

NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION THE MOST CHALLENGING FIELD



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INSPIRATION



Power of the Gospel

Still Valid and Available Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The Apostle Paul stated with great conviction, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

Saul of Tarsus (later Paul), before his conversion experience, was a self-confident man. He was a Pharisee, a religious leader in the Jewish community. He was a member of the Sanhedrin, a political leader of the Jewish nation. He was highly educated in Jerusalem under Gamaliel, a prominent scholar in his days. He was a man of passion, worldly ambition, position of power and great influence in the society. He had religious enthusiasm, advocating Judaism and persecuting Christ and His followers. He was severely antagonistic toward the Christian religion.

On his way to Damascus, however, Saul met Jesus and, consequently, was completely changed. For three days until Ananias came to see him, Saul was without sight and did not eat or drink (Acts 9:9). He understood that Jesus who spoke to him on the way was the Son of God. "In that hour of heavenly illumination Saul's mind acted with remarkable rapidity. The prophetic records of Holy Writ were opened to his understanding. He saw that the rejection of Jesus by the Jews, His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, had been foretold by the prophets and proved Him to be the promised Messiah" (*AA*, 115).

Saul thoroughly examined himself and humbled his heart. "No doubt entered the mind of Saul that the One who spoke to him was Jesus of Nazareth, the longlooked-for Messiah, the Consolation and Redeemer of Israel" (*AA*, 117). "Christ and His righteousness became to Saul more than the whole world" (*AA*, 120).

Saul was completely changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. He became a new man in Christ. He firmly confessed, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God that saves everyone who believes in Jesus." He experienced the power of the gospel in his personal life. With the conviction of his salvation, he "began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20). He traveled far and near to preach the gospel to the Gentiles as well as to the Jews living in various parts of the world. He was more convinced that the gospel is the power of God when he witnessed many people surrendering their lives to Jesus.

One day, in the town of Philippi, the Apostle Paul met a female slave who was suffering from an evil spirit. She was demon-possessed and worked for her master to earn a great amount of money by fortune-telling. Paul said to her, "'In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her.' At that moment the evil spirit left her" (Acts 16:18). Even the demons obeyed the name of Jesus. He witnessed the great power of the gospel that frees sinners from their burden of sin.

The Apostle Paul committed his entire life to the gospel proclamation. He declared, "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24).

The power of the gospel is still valid and available in our days. It is the power of God that saves men and women from eternal destruction: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). It is the gospel that all human beings need to hear.

May we personally experience the power of the gospel in our daily lives and share it with others who are still living in the world of darkness with no hope! Jesus commanded all His followers, saying, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). The gospel of Jesus is certainly the power of God for the salvation of man!

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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Cover story

From October 1 to 8, 2016, an evangelistic series was held in Nanjing, China, with the title "Hope for the Future," conducted by Elder Mark Finley. During the preparation work, God showed us His providence through the permission granted by the local Three-self and Provincial Religious Bureau, allowing Elder Mark Finley to officially conduct the meetings in public, which means in a church building.

Prior to the series, many Bible studies were conducted to prepare souls. The Bible study leaders did their very best to teach Bible interests about God and His Word. Working committees were also organized. These committees and church boards met with the Chinese Union Mission coordinator on a regular monthly basis to make sure everything was on track. Moreover, three media teams from three provinces with 13 young people together with their six cameras were involved in this effort.

The evangelistic meetings were held twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening. At the beginning of the morning meeting, Mrs. Finley shared health talks with the congregation. She gave a series of lectures under the general theme of "God's Health Assurance Plan," presenting facts on water, exercise, nutrition, breakfast, and a vegetarian diet.

From the first day of the evangelistic series until the last day of the series, the Nanjing Church

was occupied with more than a thousand people. At the end of every meeting, Elder Finley ended with an appeal. From the third day onward, he especially challenged the congregation to make a decision to follow Jesus. At each appeal, more and more decisions were made, and on Friday evening, 79 Bible interests went up to the platform to show their faith for Jesus by accepting baptism the next day, which was the Sabbath day. God is always full of surprises, and so He was on the Sabbath day of October 8, the last day of the evangelistic series. He surprised the Nanjing Church by adding 218 souls into their big family through baptism. In the past their yearly baptisms have been below sixty. This is the first time in



- 1. A special choir sings at the Nanjing evangelistic series
- 2. Every morning session, Mrs. Finley gave health talks to the attendees.
- 3. Thousands of people attended the meetings every day, and 218 souls were baptized the last day of the evangelistic series.

history that Nanjing Church has had such a mega baptism.

Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 19:22: "Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." Praise God for showing us again that nothing is impossible for Him.







S ince the beginning of 2016, the Taiwan Conference (TWC) has been promoting the 777 Mission Movement. The movement seeks to have 700 prayer warriors, train 700 Bible workers, and baptize 700 new members. Through this movement, we will be able to reach our goal of 10,000 church members in Taiwan by the end of the year 2020, and at the same time, we will do our part in fulfilling the goal set by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Vision One Million 2020.

In 2016, TWC carried out these five steps. This yearly cycle of steps will be repeated in the next four years. • Step One: Cultivating (January to March) — The TWC had "Ten Days of Prayer" from February 14 to 24, a tenday prayer relay. Through this prayer meeting, we recruited 560 prayer warriors. Later, we held a Bible worker training for those prayer warriors. We also had a prayer relay from June 17 to 24 and from September 24 to October 1. • Step Two: Plowing (April to June) — We did visitation and community service, and we worked to satisfy people's needs and build relationships with them. • Step Three: Sowing (July to September) —Bible studies and health seminars were conducted at this stage. From July 22 to 25, 2016, TWC held a Women's Congress and encouraged attendees to win one soul for Jesus every year.

Step Four: Harvest (October to December)

On November 26, 2016, three major harvest evangelistic meetings were held simultaneously in the northern, central, and southern parts of Taiwan's urban areas. In addition, aboriginal areas, including Po-Long district and Pi-Wan district, also held harvest evangelistic meetings. Altogether, more than 1,800 people attended the meetings in these five areas. The number of baptisms on November 26 was 74. The total number of baptisms in 2016 is currently 285. Compared with last year's 162 baptisms, the growth rate is 80%.

The last step is **Follow-up**. Now we will carry out training programs for new members on 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). We believe that God will continue to bless TWC's 777 Mission Movement.

SOUTHERN TAIWAN Combined Worship & Celebration



Stanley Ng NSD Publishing Ministries Director

6.4 Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" This was the theme written on the program book for the Southern Taiwan Combined Worship and Celebration Day which was held on November 26, 2016. This was the year-end climax of harvest evangelism for the "777 Mission Movement" organized by the Taiwan Conference.

On Sabbath morning, about 500 church members and friends from 10 local churches and congregations flooded into the hotel conference room of Tong Mao Resort, which is situated in the county of Tainan, in southern Taiwan. They had smiles on their faces. The church members had been waiting for this event for a long time.

A combined worship singing group led out the theme song, "Far and Near the Fields Are Teeming," marking the beginning of the day's activities. During Sabbath school, a musical gospel drama performance was conducted by a Singapore-based Musical Ministry Fellowship. The group has composed songs sharing faith-building Bible characters in the Bible.

Pastor Stanley Ng from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division was the guest speaker at the worship hour. He challenged those who were to be baptized that day to follow Christ faithfully as they began a new journey in Christian living. He also made an altar call to those who had not been baptized to come forward and open their hearts to Christ. About 10 people accepted the call to give their hearts to Jesus and prepare to be baptized in the near future.

After worship service, 24 baptismal candidates made their commitment and accepted the baptismal vows and moved to the swimming pool for baptism. A fellowship lunch was prepared for all participants in the hotel dining hall.

The afternoon program was focused on musical praises and personal testimonies from each representative church. It was very impressive to listen to the touching stories of how God has led them through difficult times. As the event came to an end, Pastor Stanley Ng again challenged the church members during the final dedication service to surrender their lives to God's commission. He used the illustration of re-building the walls of Jerusalem under Nehemiah's leadership to appeal to all church workers and members to first rebuild our spiritual lives, and with combined efforts and united spirit, to rebuild the walls of Taiwan churches.

The participants received many blessings during the day. With their hearts filled again with the fire of mission, they looked forward to another celebration day next year to bring many more souls to Christ! Please continue to pray for the mission work in Taiwan.

Above: On the combined worship day, 24 people were born again through baptism. Below: A combined worship singing group sings a theme song, "Far and Near the Fields Are Teeming."



When the General Conference started the "Mission to the Cities" evangelistic meetings in New York in 2013, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) chose Tokyo as a Mission to the Cities target city for the division that same year. In 2014, the Taiwan Conference (TWC) held Mission to the Cities evangelistic meetings all over Taipei, then in Kaohsiung in 2015.

This time seemed a bit different. As the latter part of TWC's 777 Mission Movement, they planned to celebrate the harvest evangelisms in three areas in Taiwan, the northern, central and southern areas. The churches in the central area invited Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD stewardship ministries director, as the guest speaker for the harvest celebration. The harvest celebration for central Taiwan met on the Sabbath of November 26, 2016, at Taiwan Adventist College.

