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After the 37th General Session of Japan Union Conference, the “Japan Mission 120th Anniversary Program” was held at the Yachiyo Community Convention Center in Chiba, Japan.



Reach the World

Reach Up to God, Reach In With God, Reach Out With God

Jaiyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

To reach the world with the gospel message is a divine mandate to all of Christ's followers: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." (Matt. 28:19). God has entrusted us with a great mission, to go and reach the world with His good news. Only by following this command will we fulfill and hasten Christ's second coming.

To achieve this great mission, Christ Himself established His church on earth and called His people to take part in His mission. How then can we accomplish the challenge of reaching the multitude with the everlasting gospel?

1. Reach Up to God.

Before we can reach the world, we are to reach up to God. We can draw closer to Him and better understand His will as we join in earnest prayer and daily Bible study. In other words, we need to experience spiritual revival in our lives every day. In fact, it is our most urgent need. Ellen White emphasized this in her writings: "A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work" (*ISM*, 121).

God's work is to reach the world with His gospel. He uses dedicated men and women as instruments to accomplish the work. As we share the good news, drawing people to Jesus, we desperately need the power of the Holy Spirit. In the upper room when the disciples prayed together with united hearts, the Holy Spirit was poured upon them, blessing them and meeting their needs. Likewise, we will be able to reach out to the world with the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

2. Reach In With God.

The gospel work cannot be done by just a few people, individually or independently. It requires teamwork among God's people. Ellen White strongly emphasized, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers" (*GW*, 352).

Unity among God's people is extremely important. Jesus earnestly prayed for unity among His disciples, "that they may be one even as We are" (John 17:11). The early Christians were very successful in winning souls. They were fully united and "all the believers were together and had everything in common" (Acts 2:44). Ellen White asserted, "It should be understood that perfect unity among laborers is necessary to the successful accomplishment of the work of God" (*9T*, 196).

True unity is possible only when we are united in Christ. When we are personally united with Christ, we will also be united with our fellow believers in Christ.

3. Reach Out With God

The ultimate purpose of the church is to reach the world with the message of eternal salvation in Christ. It is based on Jesus' command to His followers: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). Therefore, as people of God, we should work day and night, in season or out of season, to plant the gospel seed in the hearts of the people and to harvest souls. To accomplish the great gospel commission successfully and as quickly as possible, "Total Member Involvement" is required. "Every follower of Jesus has a work to do as a missionary for Christ, in the family, in the neighborhood, in the town or city where he lives" (*2T*, 632). We need to be equipped with the spirit of "Mission First in All Activities." When all church members, men and women, young and old, educated and uneducated, actively participate in the mission of the church, the whole world will be reached with the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Reach the World" is God's mandate to His people. To accomplish the mission, God plans to use us. He asks us today, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Our response is to be, "Here am I, Send me" (Isa. 6:8).

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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21ST CENTURY MOSES

The 120th Anniversary of Japan Mission

“This evening, I heard the cries of Macedonia. I felt the responsibility to go back to my country, Japan, to share the last day message. However, I do not have any experience in evangelism. Will somebody please come to Japan with me?”

On June 1894, at the evening worship at Healdsburg College in the United States, young Teruhiko Okohira cried for help. Seeing him appeal with earnest tears, Elder William Grainger and his wife answered the call with faith. As a result, the General Conference (GC) officially appointed them as missionaries to Japan. Elder Grainger chose the path of Japan mission full of challenges rather than a comfortable, secure job as a college president.

More than a thousand people attended JUC's special worship to commemorate the 120th anniversary of Japan Mission.





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 4. The Korean musical group Sulammi was invited to perform the act "Moses."/ 5. A special joint choir was formed by Kitaura Junior High School and Saniku College.

On November 19, 1896, Elder William Grainger accompanied young Teruhiko Okohira and arrived at Yokohama Harbor on a ship named "Coptic" to mark the first step of mission in Japan. Life as a missionary was financially very challenging. In order to manage the small living expense budget, they had to buy 1/5 liter of lamp oil at a time.

In 1899, Elder Grainger passed away at the age of 55. Before he died, realizing his end was near, he spoke his last words to his beloved disciple, Pastor Kuniya Shu, who was taking care of him at his bedside.

"Do you love your fellow men?" asked Elder Grainger.

"Yes! I love my fellow men," answered Pastor Kuniya.

Hearing his beloved disciple's faithful reply, Elder Grainger smiled with relief and spoke his last words to his beloved disciple. "I came to Japan to fulfill the mission; however, I was not able to complete it. I am

now about to leave this world. I have walked the path of faith. I want you to be faithful as well, and let us reunite in heaven."

Since the beginning of missionary efforts in Japan, 120 years have passed. Many seeds of the gospel have been spread by faithful Adventist pioneers in Japan. As a result, the church has grown. However, the mission to prepare and warn all the people in Japan for the Second Coming has not been completed.

Evangelism in Japan grew steadily until the 1980s. However, perhaps due to secularization, every year evangelism has become more and more difficult. This is not a problem just for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In fact, more than 100 Protestant churches in Japan are closing down each year. Truly, Christianity as a whole is facing a severe winter season of evangelism.

In order to defeat this severe winter season, the Japan Union

Conference (JUC) has been aiming for the goal of 500 baptisms by the year 2015 for the past five years. Last year was the culmination of the "All Japan 2015" project. On January 13 at the JUC General Session, we discussed and reflected on the past five years. Elder Masumi Shimada was reelected as the JUC president along with a new leadership team to start a new beginning of Japan mission.

The following Sabbath right after the General Session, we held the "Japan Mission 120th Anniversary Program" to reflect upon the passionate mission spirit of the pioneers and recommit our lives to evangelism. Together with the delegates from the general session, more than 1,000 people gathered at the Yachiyo Community Convention Center in Chiba Prefecture to have a special worship service.

During Sabbath school time, students majoring in theology, who will be carrying the future of



mission in Japan, were in charge. During the worship service, Michael Ryan, GC assistant to the president, preached a message entitled “Arise and Walk!” Introducing the lives of our pioneers Abram La Rue and Stephen Haskell, he appealed to those in attendance that “we must not forget the faith, courage, and passion that these pioneers of Japan Mission demonstrated in the beginning.”

Furthermore, he preached about the story of the paralytic from Luke chapter 5 and said the following: “The Bible prophecies promise us that we will have a great harvest like never before in the last days. In order to receive the promises, we must be faithful. We must stand up, take up the work, and walk. The words that Christ spoke are being spoken to our hearts even now. Jesus Christ is coming soon. We must warn and share the gospel to people who need messages of hope.”

A special joint choir formed by Kitaura Junior High School and Saniku College provided special music during the worship service, giving us hope for the next generation of Japan mission leaders.

In the afternoon, after Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), gave us a short message, we watched a slide show

of baptisms that had taken place all around Japan in the year 2015. During the slide show, three new converts shared their baptism testimony.

Next, the Korean musical group Sulammi performed the act “Moses.” Actually, due to the change in the meeting locations, the musical performance was almost cancelled because of difficulties for them. However, they replied, “We have already decided to go to Japan. We will donate all our transportation fees. We will donate all our practice times. We will donate our talent for Japan, so please invite us to perform.” Their strong faith and passion were clearly demonstrated through the performance and were a huge inspiration to all of the attendees.

Following the Sulammi performance, JUC president Shimada spoke about the importance of dedication in relation to the theme of Sulammi’s performance. “In order to complete the mission, we must sacrifice. To walk the path revealed by God is not always easy. Often, the path revealed by God is a path of trials and challenges. At the JUC General Session, several people answered the call from God to walk the path. The leaders purposed in their hearts to carry a heavy cross. They understand that many sacrifices must be made

to fulfill their calling.” Then, he introduced the seven newly elected JUC leaders who had answered God’s call.

Lastly, President Shimada faced the audience and said, “Today, each of you here is a 21st century Moses. God is calling each one of you. Don’t you want to go and help your fellow men who are losing purpose in life as they suffer life as a slave? Stand up, Moses! Stand up! Go and help your fellow men who need help and salvation.” President Shimada challenged each one of us to re-dedicate our lives to the calling of God.

The program closed with a special prayer of dedication and blessings by President Shimada. As we held up the JUC motto, “Arise! Shine! Jesus Is Coming!” we faced a new beginning. Dear readers, please continue to pray for evangelism in Japan.

* You can watch the 120th anniversary program videos at the Hope Channel – Japan website (<http://www.hopechannel.jp/>)

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(From left) Johnny Wong, CHUM treasurer, Bob Folkenberg, Jr., CHUM president, and Daniel Jiao, CHUM executive secretary

The Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) held its 6th Constituency Session and Annual Council on the campus of Hong Kong Adventist College, Clearwater Bay, Hong Kong, from December 1 to 3, 2015. The theme of the Session was “Reach the World,” which is also the theme of our global mission for the next five years designated

by the General Conference. More than 130 delegates, including administrators, departmental directors, lay members, and frontline workers, from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), the Chinese Union, the Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) and the Unorganized Territory attended the session.

Elder Yutaka Inada, executive secretary of the NSD, gave the morning devotional on the first day of the session. He told stories of William Grainger, the first Adventist missionary to Japan, showing that no matter how insignificant an individual missionary may seem, with God’s help, the individual can accomplish great work for God. William Grainger was the neighbor and first convert of Abraham La Rue, the first unofficial Adventist missionary to China.

