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The Mongolia Mission Youth Training Center held their opening ceremony on March 22, 2017, with guests from the NSD and lay leaders and pastors from Mongolia.

All Japan 2018 Maranatha!

“Not by Might, nor by Power, but by My Spirit”

Japan is one of the most affluent and influential countries in the world. It is densely populated with 126 million people. It is also a very challenging country as far as the gospel mission is concerned. The Christian population of Japan is just less than one percent. The society is highly secular, materialistic, liberal, and postmodern.

The Three Angels' Messages arrived in Japan in 1896 through W. C. Grainger, who was sent to Japan by the General Conference as a pioneer missionary. For the past 120 years, the Lord has blessed His work in the country in many wonderful ways. As of today, there are about 15,000 Seventh-day Adventist Christians in Japan.

In this difficult environment, however, the church has been struggling in spreading the gospel message to multitudes of people in Japan. In the meantime, internally the church has faced aging issues among church members. The majority of church members are advanced in age and there are very few young people in the church. The future of our church in Japan does not look very bright.

However, our gracious God has never forgotten the people in this beautiful country. After several decades of stagnant church growth, the Japanese church is now regaining spiritual vitality. Adventist young people, though not many in number, have begun to actively participate in witnessing for Christ. Pastors have begun to have a greater burden for soul winning than ever before. Many church members have become more enthusiastic about missionary work. The Holy Spirit is apparently working hard in the church. Now the time has come for our churches in Japan to experience a great spiritual revival and evangelistic explosion. Praise the Lord!

All Japan 2018 Maranatha! The Japan Union Conference is planning to hold a two-week public evangelistic meeting in about 150 locations simultaneously all throughout Japan from Hokkaido to Okinawa from May 4 to 19, 2018. Besides all pastors, numerous lay members will serve as speakers. It is an unprecedented evangelistic effort in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Japan. The gospel of Jesus Christ and His soon coming will be loudly proclaimed in many cities, towns, and villages in the highly non-Christian country of Japan. Praise the Lord!

In spreading the gospel to the world,

“God does not choose angels who have never fallen, but human beings, men of like passions with those they seek to save” (AA, 134). By the grace of God, we will pray and work together with united hearts dedicating our time, talents, ability, and passionate enthusiasm to bring as many souls as possible to the Savior of the world through the “All Japan 2018 Maranatha!” evangelistic activities.

The pen of inspiration emphatically states the need of collaboration between church workers and lay members in finishing the gospel work, “The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers” (GW, 352). How can we be successful in evangelism? The answer is Total Member Involvement (TMI). Pastors and lay people, men and women, young and old, everybody will be involved in mission with a “Mission First” spirit.

Above all our human efforts, we desperately need the work of the Holy Spirit because the success of evangelism comes “not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit” (Zechariah 4:6). It is indeed our great privilege to trust in the Lord and depend on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit work in a very powerful way as we pray and work together for the fruitful result of “All Japan 2018 Maranatha!” Jesus said, “Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest” (John 4:35).



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.



Jaiyong Lee, President

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Vision One Million 2020

Mission First in All Activities to Reach the World

News & Views is published bi-monthly by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Its mission is to share the news of mission activities and views of mission of the NSD with the world church so that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will be hastened.



Mongolia Mission's dream of building a Youth Training Center has come true, completed by God's blessings and help from many Adventists, including offerings from the 13th Sabbath.



Opening of Youth Training Center *in* Mongolia

As if reflecting the national median age of 27.9 years, the average age of Mongolian Adventists is in their twenties. There was not a single Adventist in Mongolia until a couple of lay missionaries arrived in 1992. When there were two young women prepared for baptism, Pastor Robert Folkenberg, then president of the General Conference (GC), was so impressed, he flew to Mongolia to baptize them in 1993. Since then, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mongolia has been greatly blessed and currently has more than 2,200 members.