Banners along the road from the gate of the college to the main auditorium welcomed members early Sabbath morning. Pastor Kwon preached a sermon titled, "This same Jesus will come" based on Acts



Young members enjoyed Pathfinder activities on the beautiful campus of Taiwan Adventist College in the afternoon.

1:11. A total of 450 people enjoyed the spiritual feast. While Pastor Kwon was preaching, he recognized Pastor Lee SaeHyon, a former Golden Angels member who is now pastoring a church in Minnesota Conference, in the congregation, and to close his sermon he requested that Pastor Lee sing a special dedication hymn. Minnesota Conference requires their pastors to speak for three evangelistic series domestically each year and once overseas. Pastor Lee has chosen to come to Taiwan.

The Sabbath worship was followed by a baptismal ceremony, and 25 young and old precious souls were

Harvest Evangelism of **CENTRAL TAIWAN**

By Kwon JohngHaeng - NSD Stewardship Ministries Director



At the harvest worship, 25 people show their decision to accept Jesus as their personal Savior and be baptized.

dedicated to the kingdom of God by baptism. Among the candidates there were three "doctors." One of them was Dr. Chou Guan, a pathologist from Taichung Church. He attended the prophecy seminar every evening with his wife and son in October and accepted the Three Angels' Messages. Every evening, he slipped out from his work, came to the church, met his wife and son, had a simple supper with his family members, attended the meetings and returned back to his office to finish his work.

Professors Liu BangLi and Wang ShuYu are husband and wife. While Dr. Wang ShuYu taught in the business department of Taiwan Adventist College, she learned the present truth from Pastor Terry Tusi, academic dean of the college. Her husband, Dr. Liu, applied sociology professor at ChungShan Medical College in Taichung City, joined the Bible study with his wife. He was a Protestant, belonging to another denomination, and it took several years for him to leave his Sunday-keeping friends and his former church to join the remnant church. They were baptized together in the same baptismal tank at the same time by Pastors James Wu and Terry Tsui.

The harvest celebration did not end with the baptismal ceremony. Members stayed on campus to enjoy the blessings of the Sabbath on the beautiful campus with God-fearing members. Younger members enjoyed Pathfinder activities while youth members and adult members participated in music concerts and testimonies.

Harvesting Souls in NORTHERN TAIWAN

By Richard Sabuin - NSD SS/PM Director



Baptismal candidates had prepared through Bible studies for 3 to 6 months by the harvest day.

No fewer than 70 souls decided to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior through baptism in Taiwan on November 26, 2016. This was the result of the annual project of the "Taiwan 777 Movement." Pastor Richard Sabuin, the Sabbath school and personal ministries (SS/ PM) director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, spoke at Sung Shan Church in Taipei. This was a Sabbath of harvesting souls after local churches had conducted Bible studies for about three to six months. Praise the Lord!

Public evangelistic meetings are more successful if they are supported by good groundwork preparation. Without that, the meetings would just be scattering seed. For this reason, before spending a lot of money on renting a building and paying for other expenses, it should be made sure that souls have been prepared.

With good preparation, a public evangelistic meeting will bear multiple fruit. First, it will be a harvesting event of souls who have been prepared to accept Jesus. Although some may make a decision through personal visit and appeal, others may be more encouraged to make a decision with the support of many people in public. Second, public evangelism is a good opportunity to sow the seeds of truth to new heart fields. Lastly, it is an opportunity to involve every member of the church to focus on evangelism, working together during the preparation and at the evangelistic meeting itself.

Touched by the Love of Jesus

Mr. Sheng Kwao Hong was baptized on November 26, 2016, as the result of the Taiwan Evangelism. The story of his conversion began about half a year ago when he visited his sister-in-law at a clinic where the wife of Pastor Elijah Hwang is working as a nurse. When Mrs. Hwang visited their house, she became aware of their family situation. Mr. Sheng's sister-in-law was living with Mr. Sheng's family. Her husband and daughter had passed away.

The situation became worse because Mr. Sheng had a stroke three times and lost his job. During this time of economic hardship and health concerns, God found them. Pastor Hwang contacted a charity that provided help for Mr. Sheng. The family felt the care and love of the church. They invited Pastor Hwang to give them Bible studies. Their faces expressed joy and happiness as they sang and prayed together.

In September 2016, Pastor Liang from Malaysia conducted an evangelistic meeting at Su-Lin Church. He visited



Mr. Sheng and his wife (4th and 5th from left)

Mr. Sheng and prayed for him. At this time, miraculously, Mr. Sheng was able to move and lift his hands, which he had not been able to do after his third stroke. He marveled at this miracle. He decided to be baptized, and so did his wife.

Before the baptism, Mr. Sheng asked Pastor Hwang and some church elders to remove from his house all idols and ancestral tablets and replace them with Bible pictures and verses. One piece of writing that is now seen in his house reads, "Christ is the Lord of this house."

2016 NSD ANNUAL COUNCIL

he 2016 NSD Annual Council was held at the office headquarters of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) from November 1 to 7, 2016. This was the second yearend meeting since the 2015 General Conference session. Last year the NSD presented "Vision One Million 2020" and its roadmap, and this year the committee members expressed their commitment to continue moving forward toward the goal. In order to accomplish the 1-million membership goal by 2020, they suggested that Total Member Involvement should be continually emphasized and practiced.

NSD president Jairyong Lee said in his presidential report, "When we work together with 'Mission First' spirit, when every member is involved in the mission of the church, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will surely reach a membership of one million by the year 2020." He added that "Mission First in All Activities" should be daily practiced by every ecclesiastical entity, including church organizations.

During the meetings, the reports from the NSD departments, unions, and institutions highlighted mission activities with hopeful messages for Vision One Million 2020. The report on the public evangelistic series by Mark Finley from October 1 to 9, 2016, in Nanjing, China,



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was especially encouraging to the delegates. Thousands of people attended the meetings every day, and 218 people were baptized and many others decided to study the Bible further for baptism. We pray that the Lord will open the door of evangelism more widely in the large cities of China.

Following the China evangelistic report, the "Hope 2020" initiative, which focuses on Total Member Involvement with an expectation of great mission accomplishment, was introduced in the report by Korean Union Conference. Japan Union Conference shared their historical plan, "All Japan 2018 Maranatha." They will hold simultaneous public evangelistic meetings in 100 places in Japan in 2018, which will implement Total Member Involvement. In Mongolia Mission (MM), 198 people were baptized on a single Sabbath through the public evangelistic meetings which took place simultaneously at 13 churches/ companies from September 3 to 10, 2016. The number of baptisms was the highest in the Mission's history. In Taiwan, the month of December will be a historic month of soul harvesting because they are about to hold evangelistic meetings in



1. GC vice president Abner De Los Santos

2. NSD president Jairyong Lee

3. Three NSD officers, Yutaka Inada, Jairyong Lee, German Lust, at the council

three large cities: Taipei, Taichung, and Tainan.

The three MM officers were elected prior to the MM constituency meeting. Kim YoHan, Bold Batsukh, and Jorge Silva were re-elected as president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively. On Sabbath, November 5, the delegates and invitees participated in the dedication service of the five new Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) pastors and their families at the SDA Language School Headquarters Church. Among the participants were leaders from the General Conference, including vice president Abner De Los Santos, undertreasurer Ray Wahlen, associate secretary Karen Porter,

and the Sabbath school and personal ministries director Duane McKey.



Song SungSub NSD Associate Secretary

KOREAN UNION CONFERENCE ANNUAL COUNCIL

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) held its Annual Council at the SDA Language Institute from November 14 to 16, 2016. Under the theme of "Only Jesus, Mission First," a total of 110 delegates from all over Korea along with other guests were in attendance.

In the opening worship service, Pastor Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), focused on the unchanging mission of the Adventist Church in this fast-changing world. "All our church members should strive for mission as the Israelites, in faith, marched around Jericho for seven days. As long as we have that faith, we can achieve our goal of reaching a membership of one million," said Pastor Lee.

During the council, KUC president Hwang ChunKwang emphasized "Hope 2020," which is the new mission plan for the Korean Adventist Church, and asked attendees to commit to being supportive of the local church's mission work. "We are going to let each local church lead in mission work instead of just doing what the Conference plans. We will encourage them to carry out their own mission projects in an active and creative way," said Pastor Hwang.

The annual report from KUC, local conferences, and various mission institutions and businesses, such as hospitals, schools, food companies, a publishing house, and language institutes, continued at the council.

The delegates gave thanks to God who has guided the Korean Adventist Church and its members and asked God for His wisdom in making decisions and future plans. Please continue to pray for God's abundant blessings upon the Korean Church.



Delegates of the 2016 Korean Union Conference Annual Council

MONGOLIA MISSION ANNUAL COUNCIL

By Katja Kotnik – MM volunteer



In the Bible, God provided us with many verses where we can discover His character. For example, in 1 Corinthians 13:44, we see that God is not a God of disorder. This is one way of knowing that emphasis should be placed on good structural organization of institutions. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mongolia follows God's principles in establishing a good leadership model for enhancing the spreading of His word and His love.