Jairyong Lee, president of the NSD, spoke the next morning. In his message, Pastor Lee reminded the audience how important it is to trust in the Lord. He stated that Adventist evangelism in NSD territories is facing more and more difficulties as societies everywhere are becoming more materialistic and secular. Adventist churches have limited

CHUM Closes Constituency Session in High Spirits



Attendees of JUC General Session pray earnestly for mission in Japan.



resources, but as long as we submit all our talents and resources into the hands of Jesus, no matter how small they may be, Jesus can multiply them to achieve greater results just as He did with the five loaves of bread and the two fish.

On the third morning, the speaker was Elder Kwon JohngHaeng, director of the NSD Stewardship Department. In regard to Vision One Million 2020, a goal set by the NSD leadership to reach a membership of one million by the year 2020, Kwon reminded every listener that it is very possible to reach this seemingly difficult goal in the next five years. He used the historical fulfillment of the biblical prophecy regarding the fatally wounded beast (Rev. 13:3) to demonstrate that things will happen according to God's will. Kwon said that once the Holy Spirit pours down upon us, we will be able to finish God's work within a short period of time.

The delegates at the session elected new departmental directors, executive committee members and various board members at different institutions in the CHUM territories. The Chinese Adventists look forward to working together to grow God's Kingdom in unprecedented ways in the next five years.

2016 General Session of Japan Union Conference

The 37th General Session of Japan Union Conference (JUC) was held from January 13 to 15, 2016, at the Marroad International Hotel in Narita, Japan, with 200 delegates in attendance. Since the General Session was held at the same time as the 10 Days of Prayer Initiative, we decided to have a special prayer session in between each agenda item.

For JUC, the past five years can be described as a "severe winter

season." However, through the reports given by the JUC president and other executive leaders, we were able to see God's grace and leading in the work of evangelism in Japan. We had a time of repentance and thanksgiving. In the year 2012, Japan had the lowest number of baptisms. Since then, we have had three consecutive years of growth in the number of baptisms. Amid the severe winter season, God has given us hope.



JUC held a special worship service commemorating the 120th Japan Mission Anniversary.

One of the important agenda items was the basic evangelism policy for the next five years. The JUC motto is “Arise! Shine! Jesus Is Coming!” Based on the following three relationships, “Relationship with Heaven, Relationship within the Church, and Relationship with the Community,” we have come up with a list of 15 specific areas of emphasis during the next five years. The delegates approved the plan to especially focus on media ministry, youth ministry, and health ministry as we prepare the people for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

The Sabbath following the JUC General Session, we held a worship service commemorating the 120th Japan Mission Anniversary. During the program, we meditated on and revisited the commitment and dedication demonstrated by the Adventist pioneers in Japan. Also, we listened to a sermon by Michael Ryan, General Conference assistant to the president, a special message by Jairyong Lee, president of Northern Asia-Pacific Division, testimonies from All Japan 2015, and a special performance by the Korean musical group Sulammi.

Immediately afterwards, we had the general session for each of our conferences, where we elected our new East and West Japan Conference presidents. Japan Union Conference is off to a new start for the next five years. Please continue to uplift your passionate intercessory prayers for the evangelistic efforts in Japan!

Here are the newly elected JUC leaders:

- Shimada Masumi, JUC president
- Shibata Toshio, executive secretary
- Shinasue Mitsuhiro, treasurer
- Yamaji Hiroshi, assistant to the president for evangelism
- Onoue Shirou, assistant to the president for education
- Machida Hidesaburo, assistant to the president for institutions
- Hanada Norihiko, director of Media Publishing Ministries

The 35th Korean Union Conference Session



(From left) Hwang ChoonKwang, new KUC president, Jairyong Lee, NSD president, and Kim DaeSung, former KUC president

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) held its 35th session at Sahmyook Central Church from December 7 to 9, 2015. The theme was “Let us return to the Lord.” A total of 588 delegates from all over Korea along with other guests were in attendance.

During this session, Pastor Hwang ChoonKwang was chosen as the new KUC president. Pastor Shin YangHee was appointed as executive secretary. Pastor Lee ShinYeon, KUC treasurer, will continue at his position.

“Faith arises from carefully listening. I hope Korean Adventists pay more attention to Jesus and become closer to Him. If we reach out our faithful hands to Jesus, there will be a happy future before us,” said Pastor Hwang, the new president, speaking to the delegates.

“I could recognize your devotion through the quinquennial report of each department and institution during the last session in spite of the difficult situation of the church,” remarked NSD president Jairyong Lee. “As we return to our fields, let us be armed with faith so that we can accomplish the tasks the Lord has given to us.”

Before closing worship, the management committee suggested many items, such as the evaluation and future plans for the Local District Mission Associations, school churches, institutional churches, future plan for lay leaders’ churches, recovery of identification in Adventist education, mission strategies for people in their thirties and forties, and activating a mission plan for North Korea.

With God Everything is Possible

By Enkhbayar Mishigdorj – Health Ministries Director of Mongolia Mission

Dornod is the easternmost province in Mongolia. It is one of the most beautiful places on earth where the sky meets vast grassland. Choibalsan City, the capital of Dornod province, is the fourth biggest city in Mongolia. During the Socialist dictatorship, Dornod hosted more Russians than any other province of Mongolia. The local people truly respect Russians as true comrades, and throughout the city, we can see symbols of Mongolian and Russian friendship.

Interestingly, there was an elderly woman who had been praying to God asking Him to send missionaries to Choibalsan so that she could go to church. While she was visiting her relatives in the city of Erdenet one summer, she had attended an evangelistic meeting and then joined a baptismal summer camp in August 2007. Soon afterwards, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized. This woman prayed for months and years, and God answered her prayers. In 2014, Mongolia Mission sent the first missionaries to Choibalsan. Since then, God has been working miraculously.

Just before the Mongolian Lunar New Year, we had evangelistic meetings for 10 nights in Choibalsan, Dornod Province. The meetings were held in the Dornod Polytechnic College Conference Hall. The work in Choibalsan had a humble beginning with our missionaries, a young couple with a toddler. Missionary Lkhagvaa and his wife Delbee worked very hard to prepare the soil as good ground. Using their talents, both of them run a youth group with guitar and music lessons. This helps provide a good number of attendees at Sabbath school meetings on a regular basis.

The Avondale Church in Australia supported the evangelistic meetings, and the speaker was from Russia. Elder Aleksei Salnikov is a pilot. He used his vacation time to come to Mongolia with his wife to hold an evangelistic series under the theme of “The Secret of Ancient History.” Elder Salnikov, as a pilot, knows how to take the lead. He did a great job supporting Missionary Lkhagvaa and his team.

There was also a group of church volunteers from Ulaanbaatar to help Lkhagvaa. Former army officer Mr. Mend worked closely with Elder Salnikov as



1. Elder Aleksei Salnikov speaks at a 10-night evangelistic series in Choibalsan, Dornod./ 2. Pastor Nyamdavaa holds a baptism at the end of the evangelism series.
 3. A mini health expo was held for 30 minutes each evening./ 4. Children enjoy various activities during evangelism.
 5. Pastor Salnikov (first row, right) and a team leading out the evangelistic meetings

his translator. All volunteers from Tulгаа, Чука, Отгоо, Жаргал, Ганболд, and Гантумур, together with some local youth, worked on sending out 10,000 invitations a couple of days before the meetings began. Since the meeting hall was a college conference hall, it was not that big but was adequate for about 250 people.

On the first evening, on January 22, we had a fully packed audience with about 400 people. Because there were so many people, those of us who were supposed to go up front had a hard time getting to the stage. This showed how interested people in Choibalsan were about spiritual subjects. The participants attentively listened to the seminars. Before the spiritual talk, we had beautiful Russian songs sung by Mrs. Salnikov followed by 15-minute health talks.

After five nights, we even began holding two shifts to enable participants to have a seat. Half an hour before each meeting, we

had a mini health expo. During the 10-night series we ran the Expo 14 times and served about 500 people. Healthy cooking classes were held for a small number of participants.

Lkhagvaa, Delbee and their team also offered special piano and guitar classes. Creative children’s activities were organized for every evening. One evening, the children performed English songs they had just learned. This made parents very happy. Also, there was a special visit to a military base, which including an interesting spiritual talk by Elder Salnikov. We could see that army officers were eager to listen to the “Russian comrade” speak about Jesus.

Elder Salnikov, who graduated from Zaoksky Seminary, was an excellent speaker. We had a very good translator Mr. Mend. More than 150 people attended on a regular basis, and every evening we had newcomers as well. At the end of the 10-night series of evangelistic meetings, 24 precious

souls decided to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and get baptized. One of them was Jargal, a volunteer from Ulaanbaatar. He was very happy to become part of God’s family. Even right after his baptism, he helped to clean the baptistery. The baptistery had just been made locally by wood insulated with plastic. The Mongolia Mission ministerial secretary Pastor Nyamdavaa visited us and encouraged every one. He held the baptism.

The elderly woman who had prayed for missionaries to be sent was the happiest person during these evangelistic meetings. She happily welcomed her newly baptized brothers and sisters. Now she is praying for a bigger place to meet every Sabbath for they have been meeting in the living room of the missionaries.