As a church that consists of youth members, the biggest challenge is

training youth members for the future. When Mongolia Mission (MM) was asked what kind of project they were interested in if they were given the 13th Sabbath Offering, they began to dream of building a Youth Training Center with a camp site. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) recommended this project as one of the 13th Sabbath Offering projects in 2012.

While the MM was looking for land for the future Youth Training Center, the GC Adventist Mission Offices and the NSD were busy promoting the project. Church members around the world prayed and gave generous offerings for the

project on the 13th Sabbath of the first quarter of 2012.

The first land the MM contracted for purchase was in the Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, which is approximately 66 kilometers away from the Ulaanbaatar city center. Although it appeared to be the best location from human perspective, God had prepared a better place for His people. The new land they found is only 45 kilometers away, more than 20 kilometers closer to the Mongolian Mission office than the first location that they had prayed for a couple of years. It is located only two kilometers from the highway and the highway in the near future will be developed as the main highway of the country, which will connect Russia and China, crossing Mongolia for transportation, pipeline for gas and oil, and electricity.

As we were looking for the land, God also prepared enough resources. God moved a lay member in Korea, Mrs. Kim HyoSoon, to donate her apartment so that Mongolian Mission could purchase the land. At



MM Youth Training Center will serve various purposes for the church, such as summer camp meeting, missionary training, and other church events.

the right time for construction, the 13th Sabbath Offering was given. Three divisions, the North and South American divisions and the NSD, supported the project financially. Dr. Im BongSoon, music professor of Sahmyook University in Korea, organized a special concert with the Zion Choir to raise funds.

The project started with former MM president Pastor Paul Kotanko, who was from Australia, and his successor Pastor Elbert Kuhn from Brazil, who raised much funds and started construction. Finally Pastor Kim YoHan, current MM president and former director of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), who constructed most of the buildings for the 1000MM campus in the Philippines, finished the construction of the Youth Training Center.

The Youth Training Center has a gym, many seminar rooms, a large dining room which can accommodate 200 individuals, guestrooms, and a two-story building with 32 small personal prayer rooms. Pastor Hong GwangEui, director of the NSD Leadership Training Center, raised the funds to build the annex prayer building.

Pastor Bold Batsukh, the first ordained Mongolian minister and

current MM secretary, prayed for wisdom on how to maximize the use of the offerings from many of our faithful members of the world church. God gave him an idea of using containers for the walls and pillars of the gym and for the annex prayer-room building. The use of 21 forty-foot containers saved a good amount of construction cost.

Eventually the construction was over, and the Mission celebrated the opening ceremony on March 22, 2017. NSD president Jairyong Lee and 140 lay leaders, local pastors, and guests from the division gathered together to celebrate the goodness of the Lord who made the dream of Mongolian Adventists come true.

After the opening ceremony of the Youth Training Center, a five-day lay congress followed immediately. The Youth Training Center will serve the church for camp meeting in the summer, the training of Global Mission Pioneers, and many other training and church events.



Kwon JohngHaeng
Stewardship Ministries Director

- 1 & 2. The Youth Training Center includes guestrooms and a gym.
- 3. The dining room can accommodate 200 individuals.





LAY CONGRESS: THERE'S A “FAITHFUL REMNANT” IN MONGOLIA



Yure Gramacho
MM Communication Director

According to the Book of Isaiah, the “remnant” (Hebrew: רֵאִשִׁית *shear*) is a small group of Israelites who will survive the attack of evil forces. Furthermore, the remnant is promised that they will one day be brought back to the Promised Land by Yahweh (Isaiah 11:11–16). In Romans 11:5 the apostle Paul states that “at the present time there is a *remnant* chosen by grace.” With the theme “The Faithful Remnant,” the Lay Congress 2017 was held at the Youth Training Center in Mongolia Mission (MM) from March 22 to 25, 2017. More than 140 attendees came from all over the country to be trained and to share their experiences, receive spiritual encouragement, and overcome together by faith their local missionary challenges.