For this reason, the Annual Council was held at Ulaanbaatar Central Church from November 10 to 11, 2016. The purpose was to vote on new department directors who would be responsible for positions held at the Mongolia Mission (MM) headquarters.

Besides the MM main administrators president Kim YoHan, executive secretary Bold Batsukh, and treasurer Jorge Silva, five officers from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) were present. Also, along with other members of the MM executive committee, ministerial ordained pastors, and Bible workers, there were around 50 delegates from all 31 Mongolian Adventist churches present at the council.

At the council, it was decided that all three MM administrators continue to serve. After the department directors presented their work from the past three years, the delegates chose their future leaders.

This is part of the message from president Kim YoHan to all newly selected individuals:

God is clear that the greatest of you will serve others and be humble in his actions. You now bear even greater responsibility; you are in greater danger than others; therefore, be wise and look for God's guidance. We all should emphasize the importance of local church members and their involvement in the spreading of God's word. They are central to our work, and empowering them, teaching them, training them, and providing them with experience should be on your priority list.

After the official program on November 11, the ordination of two local church pastors took place. Pastor Adiyakhuu Oktyabri from Immanuel Church and Pastor Darkhanbaatar Batgerel from Darkhan Church, along with their families, have shown to be God's faithful servants and were accepted in the ordained ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The ordination ceremony was officiated by Dr. Ron Clouzet, NSD ministerial association secretary.

Along with beautiful music and the presentation of the pastors' life history, the laying of hands followed. Both pastors expressed their gratitude to God for His guidance in their lives. Thus, the annual council and ordination event were completed. All glory goes to our Supreme Provider!



Three MM officers, Bold Batsukh, Kim YoHan, and Jorge Silva

Two local church pastors were ordained at the council.



JAPAN UNION CONFERENCE ANNUAL COUNCIL

By Toshio Shibata - JUC Executive Secretary

From November 20 to 22, 2016, the Japan Union Conference (JUC) held their Annual Council, with Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) leaders in attendance.

Each of JUC's three administrative leaders—president, executive secretary, and treasurer—preached spiritually enriching and encouraging messages for the council members. During the council, the conference president and each department director and institution director gave a brief evangelism report on this past year to provide a better picture of how God has been working in Japan.

During the Annual Council, two major decisions were made regarding the evangelistic work in Japan.

1. All Japan 18 Maranatha

The GC president Elder Ted Wilson conducted a largescale evangelistic campaign in Rwanda last May. In 2017, he will conduct an evangelistic campaign in Romania. Japan has been chosen as the location to conduct a largescale evangelistic campaign in May 2018. In order to prepare for the campaign, Elder Ted Wilson came to Japan this past March to discuss and communicate with the JUC leaders and the committee members. In the beginning, JUC had planned to have Elder Ted Wilson preach evangelistic campaigns at three different locations; however, in order to implement Total Membership Involvement, the plan was changed to conduct more than 100 evangelistic campaigns simultaneously for 10 days all across Japan. We are now coming up with specific plans and preparation to accomplish this huge vision.

2. JUC's Vision 2020

In response to the NSD Vision One Million 2020, Japan decided to set a goal of 5,000 baptisms, membership of 20,000, and weekly Sabbath attendance of 20,000 people by the year 2020. Currently, there are about 300 baptisms each year, membership of 15,000, and weekly Sabbath attendance of about 5,500 people. Compared to the current numbers, the goal seems too large. However, if each of the weekly Sabbath attendees leads just one person to baptism in the next five years, the goal will be accomplished.

The first day of the JUC Annual Council, November 20, was exactly 120 years and one day since the first Adventist missionary came to Japan. As we begin the 121st year of mission work in Japan, these two major evangelistic plans and decisions will mark the first step to a new beginning of mission work in Japan. In order to hasten the second coming of Jesus Christ, we must move forward in prayer and in complete dependence upon God as we speedily plan and share the everlasting gospel to the 120 million Japanese residents and 2.2 million foreign residents that live in Japan.

MINISTERIAL and CHAPLAINCY Advisories Set High Goals



Ron Clouzet NSD Ministerial Secretary



The NSD Ministerial, Shepherdess, and Chaplaincy Advisories were held in Ilsan, Seoul, from October 25 to 30, 2016. The advisories attracted more than 30 leaders from across the division, several of whom were also presidents, or presidents' wives, of their conference or mission.

In an unprecedented move, six different General Conference (GC) leaders came to provide guidance and leadership to the advisories: Elder Jerry Page, GC ministerial secretary and world leader of Revival & Reformation initiatives for the church; Janet Page, associate ministerial secretary and the GC leader for Shepherdess International; Dr. Jonas Arrais, associate ministerial secretary and a specialist in member empowerment and training; Elder Robert Costa, associate ministerial secretary and a specialist in cross-cultural evangelism; Elder Anthony Kent, associate ministerial secretary and

Delegates of the NSD Ministerial Advisory

an expert in pastoral internship and continuing education for pastors, and Dr. Mario Ceballos, director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries. Drs. Ron and Lisa Clouzet, NSD ministerial secretary and associate, organized the advisories and also gave presentations.

The advisories began with optional prayer at 6:30 every morning. In addition, there was an entire hour

during mid-morning to pray for specific fields in the division and ministry challenges. This hour was often moving to those present. For Friday vespers, the film War Room was screened, and many were touched by the goodness of God to be so willing to answer prayer if we only ask. Dr. Clouzet shared an ambitious initiative called Praver-Walking People to Jesus, where hundreds of teams would prayerwalk the largest cities in the NSD each day, asking God to break the strongholds of Satan (see separate article). On Sabbath afternoon, about eight teams of prayer-walkers tested the concept in and around Ilsan, to the great blessing of those participating. One afternoon, the ministerial leaders went on a field trip to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between South and North Korea. After assessing the great challenge for the Gospel to penetrate such a closed, communist country as North Korea, they paused in a circle and, holding hands, prayed earnestly for God to open the doors for the Three Angels' Message to flood North Korea.

A number of participants shared how different these sets of meetings were during the week. The inspiration and the spiritual tone reached a number of hearts, leading many to make strong commitments to the Lord and to the promotion of prayer among their pastors and churches.



Delegates of the NSD Chaplaincy Advisory

Delegates of the NSD Women's Ministries Department Advisory

Each morning, a different field in the NSD shared what God had been doing there and some of the challenges they faced. There were presentations about leadership priorities, revival in the churches, evangelism and church growth, pastoral internships, continuing education, ministry resources, elders and deacons empowerment, praver ministries, evangelistic preaching, and pastoral families, among others. The Shepherdess leaders of each field also met separately most of one day, to discuss and make decisions on particular issues affecting pastoral spouses and families. One full day was also dedicated to help healthcare chaplains with issues, such as Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) training, regular gatherings for health-care chaplains, and bringing policies up to date.

A number of decisions were made as recommendations to administration: a more focused emphasis among pastors toward revival and reformation, the specific training of local elders, a pilot implementation of the Prayer-Walking People to Jesus initiative, contingency plans for immediate gospel advancement in an eventual regime fall in North Korea, policy compliance regarding chaplaincy issues, CPE orientation for all healthcare chaplains, and the establishment of CPE training centers in the Division. Each leader who attended received a quality computer bag filled with resources, including a book on ministry, another on the Holy Spirit, and another on prayer. In addition, they received a binder with all the presentations and a pin drive with those presentations plus a number of other resources.

The ministerial, Shepherdess, and chaplaincy leaders are committed to making Mission First their priority, fueled by a deep commitment to a spiritual walk, and will do their best to inspire and train others so the dream of reaching one million members by 2020 becomes a reality.

With God, all things are possible!



THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT ADVISORY

The Women's Ministries Department Advisory was held November 8 to 10, 2016, at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) headquarters. Directors and leaders met from around the division to prayerfully strategize for the next five years. Raquel Arrais, associate director for the General Conference (GC) women's ministries department, was the featured guest presenter. Mrs. Arrais gave a powerful devotional stressing that Jesus is a woman's best friend, ready to help her in her need if she will trust in Him. She also gave presentations on effective leadership, strategic planning, and available resources.

During the three-day advisory, women's ministries leaders focused on "Touch a Heart, Reach My World" and "Women United in Ministry," the themes for this quinquennium. Reports which covered challenges and plans for their territories were given by each union/mission leader. Special sessions were devoted to prayer, brainstorming, and planning.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, welcomed the directors and encouraged them to lead out in the spirit of mission and Total Member Involvement. A special presentation was also given by Byun SeongJun, associate director of communication, to instruct and inspire excellence in writing and documenting important events.

A highlight of the advisory was attending the one-year anniversary celebration of the Seoul Northern Sunflower Center, an abuse treatment center at Sahmyook Hospital. Following the ceremony, the leaders were given a private tour of the facility. An added feature was visiting Sahmyook University's prayer garden for a special recommitment and prayer. The outing concluded with a stopover at Seoul's annual Lantern Festival.