We ask for your prayers and support for our Choibalsan meeting and church leader Lkhagvaa and his family.

Our mission is to proclaim the Bible truth to the people in Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Savior, nurturing and equipping them to become His disciples and preparing them for His soon return. The question is “How do we do this?”

We believe that a ministry should involve everyone—from the conference to the local churches, from pastors to lay members, from brothers to sisters, from young to old. Everyone must get involved so that the gospel will be proclaimed to the end of the earth.

In 2016, the Taiwan Conference is promoting the 777 Mission Movement. The Movement seeks to have 700 prayer warriors, train 700 Bible workers, and baptize 700 new members. This will require the cooperation of all the departmental directors and the Conference office staff.

With our goal of reaching 10,000 church members in Taiwan by the end of the year 2020, we will do

“Ten Days of Prayer” meetings were held in 10 districts simultaneously.



777 Mission Movement of Taiwan Conference

our part in fulfilling the goal set by the Northern Asia Pacific Division (NSD), Vision One Million 2020. We would like to thank Pastor Jairyong Lee, NSD president, for his encouragement and concern for the Taiwan Conference and the support for evangelism and mission work.

Our first step is cultivation. In order to cultivate spirituality and love toward others, we made some plans, including a revival meeting and earnest prayer.

Revival Meetings

Revival meetings were conducted by Pastor Kim SiYoung and Pastor Han SukHee from the NSD on January 24, 2016. During the meeting, Pastor Kim emphasized,

“Every church should be a training school for Christian workers” (*The Ministry of Healing*, 149) and “in every church the members should be so trained that they will devote time to the winning of souls to Christ” (*Counsels on Stewardship*, 59).

Pastor Kim also quoted Rick Warren, a well-known American minister and author, saying, “People are also looking for freedom from fear, guilt, worry, resentment, discouragement, and loneliness. If your church is meeting these kinds of needs, you won’t have to worry about pressuring people to attend.”

He also encouraged everyone to believe the promise of God. “After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one

(From left) Han SukHee, NSD communication director, Cyrus Shen, TWC executive secretary, Noah Lai, TWC president, Kim SiYoung, NSD Adventist Mission director, and Joseph Ma, TWC treasurer

could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:9). This means that there is still a great harvest waiting for us.

Pastor Han SukHee emphasized the importance of the home missionary and the character of true Christians who possess missionary spirit. He introduced seven basic guidelines for a missionary: 1. Do not be afraid of rejection. 2. Start your work with only one soul. 3. Go to your souls. Listen to what they say and pray for them. 4. Work hard like a diligent farmer. 5. Put aside spiritual superiority. 6. Spend what you have for mission. 7. There is no failure in evangelism.

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

Ten Days of Prayer

The Taiwan Conference also had “Ten Days of Prayer” from February 14 to 24, 2016. Each of the 10 districts in Taiwan Conference set aside one day to pray for 24



hours. The rest of the nine days the district would pray one hour a day. The goal of the ten days of prayer was to recruit 700 Bible workers at a seminar which will be held in late February to late March 2016 in seven different places.

After we complete the first stage of cultivation, the following steps will be followed throughout the year.

Step Two: Plowing (April to June)

—Visitation, community service, satisfying people’s needs and building relationships with them

Step Three: Sowing (July to September)

—Bible study

Step Four: Harvest (October

to December) —Local churches’ evangelism and harvest meetings
Step Five: Follow-up —Training new members for soul winning

“Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him” (Psalms 126:5-6). God bless the 777 Mission Movement of Taiwan Conference.



Noah Lai

President of Taiwan Conference





Mission First, *Spirit of Sacrifice,* and NSD Quality

After the General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas, in July 2015, all the unions, the eight conferences and the mission within the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held their annual council. Eleven out of 15 denominational organizations in the division elected new presidents, and many officers and departmental directors were newly nominated. In the division office alone, by retirement and replacement, 19, or more than a third of the officers and staff including the Golden Angels, are new faces.

For these newly appointed leaders, it would be beneficial to get acquainted with some quotes from the division leader.

Mission First: Inside Dr. Lee's office hangs a brush-written calligraphy display with the words "Mission First!" Mission First is very important to Dr. Lee, and it probably is not Dr. Lee speaking if Mission First is not mentioned more than once. Whatever we plan, whatever we do, whatever we write, etc., mission should be considered a

priority over everything else. Mission spirit must be shown in every program and project. According to Dr. Lee, "Mission should always be considered as the highest priority in our plans, strategies and activities. Missionary work must be our top priority in all church institutions. Without this mission, all that we are doing in our institutions... is meaningless" (Mission Day, p. 2, 2012).

The NSD has various mission projects that are unique to the division. In addition to Global Mission, there are a number of initiatives, including the 1000 Missionary Movement, Pioneer Mission Movement, Golden Angels, Mission Day, and Mission Museum, all eloquently demonstrating the philosophy of the division leadership.

Spirit of Sacrifice: Every year, since 2003, the NSD has sent out a new group of Pioneer Mission Movement missionaries. These missionaries serve un-reached people in un-entered fields in foreign countries for six years.

Before being sent to their respective mission fields, they are given 100 hours of missionary training. During their training, Dr. Lee emphasizes the spirit of sacrifice by introducing the lives of John N. Andrews and Abram La Rue. He often quotes a motto of the Marine Corps., "If everybody could get in the Marines, it wouldn't be the Marines!" The intense training and the necessary sacrifice in the life of a marine are well-known. Similarly, Pioneer Missionaries do not try to avoid sacrifice, but instead choose and consider sacrifice to be a privilege.

NSD Quality: When Dr. Lee talks to the NSD officers and staff members, he often emphasizes NSD Quality. There are three areas of NSD Quality. The first is *Spirit*: in the Spirit of Jesus, the spirit of sacrifice, mission spirit, and with the spirit of a servant. NSD officers and staff members are not in the division office to be served but to serve, not only God but also fellow men and women. Mission spirit is required

in all activities, whatever they do in the name of the division: in routine reports, projects, trainings, writing articles, etc.

The second NSD Quality is *Skill*. Any job done by the NSD must be well-done and refined, not outdated and not poorly done. For example, a magazine should have not only the best content but also the best design. A seminar should not only have the best content but also the best presentation. The manner and attitude of welcoming others must be the warmest and the most polite.

The third NSD Quality is *Speed*. When Satan was cast out of heaven to the earth thousands of years ago, he realized that his time was short. If thousands of years was short for Satan, how much less time we must have! As the Remnant people who claim that there is little time left, whatever we do, we must do it quickly.

For any entity, unity is one of the most valuable assets. There needs to be unity between leaders and members as well as unity of directions and goals.

After being reelected as president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Dr. Jairyong Lee announced Vision One Million 2020, a plan to reach a million members in the division by the year 2020. By the end of the last quinquennium, the membership of the division had reached 700,000. Dr. Lee encouraged his fellow colleagues in the division as well as union leaders to be united together in reaching the goal. With Mission First and a sacrificing spirit, with NSD quality, we will reach a goal of one million membership in this quinquennium.



Kwon JohnHaeng
NSD Stewardship
Ministries Director

NSD Assigns *Pastor Kim YoHan* for President of MONGOLIA MISSION



Pastor Kim YoHan (2nd from left) and his family

Pastor Kim YoHan, a church pastor at Gangreung Central Church in Korea, was appointed as the new president of Mongolia Mission and began his five-year term. Pastor Elbert Kuhn, his predecessor, was elected as executive secretary of South Brazil Union Conference last October and Pastor Bold Batsukh has been acting as deputy.

“Mongolia is a barren mission field with many challenges. I will be faithful to death for the spiritual growth and missionary development of Mongolia,” said Pastor Kim YoHan.

He noted that reinforcement of pastors will be a top priority during his term. As there is no Adventist college in Mongolia, local pastors begin their ministries without completing a regular theology course. “The most urgent priority is to develop qualification of pastors and to firmly establish their identity as Adventists. Then, the Mission and all church members can also be rooted in their identity. In addition, the Mongolia Mission will initiate various projects, such as building of a youth campground and an Adventist dental hospital, in order to construct the future of the Mongolian Adventist church,” said Pastor Kim.

There are about 200 Adventist members in Mongolia, and the actual number of members who regularly attend a church every week is much less. There are only seven ordained ministers in Mongolia. However, the future of the church is bright because most members are under age 40.

Three Korean PMM pastors and their families are sowing seeds of the gospel in Mongolia. However, there are many restrictions on their activities because the Mongolian Government does not issue official missionary visas to them. The visa problem is one of the most pressing tasks for Mongolia Mission. Once that is solved, many more young pastors from other countries in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division who have a vision for global mission may serve the Mongolian church.

Please pray for the mission work in Mongolia.

A group of Pathfinders and leaders who participated in the camporee held by HKMC



CHUM

PATHFINDER & ADVENTURER

Camporee of Hong Kong-Macao Conference



A Pathfinder club holds marching and drill presentation.

The Pathfinder and Adventurer Camporee of the Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) was held from December 27 to 30, 2015, at a beautiful resort campsite in Sai Kung, Hong Kong. About 200

Pathfinders and Adventurers gathered together to experience “the Power of One,” which was the theme of the camporee.