The biggest aim of this meeting was to gather leaders (pastors/elders) and church lay members in order to train and empower them to accomplish their ministry wholeheartedly and carry out God’s mission. However, this year’s emphasis, as reflected in the title of the event, was to highlight and celebrate our historical roots in doctrine and mission as well as to rediscover our prophetic identity

as Seventh-day Adventists, “the Remnant Church, the Israel of God” (LaRondelle, 1983). As Dr. George Knight says, we are inevitably engaged in an “ongoing search for identity” (Knight, 2000).

The 13th Fundamental Belief of the Seventh-day Adventist Church states the following: “The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a *remnant* has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent. This proclamation is symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14; it coincides with the work of judgment in heaven and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth. **Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness.** (Rev. 12:17; 14:6–12; 18:1–4; 2 Cor. 5:10; Jude 3, 14; 1 Peter 1:16–19; 2 Peter 3:10–14; Rev. 21:1–14.)” (Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Belief # 13).

All departments of the church were fully represented, presenting relevant seminars/workshops for distinct

groups, eight in total. Despite the variety of spiritual gifts and ministries, each one of us is serving the same Lord. We are only one people with only one purpose and only one mission, namely, to preach the gospel and make disciples according to the great commission in Mathew 28:19-20. That's why MM truly believes we must put "Mission First in All Activities to Reach the World," and this is what we did during this training. The church members and local leaders also had the opportunity to share their practical experiences in the local church and to express their own points of view, based on the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, about relevant theological, ecclesiastical and missiological issues.

"I really love the place, the vegan food; everything was quite well prepared. I was longing to attend every single class because the themes were so interesting and useful for us," said Uka from the Amgalan Church.

Sansartsetseg, a member of Nisekh Church, expressed her impressions about the training: "The Lay Congress was certainly a turning point in my life. Now I know that I need to be faithful to God and His mission no matter what. We are part of the Prophetic Remnant, and God Himself will guide His people to accomplish His will in the last days."

One of the most important moments happened during the "Festival of Faith," where around 140 new church members who were baptized last year at the end of a huge

evangelistic campaign, "Mission 16," gathered together on March 25 on Sabbath, in order to receive inspiration and encouragement to remain faithful. The leaders made a commitment to nurture and empower them to accomplish the mission of the Remnant on this earth. Pastor Richard Sabuin, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SS/PM) director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), conducted this part of the program by preaching and appealing to the audience.

"I'm very grateful for everybody who presented workshops and seminars. We had strong support from MM and NSD leaders. Our keynote speakers, NSD stewardship ministries director Kwon JohngHaeng and lay pastor Wesley McDonald from the North American Division, were also a great blessing for our church leaders, delivering powerful messages every day," said Pastor Nyamsurem, MM SS/PM director.

To sum it up, the MM Lay Congress 2007 aimed to provide both church leaders and new baptized members with an overview of what Seventh-day Adventism "is all about." Please pray for faithful remnants in Mongolia!

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1. Dr. Lisa Clouzet led the seminars on children's, family and women's ministries.
 2. The Descendants, a singing missionary group in MM, filled the hall with their praises.
 3. NSD stewardship ministries director Kwon JohngHaeng spoke at the congress.



Women's Ministries Scholarships Awarded



Lisa Clouzet

NSD Women's Ministries Director

During the Mongolia Mission (MM) Lay Congress, held March 22 to 25, 2017, two young women were awarded educational scholarships from the General Conference (GC) women's ministries department. As part of the Sabbath services, Otgon Bayarzul and Gansukh Otgonbolor were presented the award letters by Lisa Clouzet, Nilde Lust, and Ouyntuya Batsukh, directors from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and MM women's ministries.

Otgon (Zula) Bayarzul is in her third year of university studies. She is majoring in English and hopes to one day influence others for Jesus through the teaching skills and talents the Lord has given her.