The women's ministries department has set goals for the work to be done in the next quinquennium. The emphases are divided into three areas: Nurture (Reach Up with God), Empower (Reach In with God), and Outreach

(Reach Out with God). Believing that "we have different gifts, according the grace given us..." (Romans 12:6, NIV), women's ministries will seek to nurture, empower, and reach out to ensure that all women are involved in Christ's mission and service. There is a ministry for every woman! Lisa Clouzet



NSD Women's Ministries Director

NSD Leadership Training Center Chapel Holds Completion Service

A fter the completion of the chapel, the Leadership Training Center of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) had a dedication service on the Sabbath of October 29, 2016. This training center was established to train and educate leaders from the different countries in the NSD.

In July 2012, NSD purchased land to construct the Leadership Training Center, and after the groundbreaking ceremony on September 1, 2013, construction began on September 24, 2013. The first phase of construction included two three-story dormitory buildings, an employee house, a lecture room and a cafeteria. The second phase of construction included two employee houses and a chapel, which can accommodate about 250 people and has nine prayer rooms on the second floor.

On the day of the completion service, Jairyong Lee, NSD president; Hwang ChunKwang, president of Korean Union Conference; Park KwangSoo, president of Jeju Mission Associate; and many church members came to celebrate the completion.

Pastor Hong KwangEui, director of the NSD Leadership Training Center, gave a welcoming speech. "I give thanks, praise, and glory to our God. Also, I thank the many people who helped in setting up this training center."

Pastor Jairyong Lee stated, "This place will be a place of prayer for many people. This place will be a holy place for many people to meet God and feel the presence of God."

Pastor Hwang ChunKwang remarked, "I hope that God will make this training center a modern version of the 'Upper Room of Mark's Attic' to be filled with the Holy Spirit. May this center become a place where people come and spread the gospel message until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

During the chapel completion worship service, a plaque of appreciation was awarded to Cho YongKi, who constructed the training



center, and Pastor Kim GeunSoo, who supervised the construction. The NSD Leadership Training Center was built through the prayers of many people. Deaconess Hahm



- 1. The church leaders in Korea were invited to a dedication service for the NSD Leadership Training Center chapel.
- 2. NSD president Jairyong Lee speaks at the service. 3. Pastor Hong KwangEui, director of the NSD Leadership
- Training Center, gave a welcoming speech.



JongSook, who came to the worship service from Jindo Church, has a first-level disability. Seated in a wheelchair, she gave a touching testimony. She said that as a result of her earnest prayer, she donated her cancer insurance payment, her small house on an island, and about 17,000 USD to build a prayer room for the training center.

The NSD Leadership Training Center was established to train leaders from the NSD territory. The center offers a six-week spiritual training program, which includes lectures on the Cross, the Holy Spirit, Sabbath, Righteousness by Faith, the Sanctuary, Three Angels' Messages, prayer training, meditation, fasting, the Cross experience, silence, and physical labor. The center also offers a one-week short-term spiritual training program.

Bible Study Graduates Organize Church in Hong Kong

By Richard Sabuin – NSD SS/PM Director

S eventy-six students graduated from the Voice of Prophecy (VOP) Bible Study program, organized and coordinated by the Filipino-International Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Tai Po, Hong Kong, on October 10, 2016. Most of them are overseas workers from the Philippines, working in Hong Kong.

On Sabbath, October 15, they were reintroduced to the church. Pastor Richard Sabuin, the Sabbath school and personal ministries (SS/PM) director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, delivered a message of encouragement for them to continue seeking the truth. "We are the last remnant, entrusted with the last message to proclaim to all nations before the second coming of Jesus," Pastor Sabuin emphasized to the graduates.

This international church has been an exemplary church in enrolling Bible students through the VOP lessons. The church pastor, Arthur Brondo, has trained all his church members to be able to enroll and guide students in their Bible study. The church, whose members are mostly women and with no fewer than 100 members, has been active in evangelism. The members faithfully guide Bible students to complete the 26 VOP lessons that are available in both English and Chinese. The enthusiastic members of this vibrant and lively church have produced 10 souls from these Bible students. In fact, about one-third of the church members have become Adventists through the VOP Bible Correspondence School.

During the reintroduction program, the church laid out their plan for 2017, including enrollment of new Bible students, reunion of all VOP graduates since 1990, mass graduation, and baptism. That afternoon, all members wore a Bible student uniform, indicating their unity in mission.



Pastor Sabuin and the members of the Filipino-International Church

HIS NAME, MY STORY! ASI Hong Kong-Macau Chapter



Adventist Laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) Hong Kong-Macau Chapter had a beautiful evening gathering on May 27, 2016, at the Bible Auditorium in Kowloon, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, for its members and other Adventist believers. The night was filled with musical performances, singing and personal testimonies.

Three successful Adventist entrepreneurs, Dr. Dan Cheung, Mr. K. G. Tan and Ms. Jojo Yam shared their personal stories of walking with Jesus. Dr. Cheung, an actuary and a mathematician who designed a popular software for the insurance industry, built his own insurance business, which became one of the leading companies in Minnesota, United States. Later, guided by prayers and faith, he found, fell in love with and married a Christian woman whom he had met only once before and subsequently lost contact with.

Eighty-three-year-old Mr. Tan told his story of running a business for 44 years. As Job in the Bible, he experienced a series of unfortunate events that could have led to his bankruptcy, but miraculously, God led him one step at a time to recovery. The secret of business success, according to Tan, is to put God first in every aspect of one's life.

Ms. Yam. a former Taiwanese Buddhist born of a Christian father and a Buddhist mother, was diagnosed with leukemia in her thirties. She was told that her life would last for another six months. Being a vegetarian and doing good deeds hadn't brought peace and joy to her heart. In 1996, her father persuaded her to attend a health seminar hosted by the Taiwan Adventist Hospital. Later, on his death bed, her father challenged her to join a Christian church if a member of that church voluntarily offered her a Bible. Ms. Yam agreed.

Later when she was working in Hong Kong, a tour guide from Indonesia whom she had never met before gave her a Bible! Yam followed her to visit the Adventist church, and she met Jesus. Upon returning to Taiwan, she began to work in the medical field to comfort patients who need to know Jesus and His saving grace.

To see photos and videos of this ASI event, please go to <u>https://www.</u> facebook.com/asihkmo.



Hong Kong Adventist College choir sings at the ASI Hong Kong-Macau Chapter gathering.

Dr. Dan Cheung, Hong Kong Adventist College president

Family members eagerly participate in a camp activity.



KUC Campmeeting for Multi-cultural Families

The family ministries department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) held a campmeeting for multi-cultural families from October 2 to 3, 2016, at Madalpy Sahmyook Retreat Center. About 70 people from multi-cultural families participated in the camp with its theme of "Happy Companion." This is the ninth camp for multi-cultural families, and Ahn JaeSoon, director of KUC family ministries and her husband, have devoted themselves to this work since before they were in charge of family ministries.

This year, in addition to multicultural families, some Korean families joined the camp with their multi-cultural friends. The campmeeting included various programs for the participants. At the cooking session, the participants had time to cook traditional Korean dishes together as well as to introduce foods from their international mother countries.

Lectures were presented on the pursuit of a happy family in God. Pastor Jang SahYeol prepared a series of lectures with the following topics: "Wound-healing communication," "Who is your star?," and "When nobody becomes the best." In his lectures, he pointed to God who heals our wounded hearts and comes close to us to support and encourage us.

"Self-esteem is the state of mind when you believe in God as your creator and love and respect yourself as God's creation. We have to recognize our own value which is granted from God and be content with God's blessings. This is key to happiness," said Pastor Jang.

A Korean family, consisting of the parents and three children, came to the camp together. The parents remarked, "From this campmeeting, our family has learned how to accept each other's strengths and weaknesses and be complimentary to build up a happy family."

It is noteworthy that the Korean Adventist church runs programs to strengthen Adventist homes, and this campmeeting was one of those programs. Multi-cultural families received training on how to deal with common difficulties faced by multi-cultural families and how to better understand their spouses. The church also invited experts to hold classes on various subjects, such as how a couple becomes united in God, how to communicate well, how to raise children in God, and Christcentered married life. Due to their efforts, many multi-cultural couples and families have overcome cultural and racial conflicts and rebuilt their homes

The KUC family ministries department will continue working with multi-cultural families and help them develop their Adventist faith. They are planning to study evangelism for multi-cultural families and ultimately train "multicultural" missionaries.

A group photo from the KUC campmeeting for multi-cultural families



The First Mongolian PMM Missionary

hroughout its approximately 25 years of history, Mongolia Mission (MM) has grown successfully by the grace of the Lord. As has also been the case in other parts of the world, we have received many missionaries from different countries who, along with faithful and dedicated local Adventists, have been a blessing for our church and for non-Christians in this land of the "Eternal Blue Sky." But now, the church in Mongolia is about to witness another remarkable event, which is, indeed, a turning point in its relatively short period of gospel work. MM, with the support of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), is sending abroad the first official Mongolian missionary as a Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) pastor!