At the opening ceremony, two youth ministries directors, Pastor Kim NakHyung from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and Pastor Fung Chun Kit Alphon from the Chinese Union Mission, welcomed the participants and encouraged them to be united in Christ. Pastor Kim expressed his gratitude to the Union’s former youth ministries coordinator Elder Kao Harn Huei Ernest, who served faithfully in youth ministries for more than five years.

The speakers for the camporee were Pastor Siu Ka Kei Timothy, Pastor Fung Tsz Kin Andrew, and Pastor Dai Man Kit Ken, the current HKMC youth ministries director. In addition to the theme talks, the camporee also prepared various honors classes, which included leather craft, geocaching, decoupage, music, and sign language. Pathfinder members gained tremendous knowledge and joy from these honors classes. One of

the most interesting programs was the Marching and Drilling training. It was a good time for the Pathfinders to learn more about the spirit of being soldiers for Christ.

Outdoor survival challenges were also prepared, from which the young people could learn about ropes and knots, how to safely use an axe and knife, camp furniture building, fire building, and so on. Three or four Pathfinders would form a group to take on the challenges.

On the last night of the camporee, we had a night-walk consisting of 15 kilometers for the entire journey. The Pathfinders were very excited, and they had fun doing various tasks during the walk.

The Adventurer program, which is aimed at children ages 6 to 9, provided chances for the Adventurers to learn how to love their friends, families, and Jesus. All of the programs were led by the 15th batch of the Master Guild Training team and the leaders from the Pathfinder Leadership Award program.

By the grace of God, the camporee was a success. The Pathfinders learned about the “Power of One,” and they



Pathfinders could learn various skills and knowledge from honors classes.

made friends with members from other clubs and learned more skills and honors. At the closing ceremony, Pastor Kim invited everyone to prepare for and join the Division-wide camporee, which will be held in Taiwan next year.

KUC

Korean Publishing House Awarded Hanminjok Awards 2015

The Korean Publishing House received the grand prize at the 2015 Hanminjok Awards in publishing and culture. It is an award given by the Federation of Korean Press and Newstoday magazine to workers who silently take the leading role in various fields, including politics, economy, education and culture.

“The Korean Publishing House is the oldest publishing company in Korea, and it has been around for a century of Korea’s rocky history. It has also contributed to the development of a healthy society by publishing Christian cultural, educational, and religious books,” said Mr. Choi Jeong, president of the Federation of Korean Press.

“I am proud of the Korean Publishing House, a light shining in the darkness during times of difficulty, including the Japanese colonial era and cries for signs of the times. I appreciate all those who have been involved in its work as we celebrate the winning of this award,” said Pastor Park KwangSoo, former president of the company. He added, “May the workers continue to fulfill the mission given to them despite radical changes in the publishing market.”

The Korean Publishing House opened in 1909 when a printer machine was installed at an Adventist school



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in Pyeongannam-do, North Korea. It moved to the present position the following year. *Signs of the Times* magazine, whose first issue was published in 1910 with the latest being the 1147th issue, is the longest surviving magazine in Korea, giving hope to many people’s lives like light and salt. Home and Health magazine was published in 1990 in order to promote a healthy life.

Recently, the Korean Publishing House has begun making an effort to export content by distributing publications translated into seven different languages in the Middle East and teaching advanced publishing technology to African countries. In addition, a company building is currently being constructed in Paju Book City.

The five speakers of the NSD Week of Spiritual Emphasis



NSD Week of SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held a Week of Spiritual Emphasis with the title “Vision One Million 2020.” The NSD has set a new goal to reach 1 million church members by the year 2020. Currently, the NSD has about 690,000 church members,

but we want to increase the number of baptisms by about 400 percent. This goal may seem impossible to accomplish, but “all things are possible with God”(Mark 10:27).

The Week of Spiritual Emphasis took place from January 25 to 29, 2016. This one was different in the

selection of speakers. In the past, speakers for the Week of Spiritual Emphasis have come from different countries, but this time we invited our own directors and associate directors to preach messages related to mission situations in the NSD.

There were five speakers, and each day we were blessed by another inspired message from the Bible.

Monday: Byun SeongJun, associate director of communication, “Times of Refreshing” (Acts 3:19)

Tuesday: Mrs. Nilde Itin Lust, associate director of family/children/women’s ministries, “Cheer Up! On Your Feet! He’s Calling You” (Mark 10:49)

Wednesday: Choi YoungIl, director of health ministries, “God’s Way” (Philippians 1:6)

Thursday: Song SungSub, associate secretary, “Always Obey God! God will be with us always” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Friday: Jairyong Lee, NSD president, “Total Member Involvement” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Each day, the special time of spiritual renewal began with music led by Pastor Cho DaeYeon, the new Golden Angels’ associate coordinator, followed by a welcome message and “Believe His Prophets” scripture reading. Every time the messages were rendered, the participants’ hearts were drawn to the throne of God’s grace. The



Pastor Jairyong Lee preaches a sermon titled "Total Member Involvement."



speakers delivered inspired messages to encourage and to fill the spiritual needs of the NSD leaders and staff.

On the last day of the week, Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, preached a sermon with the title "Total Member Involvement." Dr. Lee showed how great the mission challenges are in our Division territories. He quoted from Ellen G. White's writings, "Everyone who has received Christ is called to work for the salvation of his fellow men" (AA, 110). "The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth" (6T, 29). Dr. Lee emphasized that it's time to go to the big cities for "Urban Evangelism," since there are 105 big cities with a population of 1 million in the NSD out of 503 big cities in the world.

The participants were greatly blessed by the special messages shared each morning. Now the NSD's office administrators, departmental leaders, and support staff can move forward into a new year with this new mission and vision!



Byun SeongJun
NSD Communication
Associate Director

KUC The 43rd Adventist Soldiers' Training

The 43rd Adventist Soldiers' Training took place at Sahmyook University from December 17 to 20, 2015, under the supervision of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) and the support of the Ministry of National Defense and the Headquarters of the Korean Army. Forty-three Adventist soldiers attended the training, themed "Give me this hill country." They were to be armed with God's Word and to think of their mission as Adventist soldiers.

The training session began with the opening ceremony, which was followed by various programs, such as the welcome ceremony, prayer meeting, lectures, testimonies, and concerts. Pastor Oh BeomSeok, ACM coordinator of West Central Korean Conference, and Mr. Cha YoungHo, a warrant officer of the Korean army, and Ms. Joo HeeHeon, an army counselor, were invited as speakers. The Adventist Youth club of Cheongryangri Church provided special music and biblical drama.

During testimonial time, some soldiers shared their honest confessions. "Although I am a theology student, my faith was no longer strong," said a participant. "As I entered the army, I was encouraged by those who prayed for me. Above all, it emboldened me that God is with me."

Pastor Lee KiHo, KUC ACM coordinator, said that KUC will try to provide support for the positive religious life of Adventist soldiers. "Many Adventist soldiers lose their identity. Some of them feel guilty when they cannot keep their faith due to the conditions in the army, so they give up their faith permanently. We need to approach them and help them keep their faith," said Pastor Lee.

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CHUM

Hong Kong-Macau Conference Holds Camp Meeting



From October 23 to 25, 2015, Hong Kong-Macau Conference held its 38th camp meeting at Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp, Sai Kung, Hong Kong SAR. The theme was “Rise! Shine! Jesus Is coming!” The main speakers were Pastor David Ripley and Pastor Lynn Ripley from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

The Ripleys used the stories of the Adventist pioneers who had experienced the Great Disappointment to show how we, as modern-day Adventists, can encourage one another, wait in faith and work until the Lord’s second coming.

On Sabbath afternoon and evening, campers enjoyed participating in Bible games and watching drama performances. Through these experiences, participants learned about the four elements of a successful small group ministry, which include food, sharing, the word of God and prayer.

A total of 264 people attended the three-day meeting, including 37 children and young people. They were provided with meaningful and fun activities suitable for their age.



Above: Elder David Ripley (right) serves as the main speaker at the camp. Below: Camp participants could Bible games.

HKMC holds their camp meeting at Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp, Sai Kung.





KUC

“We Are Happy to Be Children’s Teachers”

A festival for children’s teachers took place at Deer Mountain Retreat Center under the auspices of the children’s ministries department of the West Central Korean Conference from January 29 to 31, 2016. A total of 85 children and 111 teachers attended this event.

For children’s teachers, Pastor Hyun DaeUhn preached on Christian eudemonics. He said that happiness from God comes from self-sacrificial love even though we think those who have more are happier.

That is why we need to properly understand God’s happiness.

On Sabbath, there was a model Sabbath school for infants, preschoolers, and primary school-children so that teachers could later apply what they learned at their local churches.

Dr. Choi BongHee, reading education expert, was invited on the last day to give lectures on reading and debate for children.

“It was a good time to be spiritually encouraged and to learn many things through well-prepared sermons and programs,” said participants. There were also various programs for children, such as Bible study and cooking. The festival did not merely take care of children attendees, but also provided spiritual lessons for them.