Zula grew up in the church and was especially influenced by her grandmother and aunts in how to be a strong and faithful church member. She also credits two of her pastors and a Pathfinder director as mentors and examples of how to walk with Jesus. Zula is active in the Ulaanbaatar Central Church, where she is a worship singing group member and a Pathfinder club counselor. Those who know her will report that Zula is competent, courageous, respectful, responsible, and hardworking, and that she works well with others.

Gansukh (Boloro) Otgonbolor is studying to be a psychologist at Mongolia National University. She has won several first-place scholastic

awards as well as awards for her acting and singing talents. In 2015, she was invited to the Gray House to receive a best student award from the president of Mongolia. Boloro credits her aunt and the Bible as the biggest influences in her life toward following Jesus. She is very active in her church Pathfinder club, where she teaches honor classes. She is also the Sabbath School superintendent at the Bayan Khair Church. Boloro was recommended for the GC women's ministries scholarship because she is responsible, kind, dedicated to God's service, and a hard worker. She also communicates well, seeks to understand others, and enjoys working with people.

The GC women's ministries scholarship program was established to give financial help to women who are committed to serving the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who would otherwise be unable to afford a Christian education. Prior to 2004, all scholarships were funded by profits from the women's ministries' daily devotional books for women. The first devotional book was printed in 1993; since then, more than 23 books have been published.

In 2004, a new program, "Scholarshipping Our Sisters" (SOS), was developed to raise funds that would allow more women to receive help. This program is managed by the GC women's ministries department. Funds for SOS are solicited from businesses, retirees, women's organizations, and other interested



[From left] Gansukh Otgonbolor (WM scholarship recipient), Nilde Itin-Lust (NSD WM associate director), Otgon Bayarzul (WM scholarship recipient), Lisa Clouzet (NSD WM director), and Ouyntuya Batsukh (MM WM director)

groups and individuals. The women's ministries scholarship program has given more than 2,375 scholarships in over 132 countries amounting to more than \$1 million dollars.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, community outreach, and the recipient's determination to improve herself. She must be committed to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and

to serving the Lord in whatever way He directs. Specific amounts of scholarship awards vary from year to year and are dependent on the amount of funds available in each division. Scholarships may only be obtained through one's home division.

For more information, to download an application, or to donate toward the scholarship fund, please visit the GC women's ministries website: adventistwomensministries.org.



Taiwan Pastors Experience Revival

Pastors gathered from all over Taiwan at Taiwan Adventist College for two days of revival meetings, January 10 and 11, 2017. Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial association secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, was the main speaker. He gave six presentations on the Holy Spirit that deeply impacted the many pastors and spouses who were present. Ample time was allowed for the presentations and for prayer and singing. God moved in significant ways. A number of pastors expressed their joy that this ministers' meeting was focused on the needs pastors had for personal spiritual revival.

Elder Noah Lai, Taiwan Conference president, shared his satisfaction at seeing how the Holy Spirit was moving in the pastors' hearts. Others also expressed how the presentations on the Holy Spirit made them stop and think about their ministry and helped them see their need to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ. May the work of God's Spirit continue in the lives of Taiwan's pastors!



Ron Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Secretary

Upholding the “Vision One Million 2020” slogan, the Japan Union Conference (JUC) is aiming to have 5,000 baptisms and a membership of 20,000 people by the year 2020. In order to help accomplish this goal, in May 2018, we will conduct the “All Japan 2018 Maranatha” project with more than 100 simultaneous evangelistic series all over Japan.

In order to achieve this goal, Hope Channel Japan decided to create short video films to share through Social Network Services and YouTube and to connect people to Bible correspondence courses. We called this “Project Hope Japan.”

From March 13 to 31, 2017, for about three weeks, we created more than 100 short evangelistic films as we trained and discovered new talents for media evangelism.