MM

Pastor Nyamdavaa Dovchinsuren, former MM ministerial secretary and evangelism director, accepted this challenge wholeheartedly. With 16 years of pastoral experience, he and his family are going to serve in Inner Mongolia, China. With this visionary and bold initiative, the church in Mongolia is taking a huge step to spreading the gospel in new and still unreached boundaries, contributing to global mission efforts as well as to "Vision One Million 2020" within the NSD territory.

"In 2005 I went to China on a mission trip, and I met about 27 young people over there, training them for 10 days. One lady gave me a small card, which had this written on it: 'Never forget us. Now remember that you also have "other sheep" (John 10:16).' I read that card during my trip back to Mongolia, and I cried because it deeply touched my heart. I prayed to God at that time: 'If you call me some day, I will accept your call to be a missionary in that region.' Since 2005, I have visited Inner Mongolia many times, and eventually, in 2016 my heart felt such a big burden, I couldn't even sleep at night because of the sense of God's call. Now, I'm ready to go to China along with my family in order to serve the people of Inner Mongolia. Once a missionary, always a



Pastor Nyamdavaa Dovchinsuren and his wife

missionary. This is my life purpose!" concluded Pastor Nyamdavaa.

Pastor Kim YoHan, MM president, made some remarks about this historical moment: "I'm so moved by Pastor Nyamdavaa's decision. I've prayed a lot for him and his family so that God may stand by him during this new missionary challenge in Inner Mongolia. I'm sure that our Lord will help him fulfill His mission and will."

Let us unite in our prayers for them!

Yure Gramacho MM Communication Director



Night of Pathfinder Leadership



The East and West Central Korean Union Conference youth ministries departments held a "Night of Pathfinder Leadership" on November 12, 2016, at Saehim Art Hall, and on November 26 at CheonSeong Church, to review and evaluate the Pathfinder ministries implemented by each conference in the year 2016.

The East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) youth department presented the 4th "Night of Pathfinder Leadership." The department invited Park KwangSoo, ECKC president; Kim NakHyung, youth director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD); Lee KeeHo, youth director of the Korean Union Conference; and many other Pathfinder leaders. Several Pathfinder leaders were awarded medals and pins for their outstanding work for their Pathfinder clubs. ECKC presented an appreciation plaque to Elder Lee HanYong from Goseong Bonhyang Church who has played an important supportive role for ECKC Pathfinder ministries. At the event, attendees were provided with plans for Pathfinder and youth ministries for the next year. Moreover, there were ceremonies for those who had completed the 10th Master Guide Training or Teen Leadership Training levels 1 and 2.

The West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) youth department marked its 5th "Night of Pathfinder Leadership." WCKC president Lee SeungDong and NSD vouth director Kim NakHyung were invited to the celebration. In the evening. Pathfinder leaders who had finished the 12th Leadership Program or the 3rd Teen Leadership Training received a certificate. Also, outstanding performers of Teen Leadership Training, clubs, and leaders were given medals. Kim SeongKwan was especially honored with an achievement award for his dedication

Kim NakHyung

NSD Youth Director

to Pathfinder ministries.







Sahmyook University Celebrates 110th Anniversary

On October 10, 2016, Sahmyook University, the Adventist university in Korea, had a celebration for its 110th anniversary and to offer gratitude to God. At the celebration, attendees traced the establishment of Sahmyook University from "Euimyong School" in Soonan, South Pyeongan Province, in 1906 and saw how God has thus far led the institution. In his commemorative speech, Dr. Kim Sunglk, president of Sahmyook University, showed his strong belief in the university's motto, "The education that changes people, the university that changes the world," and assured that the university will keep trying to fulfill its goal to educate students with mission, vision, and passion.

Pastor Kim IlMock, dean of chaplaincy, gave a sermon titled "Remember the past, celebrate the present, and dream of the future." Citing Deuteronomy chapter 32, he said "The best way to deal with the future is to remember how God led His people in the past. Let us focus not only on what we have now, but be grateful for the blessings He's given us up until now."

Other special events were also held in celebration of the 110th anniversary. On October 9, there was a Homecoming day event and an inaugural ceremony for Union of Sahmyook Family Companies. From October 9 to 11, the opera *Chunhyangjeon*, which is based on a famous Korean classic, was presented at the main auditorium of Sahmyook University. In addition, a photo exhibition on the "Changes of Sahmyook Village," an antismoking promotional activity, a tennis tournament and other projects were held throughout the months of October and November.



IFL Seminar: Reaching, Reclaiming, Retaining Through Education



Education is one way of reaching out to students of other faith, as well as reclaiming and retaining Adventist students to be faithful to the Lord. For this purpose, our Adventist educational institutions should intentionally integrate faith and learning in the classrooms and in the lives of the educators.

Sahmyook University and Sahmyook Health University hosted a seminar on Integration of Faith and Learning. This seminar, which was held on the campus of Sahmyook University from November 18 to 19, 2016, was attended by all the faculty members of these two universities. Dr. John Wesley Taylor V, associate director of the education department of the General Conference, highlighted the biblical foundation for the integration of faith and learning, presented Jesus as the Master Teacher and the Integrator of faith and learning, and shared some biblical examples on integration. Dr. Richard Sabuin, director of the education department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, presented the identity of Adventist education institutions.

On Sabbath morning, Korean Union Conference (KUC) president Hwang ChunKwang emphasized that when all teachers are in Christ, they are a new creation, and integration of faith and learning will be their passion.



Presenters of IFL seminars with the administrators of Sahmyook University and Sahmyook Health University

Pastor Kang SeokWoo, KUC education director, is planning to organize the same seminar for elementary and high school teachers. Indeed, the Christian church began with Jesus, the Master Teacher, who spent three and a half years with His twelve disciples. Implementing what Jesus did, Adventist schools will contribute significantly to the growth of the church. Congratulations, Sahmyook University, Sahmyook Health University, and KUC, for taking the initiative.

The Health Ministries Department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held a special health lecture with Qingdao Women Association (QWA), which is a legal association of Qingdao City. The group has been doing various health activities together with the government. QWA invited Dr. Choi YoungII, NSD health ministries director, to lead the seminar from November 24 to 25, 2016.

Dr. Choi covered various subjects, such as health principles, body metabolism, and simple physiology. About 50 persons attended this meeting each day and were strongly inspired by the health message. The attendees paid a fee, and the association provided lunch prepared for a vegetarian diet. Most of the attendees were not Adventists, but they seemed to want to learn about Adventist health principles even more than Adventists. After the lecture, the attendees had a question and answer time on health issues with Dr. Choi.

Through this seminar, the NSD and the QWA found that many people in China are extremely interested in health and want to attend health programs. The Church has faced many challenges and limitations for ministry in China, but it has become clear that health can serve as a very powerful mission instrument in China. The QWA is going to have this kind of program more often, and the NSD

Health Department will continue to support them. Through this meeting, the NSD was able to establish a closer relationship with QWA officers and are now thinking about the next step with QWA.



Choi Youngll NSD Health Ministries Director

Juc Health Seminar at **Okinawa** International Church

By Choi YoungIl - NSD Health Ministries Director

Okinawa, Japan, is one of the most beautiful islands in the world. On the island is an international Adventist church, and most of the church members work at the United States Marine Corps in Okinawa. The members of the church are from more than 10 different countries.

The Okinawa International Church held a special health seminar from October 7 to 8, 2016, with Dr. Choi YoungII, director of the health department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, as the speaker. He talked about a co-relationship between biblical health principles and modern medicine. His lecture showed that Adventist health principles actually lead the modern health trend.



He also emphasized that living a healthy lifestyle is not complicated but easy to follow. The attendees received assurance that the Bible is the most valuable book for both physical and mental health.

After the lecture, there was a question and answer time with Dr. Choi. The attendees obtained practical knowledge on health through the questions and discussion. The church drew up a plan to hold health seminars and programs on a regular basis as a channel for mission.

KUC Holds Program for Sexual and Domestic Violence Counselors



The Hope Domestic Violence Counseling Center, which is under the Family Ministries Department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC), held a two-day training program for counselors on sexual violence from August 31 to September 1, 2016.

Four experts from Ire Counseling Education Institution gave lectures on various topics related to sexual violence, including guidelines for countermeasures against sexual assault, prevention of sexual assault and harassment, sexual violence laws, characteristics of sexual violence perpetrators and prevention of repeat offenders, and counseling sexual violence victims.

Prior to this training program, KUC offered a course for counselors on domestic violence, which was held every

Thursday from June 2 to July 28, 2016, and 45 students completed the course. The course included a variety of classes, such as "Gender equality, women's rights, and violence," "Family therapy," "Child abuse," "Mechanism of violence and its relationship with alcohol," "Counseling techniques," "Marital problems," and "Psychological inspection."