KUC

Winter Spiritual Training for Young People in MWKC

The youth ministries department of the Middlewest Korean Conference (MWKC) held a winter spiritual training for “Adventist Youth in Society” in Gonju, Chungcheongnam-do, from January 23 to 24, 2016. About 30 young people attended the training with Baek SungKi, president of the Continental Mission Movement, as the guest speaker. Participants had time to reflect on topics, such as “the Adventist church and society” and “my faith and the Adventist church.”

This training was initiated by the Bible study group of some young people in Daejeon. The MWKC youth department will continue offering Bible-centered training and regular youth revival meetings in cooperation with church pastors interested in youth ministry. It will also try to foster interaction among young people in the local churches.

In addition, there was a winter training ski camp for middle and high school students in MWKC in Muju, Jeollabuk-do, from January 25 to 27, 2016. Pastor Kim YoungSeok appealed to the attendees to have faith and vision as Adventists.

“During these trainings, I could ascertain the great spiritual need of students and young people in MWKC. The conference will try to meet their needs and provide opportunities for young people from different local churches to connect so that they can firmly stand on Adventist faith,” said Pastor Kim HyunTae, MWKC youth director.



KUC

SWKC Holds 45th Lay Leaders' School

The Personal Ministries Department of the South West Korean Conference (SWKC) held its 45th Lay Leaders' School at Mizpah Retreat Center from December 20 to 23, 2015. The theme was "Only love, only mission." In attendance were 120 lay leaders.

"Learning is like experiencing a new world. As you study God's word, I hope you have a good time together like old friends sitting around a fire," said Pastor Kim JaeHo, SWKC president.

Dr. Ahn GeumYoung, former Theology professor at Sahmyook University, and Dr. Oh JaeHo from the Adventist Training Center were the main speakers. They

presented lectures on "Adventist members and covenant" and "mission and spiritual restoration" respectively.

Following the lectures were various programs, including a New Year's music concert by Hessed Choir, a mission activity report, and a personal ministries lecture. "I will do my best to support the mission work of lay people. Direct mission work will be a priority," said Elder Kim SamGon, president of SWKC Lay Association.

During the business session, Elder Ji SeongGoo, secretary of SWKC Lay Association, reported on the group's activities, which includes supporting mission groups, Dodream vocational research center, and urban-rural Collaboration Festival. The Lay Association will continue to accomplish its purpose, which is "only mission."



KUC Sahmyook Health University College holds a Family Camp

Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) had Sahmyook Family Camp at a Ramada Hotel in Seoul, Korea, from November 14 to 15, 2015. Twenty students and their families, about 80 people in all, attended the camp. This was one of the character-education programs held by SHUC every year to improve communication between family members.

Mrs. Ahn JaeSoon, director of Happy Family Academy, gave a lecture on parent-children communication and, through her counseling cases, she emphasized the value of family and the importance of education during the growing period. Attendees were able to realize miscommunications within the family by putting

themselves in others' shoes. Some were moved to tears and apologized to their family.

Dr. Moon DongKyu, professor of social welfare at SHUC, hosted the time for family recreation and for creating a family mission statement. Each family also took family pictures in an interesting way and took home the framed photographs.

"I realized the preciousness of family and that my family was suffering because of me. I will try to make my family happy, and I hope more students and their families will be able to join this beneficial program," said a parent.



Chinese Union Mission staff visit three elderly centers on Mission Day.



CHUM Mission Day 2015



The elderly give a heartfelt thanks to CHUM staff members.

On December 15, 2015, three groups of Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) staff headed for three elderly centers operated by the Hong Kong-Macau Conference (HKMC). They were joyfully carrying boxes of small gifts. Their goal was to share the love and care of Christ with the elderly as Christmas drew near.

According to a recent demographic projection by the Hong Kong government, one-third of the city's population will be elderly citizens by 2040. Ministering

to the elderly has always been an important part of the work for Adventists in Hong Kong.

The elderly can often feel lonely and yearn for social interaction. The CHUM staff brought fun and love to them at a time when peace and joy seemed to be elusive even though the city was lit up with Christmas lights.

The staff had prepared many mind-stimulating but easy-to-play games. The elderly participants were totally involved in these interesting activities. They got a chance to exercise their memory power. The winners seemed very proud of their achievements. The value of the small awards and gifts didn't matter to them. What mattered was the fun that they had.

When the CHUM staff led them in singing gospel songs that had been set to folk tunes, the elderly seemed familiar with the songs. They clapped to the beat and sang along. Seeing the heart-touching moments, the CHUM staff felt that the day away from regular office duties was well spent. The elderly responded well to the Christmas message. They knew that the staff were there with them because of the love of Christ.

The three elderly centers are located in San Po Kong, Siu Sai Wan, and Heng Ong. On Mission Day, a total of 174 elderly citizens were blessed by the Christmas activities.

KUC ADRA Korea Starts Construction of Volunteer Center in Siem Reap, Cambodia

ADRA Korea and Lincoln GN had a groundbreaking ceremony on November 9, 2015, at the site where a volunteer center will be built in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Mr. Park GyeongNam, president of Lincoln GN, is contributing the funds to cover the construction cost, and ADRA Korea will be in charge of the operation of the center.

The center will have a free medical office, accommodation for volunteer workers, a seminar room and a dining room. It will provide free medical service, Korean language education and vocational training to local residents. In addition, ten houses for orphans and a church are being built, which will make this volunteer center a mission center for the community. It will also be very useful to many Korean volunteer workers as they participate in community service and mission work in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

ADRA Korea used to operate in Pusat, the northern part of Phnom Penh, but this year, it changed its strategic location to Siem Reap. Siem



A groundbreaking ceremony of a volunteer center in Siem Reap, Cambodia

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Reap is a world-famous tourist attraction designated as a UNESCO world heritage property.

“Sharing is a positive expression and way of gratitude,” Mr. Park remarks. “I hope the lives of local residents will be happier and healthier through the work done at this center.”



Sahmyook University (SU) held an opening ceremony for the Cultural Education Center located in Namyangju City, Gyeonggido, on November 2, 2015. The center provides a place where the university can share with the local community. The center includes Sahmyook Citizen Cultural Education Center, Sahmyook Youth Education Center, and affiliated Cyber Lifelong Education Center.

KUC

Sahmyook University Opens Cultural Education Center

Sahmyook Citizen Cultural Education Center offers various cultural classes to help with the emotional development and self-improvement of citizens. During the first term, it offered seven classes, including happy family class, vocal class, sports leadership training class, healthy food class, humanities class, and flower arrangement class. About 130 students are taking courses. All lecturers are SU professors, and the lectures are free. Cyber Lifelong Education Center will also provide two months of free foreign language lectures to the first 300 people.

“A university is part of the community. Thus, it is necessary to share the professors’ knowledge and to serve the local community,” said Dr. Kim SangRae, SU president. Mr. Lee SeokWoo, mayor of Namyangju City, expressed his appreciation to SU for enriching its citizens’ lives.



TWC Evangelism in Taiwan Dali Church

Taiwan Dali Church had an evangelistic series from November 30 to December 5, 2015. PMM (Pioneer Mission Movement) missionary Pastor Shin JongSeong has been serving the church since the second half of last year, and the average attendance on Sabbaths is 30.

This evangelistic series was supported by the Golden Angels 12th group. They held several concerts at college campuses in Taichung. As a result of their music ministry, about seven or eight college students attended the meeting every day. Among them, two students were reborn through baptism on Friday night.

Pastor Joo MinHo, assistant to the president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, was the guest speaker at this event. He preached about the living God, sharing his personal testimonies and the stories of the 1000 Missionary Movement missionaries.

Taiwan Dali Church is planning to focus on youth ministries. They will reach out to those who learned about God through this evangelistic series and the Golden Angels' musical mission work.



Joo MinHo
Assistant to the president of NSD



Above: Pastor Joo MinHo preaches a message at Taiwan Dali Church.
Below: The Golden Angels has outdoor concerts at college campuses in Taichung.

THE POWER OF THE LOCAL CHURCH CULTURE FOR FAILURE OR SUCCESS

in Revival, Reformation,
Retention, and Reclamation

I was once sitting in a church board meeting listening to the discussion. The board members were trying to decide on a major purchase. Should they spend \$23,000 on a new audio/video system? The current system was working just fine, but there were new technologies and fancy gizmos that would certainly be enjoyed by the members of the church during worship. The treasurer was asked how much money the church had in its account. The answer: "About \$25,000." The board members were pleased. They could purchase the new system and still have a small amount of money in the bank.

The pastor questioned the proposal, asking, "What will the church use for evangelism and outreach projects if we spend most of our money on a new audio/video system?"

The rest of the board members stared at the pastor not knowing what to say. They were convinced that they needed the new system. One board member said, "Pastor, the people can come from the community if they want! They can enjoy the new system any time they visit."

The church proceeded to spend almost all of its available funds to buy a new audio/video system for the church. The rest of the year there were no funds for evangelism or outreach, but no one complained because it seemed like the right decision had been made. The church did continue to complain and argue about the declining membership, the graying of the congregation, and the lack of young people who were attending. They blamed the secular community, the spirituality of the pastor, and the need for the conference to do something for them.

Why did the church spend most of its resources on such a purchase? What would drive the church leaders to make a decision that would keep them from the mission of the church? What would make them ignore revival, reformation, retention, and reclamation? The answer is simple: the local church culture.

