD, led the commitment service. He also presented a progress report of the missionary work in each country within the NSD territories, not hiding the fact that the church is in great crisis in terms of growth.

Through this gathering, the PMM missionaries were reminded again of a strong need for the mission spirit and the urgency of their mission work. Kim SiYoung

NSD PMM Coordinator



ADRA Korea Presents a New House to a Physically Disabled Family

DRA Korea built their 12th house for the "Building A Houses for Neighbors" program. The house was built in Jindo, Jeollanam-do, Korea, through the cooperation of local churches in Jindo, Korea ASI (Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries), and wooden building experts. Volunteers meticulously finished the interior details.

The house was presented to Mr. Kim, who is physically disabled and living in an old, ramshackle house. "Nobody visited me at my house because it could collapse at any

moment, but now I have such a clean, fine house. I shall never forget this kindness as long as I live," said Mr. Kim.

Pastor Oh SiSeok, a pastor in the Jindo area, remarked, "This 'Building Houses for Neighbors' program has had a greater ripple effect than any other community service done by churches in Jindo. The Adventist Church raised its status in the community. We expect visible and invisible missionary results."



Mr. Kim's old house was dangerous to live in. It was blessing for him to be the 12th recipient of ADRA's "Building Houses for Neighbors" program.



Building experts work on the roof of the new house.

46th Batch Missionaries Are on the Go for Mission

The 46th batch missionary trainees, who came from five different countries, could not suppress their exuberant spirits as they walked down the aisle of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) Church on September 19, 2015. They were celebrating the culmination of their three-month training at the 1000MM campus in Silang, Cavite, Philippines.

Inspired by the encouraging message they heard from Pastor Kim SiYoung (former 1000 MM director), these 108 dedicated young people decided in their hearts to finish their 10-month commitment as God's co-laborers in their respective mission fields.

Here are the mission field assignments and the number of missionaries that were sent:

- Philippines: North Philippine Union Conference –
 31, Central Philippine Union Conference –
 33, South Philippine Union Conference –
- International: Nepal 1, Cambodia 1, South Korea 1
- 1000MM Campus 4
- Singers -4

As strangers living in places out of their comfort zones, these ardent young people will boldly face the challenges brought about by cultural and language differences. Prudently trained and guided by the mighty Spirit of God, they are equipped to soar on wings like eagles beyond cultural norms and territorial boundaries. Thus, these young people are ready to face the great challenge of world evangelization.



HISM is the official group of singing ambassadors of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM). HISM stands for "Here am I, Send Me," which is taken from the testimony of prophet Isaiah found in Isaiah 6.8. HISM also collectively means HIS Missionaries. These singing ambassadors voluntarily dedicate one year for the Lord through their Godgiven talent of singing. They seek to lead others to Christ by providing sound music that uplifts and enables the Christian thoughts and souls to glorify God.

HISM Music Ministry

The first batch of HISM was formerly called "Friends for Life." Friends for Life was a group of professional soloists from different Seventh-day Adventist churches, joined together with a common goal. They were bound in one accord to dedicate their God-given talents to full-time music ministry. They have been serving the Lord for 15 years now, from 2000 to 2015. They joined the 44th batch of 1000MM missionaries and were chosen to become the official singing ambassadors of the 1000 Missionary Movement last year.

The second batch of HISM was officially announced on September 19, 2015. The members came from the 44th batch, 46th batch and some selected soloists from other Adventist churches around Metro Manila and Cavite area, Philippines. They will be dedicating their talents for the Lord's ministry for one year.

1000MM Bids Farewell to the Campus' Longest Serving Pastor and Secretary

A special farewell reception was held on September 19, 2015, at the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) campus to commemorate the wholehearted service of Pastor Ildefonso Baquilabat and Ms. Ephravil Fadollone, two of the longest serving workers of the 1000MM.

Pastor Baquilabat is ending his service to the movement after nine years as the associate director for the Central Philippine Union Conference area. He was appointed to the position in June 2006 and had served the missionaries since the 29th batch

Ms. Ephravil Fadollone, a 12-batch missionary and a secretary to the president for nine and a half years, is also ending her term of service. She is now beginning a new chapter of engagement as secretary to the president of Adventist International Institute for Advanced Studies.

Colleagues and missionaries honored the invaluable guidance and support that these two dedicated individuals provided during their terms of service. Surely the Lord will greatly bless their ministry in their new respective fields of duty.



What is a missionary? What does a missionary do?

According to Wikipedia, "a missionary is a member of a religious group sent into an area to proselytize and/or religious group sent into an area to proselytize and/or reform ministries of service, such as education, literacy, perform ministries of service, such as education, literacy, social justice, health care and economic development."

Michelle Lyn Carolino and Glecelle Enriquez (45th batch)

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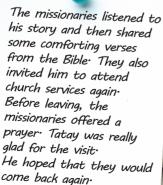
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A Sabbath Afternoon's Delight



It took them approximately 20 minutes to reach the banks of the island From there they needed to walk a little further to the inner part of the island where the village is located.