In addition to listening to the lectures, the students also had the opportunity to discuss specific cases and to practice counseling. People from diverse backgrounds, including local church pastors and pastors' wives and workers of women/family ministries, participated in the course. Those who completed the course have been given an opportunity to gain experience in counseling at the Hope Domestic Violence Counseling Center. They will also receive refresher courses once a month.

KUC offered the course in order to actively cope with the changing society in terms of awareness of gender inequality and violence issues as well as with increasing incidents of sexual violence. "Nowadays, regardless of gender and age, people are exposed to various kinds of violence. The increasing number of violence victims proves this. We should strive to prevent violence, and when it happens, we should help the victim and share with them the love of Jesus Christ," said Kim JangSook, manager of the Hope Domestic Violence Counseling Center.

JUC's Total Member Involvement (TMI) Handbook

By Kim AhYoung - JUC Office Assistant of Youth Ministries

Japan Union Conference has joined the General Conference in pursuing the vision of Total Membership Involvement (TMI). We wanted not just part of the membership, but every member in Japan to be involved in evangelism. In order to help every member in Japan to be involved in evangelism, we decided to create this simple handbook. This TMI handbook was designed in a way to encourage each and every church member to participate in evangelism. This handbook will give them confidence and courage to do evangelism.

How to Use the Handbook

We designed this handbook in a way that our church members do not have to read the whole thing at once to understand the handbook. In the section "100 Ways to Make Connections," there is a checklist to keep track of evangelism activities. Furthermore, there is a section called "Ways Not Included in the 100 Ways to Make Connections" where church members can write down their original ideas to connect with people. We hope that they will use this handbook not just once or twice, but habitually and continuously.

In addition to promoting the TMI concept, we also decided to create a section to emphasize and promote the importance of 234 prayers and 777 prayers. In the prayer section, we explain what each of the 234 and 777 prayers mean. There is also a section where church members can keep track of their "Intercessory Prayer List" to help remember the names of the people they are praying for.

In the middle of the handbook, there is a page of Bible verses that can be neatly torn off and the Bible verses given as gifts to somebody in need. There is also a section in the back with a list of websites and Bible study resources that we recommend. Lastly, there is a section where church members can record evangelism testimonies and experiences.

In this 28-paged TMI Handbook, 19 of the pages are for church members to record and write down lists and ideas. Through this handbook, we pray that many church members will decide to be involved with evangelism in Japan.



Staff members of JUC evangelism department who edited the TMI handbook

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Pastor Victor Kozakov, ministerial secretary of Euro-Asia Division (ESD), and I met at the World Field School of Evangelism in 2013, which was sponsored by the Ministerial Association of the General Conference. At that time, Pastor Kozakov invited me to speak for a series of evangelistic meetings in Chisinau, Moldova. This plan was finally actualized, and I led an evangelistic series there from November 3 to 13, 2016.

Moldova is a small country with 3.4 million people, located between Ukraine and Romania, landlocked although it is very close to the Black Sea. Protestants make up less than two percent of the population with 94% of the people Orthodox Christians. Once there were more than 10,000 SDA members with two Conferences and a Union Conference, but due to the national economic situation, members have been leaving the country to seek better living. As of now, the two Conferences have merged into one and the churches in Moldova are organized as a union with 9.300 members.

The Moldovan Union asked me to bring a medical team of Korean doctors. I asked Dr. Park U-Hyun, a doctor of Korean medicine and neurosurgeon in Vienna, Austria, to Sabbath morning, Betel Church members responded to the speaker's appeal for recommittment of their fatih to the Lord.

join us, and he brought two medical doctors from his hospital and four physical therapists. These seven members treated 600 patients on the first and second day of the meetings. Many of the patients examined by Dr. Park and his team members attended the evangelistic series. The evangelistic meetings were held at the Palace of Railroad Culture in Chisinau, the capital city of Moldova. I preached sermons on prophecy for nine evenings. The people responded not only by saying amen, but every evening they brought flowers, bread, nuts, and fruits to the speaker to express their gratitude.

Two Sabbath morning meetings were held in two local churches, Betel Church, aka Number One Church, and Ephesus Church, aka Number Four Church, a Romanian-speaking and the largest church in the country. Churches in ESD are named according to the order of their establishment. The churches were very beautiful. Betel Church was like a botanic garden. The main floor and balcony were decorated with various beautiful plants. The members were warm and cheerful. There was no projector to display a visual presentation, so Dr. Park U-Hyun donated media equipment,



including a good quality projector, a screen, two video cameras and a microphone for the church.

During the evangelistic meetings, I was honored to be visited by two friends of mine from ESD. Pastor and Mrs. Pavel Liberanskiy flew from Moscow to Chisinau to encourage me. Pastor Pavel Liberanskiy is currently the publishing ministries director and former stewardship ministries director of the ESD (His mission story "Angel in a KGB Uniform" was introduced in the latest Adventist World.), and his wife Aksenia Liberanskaya is director of family ministries. Pastor Oleg Khalamov, stewardship ministries director of ESD, joined the meetings several evenings and organized a full day stewardship seminar after the evangelistic meetings for the Moldovan pastors.

EVANGELISM and NEW CHURCH PLANTING *in Chisinau, MOLDOVA*



The evangelism was extended to the last Saturday evening. There were not enough seats, and many of the attendees sat on the floor. When the last sermon was over. Elder Grubii. president of Moldovan Union of Churches Conference, expressed thanks to the speaker and made an immediate announcement that the union would start a new church with the new members the following Sabbath. He asked me to help find funds for six months' rental for the new congregation. Hearing that more than forty people had come to the first meeting, I made a nine-minute promotional video and posted it on YouTube. The Holy Spirit touched the hearts of viewers, and enough money was given within a week through the hands of those who have Mission First spirit in their hearts. Brothers in second grade and in kindergarten watched the video and gave their savings from their New Year's cash gift. A 70-year-old disabled elder who lives alone and depends on his disability pension donated more than half of his monthly income. Two ex-Adventists also participated in giving to the fund. A retired non-Adventist pastor donated about 850 USD, requesting to remain anonymous.

The new church will be the eighth church in Chisinau. It will grow by the prayer and support of the members of NSD families and the evangelistic enthusiasm of

Moldovan brethren under the grace of the Lord.

> Kwon JohngHaeng NSD Stewardship Ministries Director

Pathfinder Leaders' Congress

By Kim NakHyung – NSD Youth Director

On November 19, 2016, Taiwan Conference (TWC) youth ministries department held a Pathfinder Leaders' Congress for the first time in the 64 years of Pathfinder ministries history in Taiwan. They invited former youth directors and lay leaders who had worked devotedly and passionately for the development of Pathfinder ministries.

TWC president Noah Lai expressed gratitude to the previous leaders who had done their best even in a poor environment. TWC youth department had a grand completion ceremony for the new leaders who had finished the Master Guide Course and Advanced Pathfinder Leader Course in the past one or two years.

Pastor Kim NakHyung, youth director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, was invited to this event as a special guest. He said to the new leaders, "In this age of confusion, we sometimes do not recognize where to go. I hope you will be leaders who lead the people to the heavenly Jerusalem as Moses led the Israelites across the Red Sea to the promised land of Canaan."

Above: TWC's new leaders complete the Master Guide Course and Advanced Pathfinder Leader Course. Below: A group photo from the Pathfinder Leaders' Congress in Taiwan



MM

Pathfinders and Adventurers in Mongolia Launch a New Season

By Rodrigo Assi (MM Adventurer Director) and Gabriela Assi (Volunteer missionary and Counselor in Tusgal Adventist School)

The Pathfinders and Adventurers in Mongolia Mission (MM) officially began their 2016-2017 season with special events on October 2 and 9, 2016.

On October 2, more than a hundred Pathfinders and leaders from many parts of the country gathered together. Various activities and games awaited the Pathfinders. Through the activities, they learned Pathfinder skills, met and socialized with other young people, and exchanged ideas with one another.

At the Pathfinder gathering, the MM Pathfinder leaders presented the Pathfinder uniform guide, including the colors and emblems. One of the goals for this new season is to standardize MM Pathfinder uniforms and activities. We hope that the Pathfinders will have clearly unified identity and values and will represent them to the world.

A new challenge was launched for the Pathfinders. From this season, each Pathfinder club will be scored based on assigned Pathfinder activities for the next eight months. At the end of the period, the team that scores the highest will receive the award. It is expected that this challenge will motivate club members to develop their skills as well as to grow their faith in God.

On October 9, the first and only Adventurer club in Mongolia launched its new season. The club has 22 members, and some of them are children of Buddhist



At the gathering, Pathfinders enjoyed a variety of activities, such as learning knotting skills.

or Shamanist families. The ultimate goal is to introduce God to these families through Adventurers. To achieve the goal, MM will work on growing the Adventurer club and establishing more Adventurer clubs throughout the country.

Please pray for the Pathfinders and Adventurers in Mongolia, that they will be a great blessing and will produce much fruit.





CHUM

HKMC Raises HKD300,000 on **Flag Day**

The Social Service Department of Hong Kong-Macau Conference (HKMC) mobilized 550 volunteers to go to the streets in Hong Kong on July 20, 2016, for a fundraising campaign. A total of 300,000 Hong Kong dollars (about 38,000 USD) was gathered by these volunteers, among whom the oldest was more than 80 years old.