Currently, we only have two Hope Channel staff, one Adventist World Radio staff, and one staff member who manages the JUC websites. In recent years, Japan’s need for media evangelism has increased tremendously; however, “the harvest truly is great but the labors are few.”

To help with the project, thirteen Hope Channel staff from Australia, Brazil, India, Philippines, and Central Asia came to Japan. From

Japan we had eight young people who volunteered to help.

On March 13, 2017, during orientation on our first day, Pastor Brad Thorp, previous Hope Channel International president, welcomed us with the following statement: “This project will give hope to the Adventist Church all around the world. We hope that this project will become a model evangelism project as an example to the rest of the world.”

We divided into three teams and began recording. The three teams were Yokohama team, Tokyo team, and Chiba team. We created various films, including seminars on marriage and raising children and on evolution and creation, music videos, short films with Bible verses, and short dramas tailored for non-Christians.

The Japan media staff sacrificed their sleep time and worked beyond the utmost individual capabilities to prepare for this project. They worked hard to prepare the storyboards for the project. Furthermore, the staff worked very hard to arrange the recording locations, lodging, and logistics for 24 staff. The Hope Channel staff from other countries left their families for a period of time to help with the work in Japan. With much sacrifice and mission spirit, Project Hope Japan moved forward. With Total Member Involvement in mind, we asked JUC workers, schools, hospitals, and other Adventist institutions to cooperate with the filming project.

In normal circumstances, creating more than 100 short films in just three weeks is impossible. However, with much prayer and commitment, we were able to witness a miracle. By God’s grace, we recorded about 130 films. As I write this article on April 2, four International Hope Channel staff are still editing all the films we recorded.

Dawn of Japanese Media Evangelism: Project Hope Japan





We appreciate Mrs. Kandus Thorp, Hope Channel international director, who came to visit Japan several times and gave us words of encouragement. She was always very positive; not once did we hear negative words from her. We appreciate Mrs. Thorp for always giving us words of encouragement and praying with us when we felt discouraged and felt like giving up. We also greatly appreciate the financial support from the General Conference, and especially Mrs. Ivy Ng for her support.

After completing 130 short films, many of the staff were shocked beyond words and praised God and gave Him glory. Through this project, we were able to experience God's hand working in Japan's media evangelism by making the impossible possible. Please continue to pray and support Hope Channel Japan.



Norihiko Hanada
Hope Channel Japan Director



A New Milestone for Chinese Hope TV

Beginning in 2007, church leaders have had a vision to set up a video production center in Taipei, Taiwan, to produce total health message videos to reach the Chinese around the world. With the full support of Taiwan Adventist Hospital, Chinese Hope TV (CHTV) started with a small studio located in the basement of Taiwan Adventist Hospital. More than 500 programs have been produced from this tiny but powerful studio in the last decade, and many health programs play on public channels in Taiwan.

At the same time, 24/7 broadcasts via satellite have been reaching China since July 1, 2011, and millions of Chinese families have been able to receive the Three Angels' Messages. Praise the Lord!

In 2016, leaders of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) supported the expansion of CHTV and its operation, and the CHTV board decided to move the studio and office into a bigger space to meet the need of producing more programs.

On March 15, 2017, NSD leaders and all institutions leaders from

Taiwan gathered to celebrate the opening of the new CHTV studio and office. Special guests from the local TV station and health institutions joined this special occasion. Pastor Jairyong Lee, CHTV board chairperson, and Pastor Stanley Ng, CHTV management committee chairperson, unveiled the cover of the new CHTV nameplate. They encouraged those in attendance to hold fast to the faith of Jesus and to accept the challenge of the high calling from above to spread the Gospel of the Kingdom in all the world until His second coming.

We sincerely pray that CHTV will be a tool in God's hand to reach millions of unreached people for His kingdom. Please continue to pray and support the CHTV ministry!