Culture in the context of a local church can be defined as follows: *"The system of values and beliefs a church holds that drives decisions, actions, and behaviors and influences relationships."*

The local church culture is what drives a church to make the day-to-day decisions that determine the future and destiny of the church. The local church culture is our way of life, and our way of life is constantly with us. However, it operates largely outside of our conscious awareness; we automatically participate in it. The local church culture drives us to make the decisions we make because the culture tells us that they are the right decisions. Culture is largely hidden from and invisible to the people within the system. It is like air; we do not notice it until it is gone.

Your local church culture is perfectly designed to get the results you are now achieving.

If you are pleased with the revival, reformation, retention, and reclamation your church is achieving, do not change the culture of the church. However, as most churches know, there is great need to change the results we are experiencing in our churches. Because the local church culture is what drives actions, behaviors, and influences relationships, we need to change the local church culture to achieve different results.

Right now, let me define the difference between a culture of Membership and a culture of Discipleship. In a later article, we can discuss how to change local church culture. Carefully study the two definitions and look for the differences. For each definition, note the primary reason for existence, the purpose of all parts of church life, and how the church body is described at the end.

Membership Model

The member is the center of the church and its primary reason for existence. Culture, programs, worship, fellowship, stewardship, facility, location, etc., are to maintain and grow the member. Collectively, the church is, hopefully, a well-oiled machine.

Discipleship Model

God and His mission are the center of the church and its primary reason for existence. Culture, programs, worship, fellowship, stewardship, facility, location, etc., are to send members into the surrounding culture to make disciples. Collectively, the church is a living organism.

Can you see how these different local church culture models will yield different results? Which will be more likely to accomplish what God has asked of the church? Which will be more likely to grow, retain, and reclaim members?

I would like to ask that you use this article as a discussion tool in your church board meeting. Think about the first story in this article about the church board deciding to purchase audio/visual equipment that will use almost all the resources the church has in its possession. Discuss the following questions.

1. What would be considered the correct decision for the church board discussing the purchase of the audio/video equipment under the Membership Model?
2. What would be considered the correct decision for the church board under the Discipleship Model?
3. What would your church decide in this instance? Which model of church culture most closely describes your church? Membership or Discipleship?
4. What are some recent decisions that have been made by your church board? Were they driven by a discipleship culture model?
5. What are some ways to make sure that a discipleship culture is guiding your church's decisions?



David Ripley
Former NSD Ministerial
Association Director

KUC Inauguration of Sahmyook Community Service Association

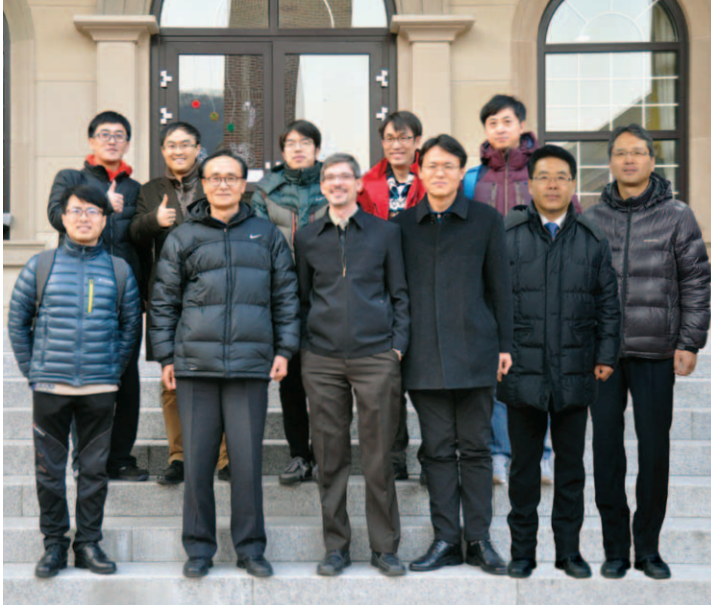
Sahmyook Community Service Association, an NGO affiliated with the Ministry of Health and Welfare in Korea, had an inauguration ceremony on November 6, 2015, with 300 members and guests in attendance. The association was established to share the love of Christ with neighbors through the talents of each individual member. It will put organized effort into all of the community service projects of local churches or local mission counsels in each district to help them execute the projects with more efficiency.

“Today, we are wearing a special uniform that few can wear. This precious uniform is for those who have a spirit of service for their neighbors. I hope all of you can faithfully fulfill your duty toward your neighbors and the mission of Christ in your area,” said Pastor Choi YoungKyu, president of the association.

The association is planning to provide various services, such as free-meal service, foot massage, home improvement, medical service, natural treatment, and in-home care. It also has plans to seek out volunteers who are willing to share their talents and expertise. It will also be helpful for participants to provide consulting for community service planning. After the inauguration, there was a presentation that explained the ground rules and principles for operation and the direction for the future.



3rd Training Session for the 14th Batch of PMM



The 14th batch of PMM missionaries and speakers for their training session

The third training session for the 14th batch of PMM (Pioneer Mission Movement) missionaries was held in Yangpyeong English Village from February 2 to 4, 2016.

Pastor Greg Whitsett, the main speaker for the event, talked about “effective mission strategy in an intercultural environment.” Pastor Whitsett is director of the Global Mission Center for East Asia Religions in Bangkok, Thailand, and works for the Global Mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and Southern Asia-Pacific Division.

Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director, and Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD youth director, delivered impressive messages inspiring listeners with a mission and setting their hearts to burn with new vision and passion.

After completing their third training session, four families from the 14th batch of PMM missionaries went back to Taiwan. Others will be going to China, Philippines and Peru later in February. They will serve as missionaries, church planting and sharing the gospel, for the next six years.



Kim SiYoung
NSD PMM Coordinator

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KUC Daniel Vision School for Young Adventists

The youth ministries department of the Southeast Korean Conference held a Daniel Vision School at Youngnam Sahmyook Academy from December 5 to 7, 2015. About 120 young Adventists participated in this event, which was planned to help young people develop a spiritual vision and to experience God’s grace.

“Daniel discovered God’s vision despite the difficult surroundings and accomplished his task. We, too, need to realize that a vision has been given to us so that we can faithfully go forward toward the vision,” said Pastor Cho JaeMyoung, principal of the school, as he welcomed the attendees.

Pastor Kang HaShik, the main speaker, challenged attendees by sharing his mission experience in Mongolia. On the second day of the event, the attendees were divided into small



groups for evangelistic training on how to share the gospel with people they encountered downtown.

One of the special features of this school was that youth leaders were in charge of the overall preparation. Youth leaders spent three days and two nights together, preparing programs and reviewing textbooks. “Not only do we have to prepare programs for teenage students, but we also have to prepare ourselves to share with them our own experiences with God. The main point is the relationship with God through worship training,” said a youth leader.

SDA Fair Mission Participates in Gwangju International Food Fair

By Han SukHee – NSD Communication Director

SDA Fair Mission participated in the 2015 Gwangju International Food Fair, which was held at Kimdaejung Convention Center, Gwangju, Korea, from November 26 to 29, 2015. About half of the 30,000 exhibition attendees visited the booth operated by SDA Fair Mission and showed a deep interest in health ministries.

Hong SoonAe, a vegan chef, gave a lecture on vegetarian food at the booth on the first floor. Also, various health seminars were presented to visitors in the seminar room on the second floor. The eight volunteer workers did a good job keeping order.

Mrs. Choi InSook, who was serving as a volunteer for the first time, shared her impressions. “At first, I was worried about my weak body, but I was able to work with excitement and joy. Although I was very tired in the evening, I gained the strength to work the next morning and I fulfilled my duty. I cannot believe it. I am sure that it is really God’s work. I hope church leadership and administrators will cooperate and invest in this work.”

Pastor Yoon HyunSeok was the guest speaker at the seminar. He delivered the message during the four days. “I came here with the resolution that I would preach the gospel even for one person. I believe that God sent people in need at appropriate times,” said Pastor Yoon.



Above: Hong SoonAe gives a lecture on vegetarian food.
Below: Visitors enjoy tasting vegetarian food.



Many people visit the SDA Fair Mission booth and show an interest in health messages and healthy cooking.



HisHands Mission Training in Wenzhou



Above: Miyao ZhunChang, Pastor at Isan Church
Below: Pastor Han leads out in the HisHands Mission training.

Twenty-five churches in Cangnan, Wenzhou, China, gathered for the united training of the China HisHands Medical Missionary Movement. About 250 church leaders, including pastors, elders, and mission coordinators from the different churches attended the meeting.

There was a very positive response to the meeting as it was tied to the annual council of the local church association, which is held at the beginning of each year with delegates from churches around the area. Pastor Han SukHee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) HisHands coordinator, was invited to lead out in the training.

Pastor Han introduced the Vision One Million 2020 project, the goal set by the NSD to reach a church membership of 1 million by the year 2020. He also emphasized the importance of including medical ministry as a part of the mission activities of churches and individuals to accomplish the project. "If HisHands medical missionaries make people's barren minds fertile and sow the seeds of the gospel and give constant devotion and interest through both the publishing ministry and medical service, we will be able to harvest many souls in the near future," said Pastor Han.

Attendees from various places, such as Xuzhou, Suzhou, Guangzhou, Huzhou, and Ruian as well as Wenzou, indicated that the HisHands medical mission movement is crucial for the evangelistic work of each local church. They expressed their appreciation to the NSD for supporting this movement, and they were determined to get started as they prepared concrete plans and schedules.