Finally, they reached
the house of the
person they intended to visit:
They introduced themselves
and started a conversation with
Tatay (the man in the yellow
shirt and gray hat), a 77-year-old
widower who has not been going
to church since his wife died-



The Advent Missionary Movement missionaires and children hold banners to promote their free-hugs offering.

All-Free Ministry

Sisters, give us a signal so that we can go and do our part," the children uttered.

The missionaries shouted, "Go!"

Immediately the children ran, screaming, "Free hugs!" at the top of their lungs as they ran toward a crowd of people who were clearly astonished by the sudden commotion.

The missionaries thought that the people would feel awkward, but they were wrong. To their surprise, the people responded to the children' free offer and hugged them tight.

This was just one of the free offers the Advent Missionary Movement, led by Honeylette Barrientos and Lee YeEun, 45th batch missionaries from the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), gave out one Saturday afternoon at the park of General Santos City, Philippines. This activity was themed, "All-Free Ministry," with the purpose of being a blessing to others by freely sharing the love of God.

"The youth also offered free prayers and juice," Honeylette reported. Some people were reluctant about accepting the free offers, but those who participated were very grateful. One man inquired, "Why are you doing this?" And with a smile on his face, the child replied, "To make you happy, sir." The man then smiled in amusement at the child's simple yet heart-warming response.

The Advent Missionary Movement is a group locally founded by these two 1000MM missionaries in their mission field with a mission to involve the youth in the ministry of reaching the people through community-directed church activities. "It was such a wonderful experience," Honeylette said. "This was the first activity of the Advent Missionary Movement. Hopefully our next activity will also be successful," she added.

HisHands Training and Dedication in North Gyeonggi District

North Gyeonggi local district mission association of the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) had a HisHands Mission Movement (HHMM) dedication service with 7 pastors and 58 HisHands missionaries at Pocheon Church on September 19, 2015. "As the Adventist Church was born with a mission, the spirit of mission first and its practice must be in every activity of our daily and church life," said Pastor Han SukHee, HHMM coordinator of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

Before the dedication, WCKC personal ministries department and publishing ministries department conducted a HisHands training and house-to-house visitations as part of the "All-Out Evangelism 2015" project at Pocheon Church on July 16, 2015. About 70 church members passionately visited many people in cooperation with colporteur evangelists and church pastors. The HisHands missionaries participated in the gospel work as they had learned at the training.

WCKC personal ministries department is pushing ahead with HHMM missionaries and continues to conduct house-to-house visitation training so that they can obtain results in 2016.









Above: HisHands missionaries pledge to work to accomplish the mission given to them.

Below: Pinning ceremony during the HisHands dedication service

From August 10 to 15, 2015, eight HisHands missionaries of East Central Korean Conference visited Neihu Church in Taipei, Taiwan, which was struck by the typhoon Soudelor just before their visitation. The HisHands missionaries held evangelistic series and children's Bible school to help comfort the people in Neihu.

Every morning the HisHands missionaries went in pairs to visit houses and share tracts and booklets. A total of 5,000 tracts, booklets, and fans with the program schedule printed on them were distributed to promote the evangelistic meeting and children's Bible school. Every afternoon the church invited children and their parents to the children's Bible school and had them enjoy Bible stories and related science experiments, crafts, and food. In the evening, the series of evangelistic meetings was held with Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director, as the guest speaker. Ten interests among the 20 newcomers attended the meetings every evening and decided to attend the church to study the Bible in depth. "I thank Korean HisHands missionaries for their service, which has given great comfort and encouragement to Taiwan," said a person who was interested.

Neihu Church, which was established in August of last year, serves the community by providing various mission programs, such as prayer groups, English classes for children, English and Korean Bible study classes, and monthly health seminars.





Above: A HisHands missionary has a talk with a man he met on the street. Below: HisHands missionaries provide various enjoyable activities for children attending Bible school.

HisHands Missionaries Help Neihu Church

By Han SukHee NSD Communication Director

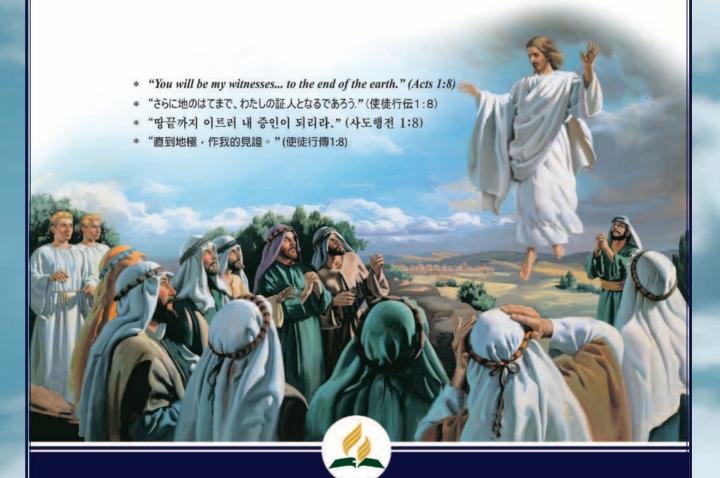


HisHands missionaries take a photo with Neihu Church members and visitors.

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