Flag Day has been a tradition in Hong Kong since the 1950s. Government-recognized charitable organizations may file for permission to solicit donations on the streets from passers-by once a year. If the permission is granted, a date, usually a Wednesday or Saturday, will be designated to the applicant organization to carry on the fundraising activities. The charitable organization mobilizes as many volunteers and supporters as possible to solicit donations from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nowadays the solicitor places a sticker, usually printed with the logo of the charitable organization, onto every donor's shirt. The sticker evolved from a small flag of the past, hence the name Flag Day.

HKMC operates several senior citizen centers and other community services. The funds raised will help to improve the lives of those served by the Adventist members.

Everyone who participated in a Flag Day event received a certificate for volunteerring.



Above: A group of elderly volunteers Below: A person responds to young volunteers' request for donations.

DEPARTMENTAL & REGIONAL NEWS

2016 JAERIM Conference (JAERIM: Joint-Association of Evangelism and Revival in Mission)

JAERIM (Joint-Association of Evangelism and Revival In Mission) held their 2016 JAERIM Conference from August 12 to 15, 2016, at Sahmyook University in Seoul, Korea. JAERIM is a voluntary association of young Adventists who aim for in-depth Bible study, fervent prayer, living a life based on biblical principles, and the preaching of the gospel. This conference, which was their third conference, was based on the theme "One in Christ."

The conference provided attendees with a variety of programs, including worship services, prayer time, mission training and practice, and seminars. The attendees were able to register for the seminars they were interested in before the conference began. There were various seminar topics, including the mission of the Adventist church, music in worship, mission work toward school parents, true education, world mission, the science of forgiveness, school ministry, mission in China, youthto-youth ministry, and literature evangelism. Mission workers from various fields served as seminar speakers.

After each seminar, the attendees had time to share their thoughts and concerns about mission work. During prayer time, they sought the Lord and His guidance. The hearts of the attendees were filled with passion for mission, and they wanted to spread this passion to the local churches. On Sabbath, August 13, the conference attendees were divided into small groups and went out into the streets.



Sebastien J. Braxton, the main speaker at the 2016 JAERIM Conference

Mr. Shim JaeHwa, president of JAERIM, stated, "Not only do I believe in the importance of what JAERIM is doing, but I feel that it is an honor that JAERIM can play a small role in fulfilling the plan of our God Almighty. We want to make small, positive waves through our work, which is based on God's Word. At the same time, we respect other ministries and associations in the Seventhday Adventist Church and will do our job in harmony with them."

At the end of the conference, the attendees said their farewells with plans to meet one another next year with a new theme, more stories and more testimonies.



Sharing Kimchi with Neighbors

Before winter arrives, many Koreans make their soul food, kimchi, to eat all through the cold season. On November 13, 2016, ADRA Korea held the event "Sharing Kimchi with Neighbors" at the front yard of the Children and Youth Vision Center. They gave 600 boxes of kimchi (around two pounds per box) to lessprivileged neighbors.

Dongdaemoon Welfare Center and Dongmun Center for Persons with Disabilities held this kimchi-sharing event together with ADRA, and 90 volunteers from East and West Central Korean Conferences and the local neighborhood gathered to make kimchi. Of the 600 boxes of kimchi, 150 boxes were delivered to houses of people in need and to 15 local soup kitchens for the homeless, the disabled, the aged living alone, and foreign workers.

While sharing the kimchi boxes, the volunteers expressed their happiness that their effort could



Volunteers make kimchi together in the front yard of the Children and Youth Vision Center

help many people get through the winter. One of the volunteers who participated in the event for the first time said, "I can't imagine that so many people have gathered here with the same spirit of sharing. I feel fulfilled when I see our neighbors returning to their homes with kimchi. I hope this kind of event continues."

KUC

SHUC Holds a Class for Improving **Disability Awareness**



On September 20, 2016, Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) held a one-day class to improve disability awareness. All students and college staff, including the SHUC president, attended the class in order to learn how to remove prejudice against disability, how to avoid disability discrimination, and how to expand social participation of people with disabilities. The two speakers were from Dongdaemun Welfare Center for Disability. They shared basic information about disabilities, such as the definition of disability, laws and institutions related to human rights for the disabled, and appropriate ways to treat those with disabilities. They also talked about some social issues regarding disabilities and the need to improve disability awareness.

Mr. Jeong MinKwon, one of the speakers, is a social welfare worker and has a disability. "In many cases disability is acquired, not congenital," he stated. "Everyone has the possibility of developing disabilities due to the many hidden dangers around us." He emphasized that the disabled are not a distinctive group of people.

Mr. Lee HyeChan, the other speaker, showed a pictogram of a disabled person and said that without the wheel, he or she is just a person sitting down. He entreated attendees to keep themselves from any bias or prejudice against people with disabilities.

SHUC is the first university in Korea that offers a class for disability awareness. They plan to continue to work toward improving disability awareness.

THE STORY OF PM PIZZA

By Jeong JiHoon-PMM Pastor in Qingdao, China



As I lead my life in the mission field, I feel humbled to be called a missionary. However, I thank God for leading me and guiding me.

Ten years ago, I served a church here in Qingdao for a year as a selfsupporting voluntary missionary. At that time I learned much from missionaries working in China. I also learned about the problems of missionary work in China. The biggest problem I saw was that if the missionaries who had initiated a church moved away, the church no longer grew and eventually closed. This was because the missionaries brought funds to rent church buildings and to pay a stipend to workers. When the flow of the fund was cut off, everything stopped.

I thought, if the members of the church have a firm foundation in their beliefs and work together to operate the church, the members will not leave the church even after the missionaries leave and the church will then be able to survive and grow. It is also important for the young members of the church to find jobs and make a living. With the offerings from their income, the church can stand firm and lav leaders can be supported. This is the reason I started a vocational training center when I came to Qingdao as a Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionary.

As I settled in the city and studied the Chinese language, I found a place for a pizza restaurant as a vocational training center and a church. I decided to use half of the building as the training center and the other half as a church. To reduce the cost, my wife and I together with local Chinese workers and Korean students did the interior work from morning to evening for two months. It was hard work, but we were encouraged, seeing the building gradually gaining the appearance of the center and the church through our efforts.

On the day of the church building dedication, after the first thrilling Sabbath worship, we all went to the cafeteria to have lunch. My oldest daughter came running, shouting that a fire had broken out at the church. When we got to the church, the fire had spread. I could only take my family and the people outside. The fire burned everything in an instant. My legs felt weak as I watched the unbelievable scene of the fire swallowing the center and church, but thanked God that all the people were safe and there was no loss of lives.

The problems continued. The owner of the building demanded compensation of 10 times more than the actual damage using the weak point that I was a foreigner. Even the Chinese neighbors were astonished



After the fire, the first PM Pizza restaurant opened in a new place.

at his unreasonable demand. I begged and pleaded with him, but he refused to change his mind. The fire had actually started from the place which the owner used, but he bribed the inspectors of the fire station to report that we had been the cause of the fire. I asked the Korean Embassy for help, and even though they offered assistance, this matter was beyond their capacity. I felt resentment toward my mission field, and I questioned why I had to work for this kind of place. I became sick of this land, and I could not see any hope for these people. I lost the will to work, and I became negative.

However, God had compassion on me and comforted and encouraged me through Chinese young people and church members. Wasn't Jesus crucified by His own people? Historically, weren't many missionaries persecuted by the local people? God planted understanding and love in my heart. After about two months, the problem which was considered unsolvable was solved dramatically as half of the amount was demanded.

I had to try to find a place to go again. I prayed I would not go forward with my plans ahead of the way God had prepared for me. I had to learn to wait until God showed me the way. During the two months of waiting, several events made me impatient, but I didn't want to go ahead of God's plan.

Then one day, a Korean who operated a pizza restaurant at the opposite side of the building where Pastor Jeong JiHoon baptizes a young member of the PM Pizza church.



the fire had taken place requested to meet me. He was a successful pizza restaurant businessman in China, and he had been baptized as an Adventist in Korea. He had attended church for two years in Korea but had left the church since starting the pizza restaurant business in China. I told him the reason I had come to China as a missionary and the plan of a vocational training center through the pizza restaurant and about the fire accident.

After listening to my story, he asked me to go somewhere with him. He took me to a place where he was planning to open a new pizza restaurant. He said that I could use the place and that he would help me with education and technical support and management for my vocational training center plan for free. He knew that I was a minister and not a businessman, and he took care of everything necessary to open the center. After a month, we were able to open "PM Pizza" in the new place with help from people God had



prepared. We had thanksgiving worship with Pastor Jairyong Lee, Pastor Kim Siyoung, and Pastor Kim Sunman from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and other PMM pastors in China.