Han SukHee
NSD Communication Director



SDA Fair Mission Holds a Workshop

By Han SukHee – NSD Communication Director



SDA Fair Mission missionaries with speakers of the workshop

SDA Fair Mission held a workshop called “Big City Mission and Direction & Vision for Fair Mission.” The workshop took place at Deer Mountain Retreat Center from January 22 to 24, 2016. Five speakers from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and the Korean Union Conference (KUC) presented lectures. In spite of the small number of participants due to a cold front and sudden heavy snow, the venue was hot with the ardor of the attendees.

“The success of fair mission depends on the connection with local churches,” said Pastor Lee ByungJu, an SDA Fair Mission chaplain and director of KUC Sabbath school and personal ministries department. “When we think of mission for big cities, evangelism through fair activities seems to have a bright prospect.”

At the Sabbath worship service, Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director, gave a sermon on identity and direction for SDA Fair Mission. He provided biblical and historical support from the Bible and the Spirit of the Prophecy. “Fair mission activity is an attractive and effective mission trend that seeks interests among modern city people who are familiar with conventional culture.”

Pastor Joo MinHo, NSD assistant to the president, gave a special lecture on habits of those who meet Jesus on Sabbath afternoons. He thanked the mission for their service, saying “evangelism is to testify of the living God and the world is not worthy of His witnesses.”

Pastor Choi ByunGeun, former Korean Publishing House president, remarked, “Jesus’ service in Capernaum is full of suggestions for fair mission. I am also going to be a volunteer worker for this mission.”

“Fair mission missionaries should be a blessing. Remember that many people will be saved through this service when we focus on evangelizing others,” said Pastor Seo KwangSoo, former Sahmyook University president, encouraging missionaries during the commitment service.

Mrs. Jeong KyungIm, a missionary from Incheon Nambu Church, shared her experience of repentance and her resolution. “My misunderstandings and doubts disappeared during the workshop, and I could not help but dissolve into tears. I clearly realized that the Holy Spirit has led the mission, and I will keep on trying my best to bear the mission the Lord has given to me.”

Direction and vision for big city mission and fair mission became more apparent through the three-day workshop. Participants pledged that they would work with true repentance and new resolution so that the revival that took place during the apostolic age through the early rain of the Holy Spirit could once again come alive in this age.

KUC WCKC Children’s Winter Bible School

Three hundred children and teachers attended the Children’s Winter Bible School sponsored by the West Central Korean Conference. The event took place at Deer Mountain Retreat Center from January 17 to 19, 2016. The purpose was to teach children about Adventist beliefs and truths so that they can grow in faith.

The curriculum, which covers the 28 Adventist Fundamental Beliefs angled towards children, was introduced in 2008 to teach elementary school children basic Adventist faith. This year, participants learned about the Law of God, the Sabbath, stewardship, Christian behavior, marriage and the family, and Christ’s ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary. The primary theme was Christian life.

During the community activity named Inside Out, participants searched for their own spiritual gifts. Twelve teachers who had been trained at the Jesus I Teachers’ School (JITS) led out in the program, and 12 pastors served as instructors.

“It was a good decision to go with an education-centered winter Bible school instead of an event-centered one. These children will grow up in the church and become participants of Youth Theology Camp in the near future,” said Pastor Lee SangSoo, principal of the school.





The new main building at 1000MM India Branch



Inauguration of a new building at the 1000MM India branch in Falakata, West Bengal

was no construction sound to be heard. We prayed to God seeking His help diligently. We were on our knees day and night, and we believe that our Lord was always beside us holding our hands.

About a week after the construction ceased, we received a phone call from one of our sponsors who had good news for us. He told us that he would send the amount of money we needed in order to complete the rest of the building. We were filled with joy as we could start construction again. Because of this experience, our faith was strengthened and we learned that we should depend completely on Him without doubt.

We had the inauguration of the main building and staff quarters of our new campus on November 4, 2015. Pastor Ezras Lakra, Southern Asia Division president, Mr. Ramesh Fendall, principal of Raymond School in West Bengal, the Union officers and other local church pastors were our guests of honor. At present, the cafeteria building is in progress, and the construction is going on in faith. We trust that our faithful God will meet our needs as we still have quite a bit of construction work. We solicit your prayers and moral support.

Inauguration of a New Building at the 1000MM India Branch

By Bae JinSeong – Director of 1000MM India Branch

It was early morning when we arrived in Falakata, West Bengal. It was difficult driving through the thick fog. Our plan was to establish the 1000 Missionary Movement India branch campus in this town. We asked God to help us.

While we were building the campus, our missionaries had to go through training without a cafeteria or classrooms. Even though their training and even their meals took

place in a bamboo tent, no one complained about the poor facility.

After we finished training the 12th batch missionaries with God's help and guidance, we started focusing more on construction. However, we soon encountered the severest financial trouble we've had. We nearly ran out of our entire budget, and we had no choice but to stop building in the middle of construction. The campus was very quiet because there

Pastor Bae gives training to 1000MM missionaries in a bamboo tent.



Evangelistic Meeting in Falakata, West Bengal

The 1000 Missionary Movement India branch held a week-long evangelistic meeting, which started on November 1, 2015. Two foot massage experts and Pastor Ahn CheonSoo, a Korean pastor, led out in the meetings, which took place on Raymond School campus. About 400 people who were non-Christians came to receive the foot massage.

All of our missionaries and staff and the seniors from school joined in to give free foot massages to the local people of Falakata, West Bengal. Not only did we give foot massages, but we also shared the word of God.

We hope that the local people will receive the gospel of God and His love. We pray that one day they will accept God as their personal Savior. It is our motto to share His love with those who do not know the living God.



1000MM missionaries give out foot massage to the local people of Falakata.



Above: Group of 1000MM missionaries undergoing English language training
 Below: 1000MM missionaries learn English praise songs.

English Training For 1000MM Missionaries

Communicating God's love through written and spoken words is an essential part of mission work. It requires the use of a language understood by most people, if not all. Because of this, the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) includes English training, designed to enhance the language skills of international missionary trainees who have pledged to serve God despite the difficulties brought by cultural and language differences.

For almost five weeks, the 16 students at the 1000MM, who have come from South Korea, Laos, and China, are undergoing English language training, which includes grammar, reading, writing, and conversation classes. Using an integrated faith and learning method, the students are learning English as well as the Bible and the writings of Ellen White. This program is scheduled to culminate on February 4, 2016, with a special presentation by each class.



45th Batch Homecoming: Looking Ahead, Pushing Boundaries

Sabbath afternoon was a meaningful event for the 72 missionaries who belong to the 45th batch of the 1000 Missionary Movement. They were gathered once again, this time to celebrate the culmination of their 10 months of service in different local and foreign mission fields.

These devoted missionaries, who have come from seven countries, namely, Indonesia, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand, Bolivia, Peru and the Philippines, have successfully overcome the challenges of living outside their comfort zone. They have pushed cultural

and language barriers aside for the advancement of the gospel.

Although they have just completed a year's term for the Lord, their mission will never end. As their motto states, "Looking ahead, pushing boundaries," they are looking forward to successfully facing other challenges as they continually share with their own locality the gospel and the priceless life-changing experiences they encountered with God during their term as missionaries. Once a missionary, always a missionary!

MISSIONARY'S DIARY: New Year's Thanksgiving

By Joan Jocson – 44th batch of 1000MM Missionary

God has blessed me bountifully in the past year. To celebrate God's goodness, I wanted to be a blessing to others at the start of the year, so on January 1, 2016, I along with Sherlyn Dilon, a Filipino church member from Dongnae English Church, gave out food to the homeless people at the Busan train station in South Korea.

At the station, I saw a man looking for leftover food in the garbage bin. My heart was filled with pity. I approached him and gave him a bag full of food. He smiled and said, "Thank you."

We continued giving out food to others. Noticing this, more homeless people started to come, surrounding us. One man said, "The two of you are not Koreans, but you



Missionaries give out food at the Busan train station

are giving us food to eat. You have a good heart." I was really touched upon hearing him saying that.

This simple thanksgiving for God's goodness was meaningful for the homeless. I thank God for using me as an instrument for His ministry. I am determined to be always used by God in whatever way that I may be able to serve and share the gospel message to the people of this country.

Celebrating the LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY at MFSC

The Multicultural Family Service Center (MFSC) in Ansan hosted special events for multicultural families and foreign workers to celebrate the Lunar New Year holiday in Korea.

The first event was a fashion show on February 7, 2016. For three months, about thirty participants had gathered every Saturday evening for a free class on making clothes. At the show, the participants presented their various styles of clothes and accessories. Their work expressed the designers' individuality as well as their cultural origins. It was a wonderful opportunity for many of them to discover their hidden gifts.

The MFSC also held their 4th multicultural cooking contest, which was supported by Ansan Migrant Community Service Center run by the Korean government. Ten teams from Cambodia, Russia, China, Uzbekistan, and Bangladesh participated in the contest, showing off traditional food from their own countries. Russian participants won the top prize with "mimoza," a Russian potato salad. The next prize went to the Chinese team with their "dumplings" followed by the Cambodians with "lok lak," which is their traditional beef salad.