PM Pizza is a restaurant during the week, but on Sabbath it becomes a church. Now eight PM Pizza restaurants are operating by the grace of God, and my young people are working hard there. They sometimes shed tears and feel stressed, but they are still young and they do their best, feeling a sense of worth from their jobs. We planted three churches with the tithe and offerings offered by PM Pizza workers. They also pay for the church rental. Every Sabbath afternoon, the workers and I invite children and their parents in our community and successfully conduct free pizza classes. Through this activity we communicate with our neighbors and spread the seeds of the gospel.

The Chinese young people working at PM Pizza are learning how to be self-supporting despite the severe unemployment problem in China, and they are also cultivating the selfsupporting ability to plant and manage churches. Because they have dedicated themselves to the church with their prayers and offerings, they will remain as pillars of the church as many years pass. When churches grow by their own efforts, the missionary's return will no longer be a big problem.

As PM Pizza workers, we remind ourselves that we are not just selling pizza but sharing the gospel. We have experienced that when one door closes, God opens another door. The first and most important thing is to eagerly await how God will guide us today.



GOLDEN ANGEL TAIWAN MISSIO

From November 13 to December 3, 2016, we, the Golden Angels 13th batch, went on a mission trip to Taiwan. We helped out with crusade meetings for three weeks, starting from Taitung Church and continuing on to churches in Yilan and Douliu.

With the blessing of great weather in Taitung, we visited houses and distributed brochures to people on the streets to invite them to the meetings. Many of them greeted us kindly. One woman who was working in a bakery gave us some bread to encourage us. We also visited the homes of several church members who suffer from illness in order to deliver comfort from our heavenly God. In the evenings, church members and Bible seekers were able to enjoy the sermons and health talks.

We continued our ministry in Yilan Church, this time with a missionary team from Western Central Korean Conference. We were able to get in contact with many Bible seekers through various booth activities, health seminars, foot massage, oriental cure, acupuncture, aroma oil cure, DIY, and Korean language classes. "It was truly a great week for us," the church visitors said, and they were appreciative of the love of the missionaries. Through the grace of God and the missionaries' dedicated work, a man who had visited the church for the first time and one woman who had attended church but had not yet made the decision for baptism were baptized

Condels

Left: Golden Angels held joint concerts with college music bands at two universities in Douliu. Below: Taitung Church had a baptismal ceremony on the last day of the evangelistic series.

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that Sabbath. They stated that they had experienced the love of Jesus Christ through the mission teams. In Douliu Church, the third phase

of our mission trip, we saw great

hope because more than half of the visitors were young people. The Golden Angels went out to a train station and to universities near the church to distribute brochures

Golden Angels with a missionary team from Western Central Korean Conference in Yilan



and invite people to the church. We also held joint concerts with college music bands at two universities. Through the concerts, about 200 students listened to the heavenly music and were invited to the church. We also mingled with 130 college students in the Korean language classes and brought them to the crusade meeting to hear the gospel.

This was the last mission trip for the Golden Angels 13th batch. As it was our last opportunity, we tried to do our best in ministry. We sincerely hope that the seeds of God's word and love which we spread will reach many people in Taiwan. Please pray with us that the love of Jesus Christ will overflow in this beautiful country.

48th batch of 1000MM missionaries at the commissioning ceremony



1000MM 48TH BATCH COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

A fter five weeks of English and urban training and seven weeks of missionary training, the time had come for the 70 missionary trainees of the 48th batch to be commissioned and sent out to their mission fields. On Friday evening of September 16, 2016, the missionary volunteers, who were from nine different countries, were dedicated as they pledged their allegiance to serve the Lord for 10 months as a light in their mission field. To symbolize this light, the trainees held candles as they sang the commissioning ceremony theme song "The Mission," proclaiming that "the heartbeat of our mission" is "to love the Lord our God" and that our mission stays the same, not only to missionaries but to everyone, that we need to "proclaim and live the truth in Jesus' name."

The Sabbath of September 17 was special as many people attended the joyous occasion. The speaker for divine worship was Pastor Von John Sanchez, youth director of Central Philippine Union Conference. The afternoon inspiration and encouragement for the newly trained missionaries was given by Pastor Bryan Sumendap, vice president of Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies.

As per tradition, the pairing of the missionaries and the mission assignments were announced during the afternoon program. Thirteen missionaries were assigned in Luzon under the Northern Philippine Union Conference, 19 missionaries for Visayas under Central Philippine Union Conference, 18 missionaries in Mindanao under Southern Philippine Union Conference and one remained as a campus missionary. Two missionaries were assigned to Kenya, one to Indonesia, one to Cambodia and one to South Korea. HISM (Here Am I, Send Me) singing missionaries also has a new batch, now called HISM 3, and is composed of six members from the 48th batch. The day ended with a communion and foot washing service at the amphitheater of the campus prayer garden, where the missionaries humbled themselves before their partners and before their God to ready themselves for whatever lies ahead of them in their soon-to-be mission fields. Let us include them in our daily prayers that they will be protected from Satan's snares, young as they are, and that God will use them as mighty instruments to show His love, His grace and His mercy to the people they encounter during their missionary service.



The 48th batch missionaries are dispatched to their mission field and will deliver the love of God and His words there.

STEADFAST UNTO THE END

S enior missionaries of the 44th batch came home October 20, 2016, after a year of mission service as teachers in South Korea. A homecoming ceremony was held at the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) campus on Sabbath, October 22, which was attended by 14 of these beloved missionaries. The missionaries reminisced about the experiences they had while training on the campus in 2014 and during their homecoming last year.

Sabbath worship was handled by the senior missionaries from morning until late afternoon. It was filled with their testimonies and experiences of being a bright light in a foreign mission land, how the Holy Spirit had guided them to precious souls who later on accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and all in all to show in awe how mighty and loving our God is.

Timothy Omwega, the only senior missionary from Kenya of the group, gave a powerful message on one of the most powerful miracles found in the Old Testament, the crossing of the Red Sea. He compared the weakness of the Israelites and of God's people now. He also compared the strengths of Moses then and of Jesus Christ now.

A special message was also given by former 1000MM secretary, Ephravil Fadollone, on Paul's steadfastness as a missionary. The current secretary to the director, Chelou Completado, led out in the "Oath of Loyalty." Each of the senior missionaries present promised, by the grace and power of God, to continually pray for the success of the 1000MM, believing that the source of power for world evangelism is in earnest prayer. Having experienced the unsurpassed love of God, they promised to devote their time and talents for His service and glory and to gladly support the missionaries and their activities within their capacities as senior missionaries. Joyfully, they proclaimed that having been a missionary, they will always be a missionary!

May God bless all our dear senior missionaries in their future endeavors. May they always remember the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 and may God be "... with you always, even to the end of the age."



CHURCH IN **UGANDA** BAPTIZES 100 PEOPLE!

By Ham YoungShik-PMM Pastor in Marinde, Uganda

A n evangelistic series was held from May 15 to June 4, 2016, at the Marinde district in Uganda. God blessed the event abundantly. The Three Angels' Messages had never entered this area before, but in the three weeks of evangelism many people came to learn about the endless grace of Jesus' salvation. This led many people to baptism.

In the third week of the series, a medical mission team from the Collegedale Korean Adventist Church in the United States joined us. They helped out with more than 1,700 local patients. They also hosted a Vacation Bible School to more than 600 children. As a result, about 100 souls committed their lives to Jesus in baptism. The Collegedale Church purchased some land, and now the local church members are making bricks to build the church building. We felt the presence of God through this experience. Even though we had some challenges, God never failed us.

A missionary was sent here sponsored by the Collegedale Church. The missionary had to ride a bicycle as a mode of transportation, but the roads are rough and it is very difficult to travel. The mission team donated a motorcycle for this missionary.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will be poured upon the work here in Uganda as people are led to Jesus.



1. More than 600 children participated in a Vacation Bible School during the evangelistic series at the Marinde district in Uganda.

 A medical mission team treated more than 1,700 local patients.
A couple from the Collegedale Church donated a motorcycle to a missionary in Marinde.

 Through this evangelistic series, many people in Marinde had the blessing of God's word for the first time.







THE 15TH PMM DEDICATION SERVICE

The 15th Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) dedication service was held on November 5, 2016, at the SDA English Institute Church in Korea, during the Annual Council of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). Five pastors and their families have volunteered to serve for six years in frontier missions for the purpose of church planting and saving souls.

Pastor Abner De Los Santos, vice president of the General Conference, encouraged the PMM pastors with a powerful message through his preaching. He said to the pastors, "You are not here by chance. Because God has chosen you to show His will, you will be His witnesses to all people of what you have seen and heard."

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, commended them for their sacrificial missionary spirit as he presented the plaque of missionary appointment. These pastors have been assigned to three different countries: Park JinSu – Taiwan; Choi JungSik – Taiwan; Kim JongChul – Mongolia; Suh HwangKyo – Mongolia; Nyamdavaa Dovchinsuren – China.

There have been 110 missionary families sent out since the first five PMM missionary families were dispatched to foreign mission fields in 2003. As of October 2016, 50 families are currently serving in 16 different countries.



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GLOBAL YOUTH DAY March 18th, 2017