"I hope that these events brought enjoyment to immigrants and foreign workers who could not spend the



Above: The Russian team won the cooking contest with their traditional potato salad. Below: Models walk on a runway at the MFSC fashion show.

holidays in their home countries and that everyone had a good time with one another," said Pastor Kim YoungSoo, director of Ansan MFSC.

It has been seven years since the MFSC was established and started reaching out to foreign workers and multicultural families. Some of them were suffering from fraud, delayed payment of wages, assault, and a feeling of alienation. The MFSC will continue trying to help them to live happier lives and to ultimately share God's love with them through the different activities.



MFSC families after finishing their fashion show



Since arriving in Indonesia, I've been visiting local churches almost every Sabbath to promote our ministry. I have also been visiting mission fields to hold evangelistic meetings, but that hasn't been easy since I do not have a vehicle. Since a vehicle is necessary to visit mission fields and to provide training to missionaries, I started praying that the Lord would provide. I also asked some donors in Korea for help. However, I did not hear back from any of them.

As time went on, I became impatient, and I leased a car for some time. Unfortunately, there were some problems with the leased car, which resulted in considerable financial loss. I hadn't understood what road conditions were like in Indonesia. The way to some mission fields were quite rough. My wife and I did not know what to do. I was worried to the point I could not sleep for several nights.

As God had come through miraculously when I had moved here, I was reminded that the only option I had was to pray. I desperately clung to God in prayer, and despite the financial loss, I returned the leased car and decided to purchase a vehicle. I left everything in God's hands and left the campus to head downtown.

Exactly five minutes later, I received a phone call from my wife. "Honey, praise the Lord! An elder called from Korea, and he wants to give a donation so that we can purchase a car."



Members of a local church in Indonesia have a prayer meeting.

I was overjoyed. The elder soon called me and confirmed that he would like to make a donation. Was it a mere coincidence? Or does God provide for the needs of the ministry at just the right time?

After that, there were several others who called from not only Korea, but also Japan, telling me they would like to donate for the ministry. When we were requesting donations, no help came, but all of a sudden, people kept calling in. The donations exactly matched the cost of the car. It was definitely a gift from God.

I realized again that there is nothing I can do but pray. I am convinced that this is the Lord's work and that He will lead.

“Praise the Lord! Somebody Just Called!”

By Nam JinKoo – PMM Pastor in Indonesia



Beautiful Health and a More Beautiful Future

By Huh KwonHo – PMM Pastor at Taitung Church

The members of Taitung Church at the baptismal ceremony

With Dr. Barbara Choi from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) as the speaker, Taitung Church in Taiwan held a health seminar from December 6 to 12, 2015. The title of the seminar was “Beautiful Health and a More Beautiful Future.”

In order to attract more visitors, a week before the seminar, the church offered a kimchi-making class. Two non-Adventists who had been learning Korean at the church helped in handing out advertising tracts for the event. As a result, nine new visitors attended the seminar regularly.

Of the nine seekers at the seminar, two were members of neighboring Protestant churches. Lately, interest in health has been catching on in other Protestant churches.

Even after the end of the series, six of the visitors are regularly attending our Sabbath worships. Three of them are high school students, which gives us much hope as there aren't many young people in the area and in our church.

One of the seekers who attended the seminar committed her life to the Lord and was baptized out in nature. We believe that she, as a nurse, wife, and mother, will share her love for the Lord with the people she comes in contact with.

The sacrifice and service of the Golden Angels provided great joy to all the church members and visitors



Above: Dr. Barbara Choi, former NSD health ministries director, leads a health seminar. Below: Golden Angels 12th batch sing during the seminar.

who attended the meetings. I hope and trust that God who has been so good to us thus far will bring about great revival in this church.



Golden Angels 13th Group Makes a Leap *Forward*



Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Director

The eight members of the new Golden Angels group had a dedication ceremony with Pastor Kim NakHyung, youth director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and Pastor Cho DaeYeon, the new Golden Angels' associate coordinator. As they started a new year, they prayed for the presence of God in their ministry. The new group members come from South Korea, Hong Kong and Mongolia, and they will commit one year to God in serving the tremendous mission field within the NSD.

This year, the Golden Angels will emphasize spiritual relief as their singing mission. At the ceremony, each of the members had their own time with God. They reflected on how God had led them in their lives, and prayed for the mission and souls awaiting them. Through this ceremony, they were able to focus more on God. Their spiritual training continued after they went back to the NSD office.

They continue to meditate on the word of God, cultivating the mindset and attitude of a missionary.

From February 12 to 14, 2016, they had the first opportunity of sharing their music as they sang at Jingok Countryside Church, which is located in the northernmost part of South Korea. This church is one of the precious holy sanctuaries serving Adventist soldiers. Through their praises, the Golden Angels 13th group shared the blessing and grace and comfort from God with the faithful church members. When the eight young, talented members praised the Lord with all their hearts, the people in the church gave a prayer of thanks to God. The members said that it was a precious opportunity for them to realize their responsibilities as singing missionaries.

The Golden Angels 13th group are planning their first mission trip to Hong Kong and Taiwan in March. Please pray for them and the souls they will meet there!



Pastor Kim and the new Golden Angels members pray to God for their ministry this year.



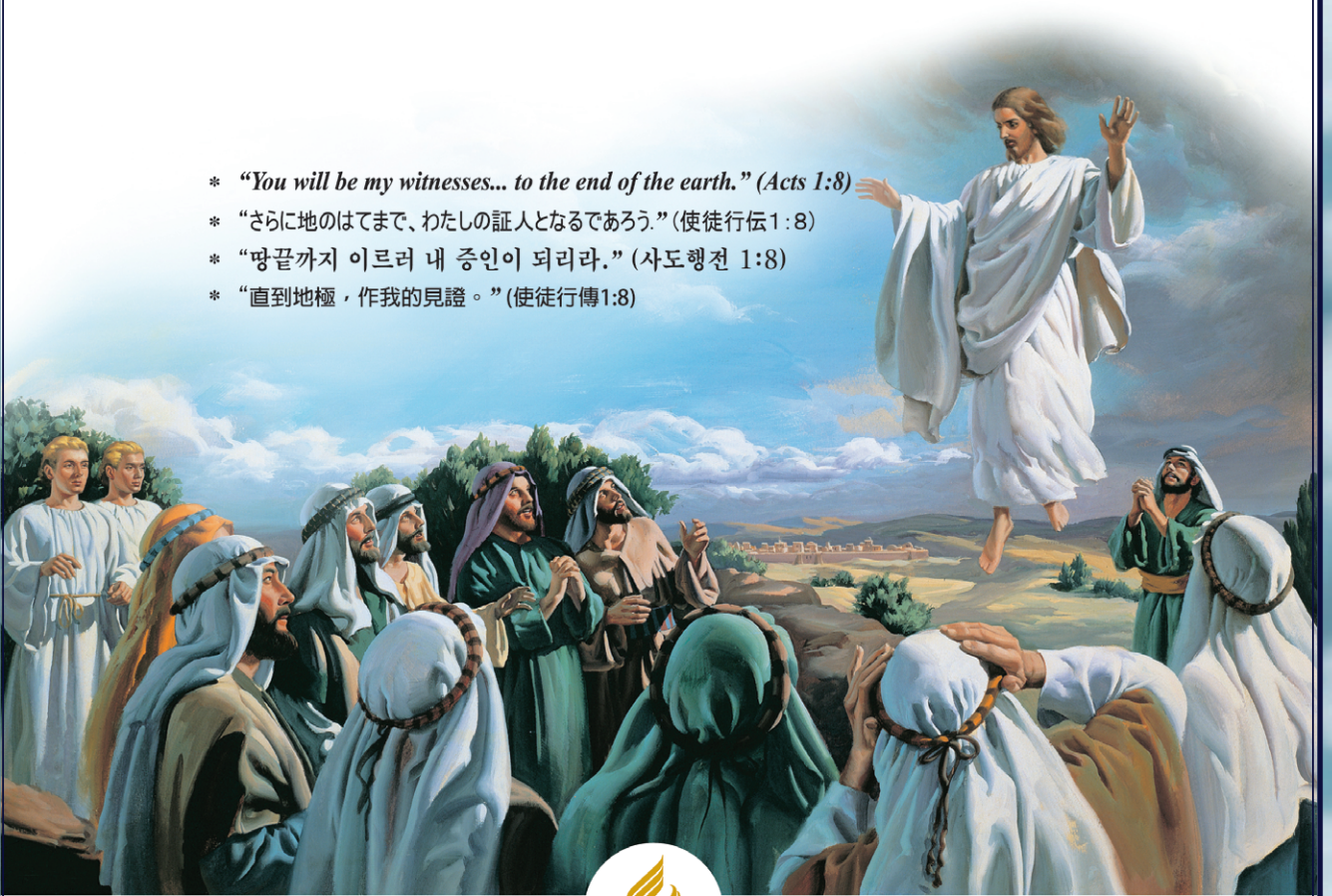
Golden Angels visit the Jingok Countryside Church in Korea.

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- * “땅끝까지 이르러 내 증인이 되리라.” (사도행전 1:8)
- * “直到地極，作我的見證。” (使徒行傳1:8)



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