Billy Liu
Executive Director of CHTV



The Holy Spirit and Your Ministry

Ron Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Secretary

The Southeast Korean Conference has set a bold goal of 1,000 baptisms for 2017. Over the last few years, their baptisms have reached just over 500 each year. They know this can only be accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit. And obtaining that power begins with prayer.

The leadership of the conference has proposed an initiative that includes five steps: dedication, personal contacts, multiple church connections, evangelistic meetings, and retention. The hope is for each church to plan two evangelistic reaping meetings this year. But before evangelism can take place, the members must seek the Lord.

How are they doing this? Every one of the 156 churches in the conference held an early morning prayer time at the church every day for the entire month of January. Most churches opened their doors for prayer at 5:30 a.m. Elder Kim WonSang, the conference president, joined a different church each morning. During the NSD Ministerial Advisory held at headquarters last October, Elder Kim responded very well to the various initiatives and practices having to do with corporate prayer.

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial association secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, had the opportunity to share with the pastors of these 156 churches on March 6 and 7, 2017, about the difference the presence of the Holy Spirit makes in our lives and ministries. The lectures began by reviewing missed opportunities for the Latter Rain in the history of the Adventist Church. They then focused

on how the Holy Spirit works in the church, the impact the Holy Spirit can have in our personal lives, and the conditions required for the full reception of the Spirit in a person's life.

The Lord abundantly blessed the meetings. Many pastors expressed their awe for the love and power that can be possible through the Spirit's work in their lives. The churches will again seek God early in the morning during the month of September. There is no doubt that the Lord will bless their earnest desire to see Him at work in their midst with many more souls in 2017.



SEKC president Kim WonSang, NSD ministerial secretary Ron Clouzet, and SEKC secretary Choi KiWoong

Planned Giving & Trust Services Seminar Meets in Hangzhou, China



The 2017 Planned Giving and Trust Services (PGTS), sponsored by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was conducted in the beautiful city of Hangzhou, China, from March 6 to 9, 2017. All treasurers and PGTS directors within the territory of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division participated in this event.

The purpose of this seminar was to provide an opportunity for all PGTS directors to learn from each other and to understand the philosophy of “Planned Giving and Trust Services” and the principles of stewardship. The general theme for the seminar was “Property Donation and Acceptance.” Two distinguished guest speakers from the General Conference (GC) and four speakers from the NSD were invited to share their insights and expertise on this professional and specialized area.



The following topics were presented by the two speakers from the GC, Elder Dennis R. Carlson, GC PGTS director, and Elder Gary W. Dodge, former GC PGTS director:

- Scripture Foundation of Planned Giving
- Our Property Is Not Our Own
- Property, Tangible, Intangible, and Real
- What Is Planned Gift? What Is Not?
- Gift Acceptance Policy
- Some Gifts You Just Have to Say NO!
- Planned Giving: An Adventist Way to Plan

Other presentations were given by the four Division speakers, covering the following topics:

- Philosophy and Objectives, Forms of Ownership (by Pastor Kwon JohnHaeng, stewardship director)
- Basic Consideration on Property, Outright Gifts (by Elder German Lust, treasurer)
- Estate Planning, Real Estate (by Lyu Dong Jin, under-treasurer)
- The Legal Corporation, Office Procedures (by Stanley Ng, PGTS director)

The seminar served as a good platform for the PGTS directors to become more efficient facilitators for God and to equip them to serve our constituents and members so that they can provide their support toward completing the work on this earth.



Stanley Ng
NSD PGTS Director

March 18, 2017, was Global Youth Day, a worldwide event promoted by the General Conference's youth ministries department. Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) participated in this global event for the third time.

This year HKMC did something different than they had done in previous years. Instead of planning the event and calling for participation, HKMC allowed individual churches to make their own plans and then coordinated the whole event. Eight local churches and a Pathfinder team responded and went into action.

Two youth teams went to clean up the beaches. Two teams visited 120 lonely senior citizens and took them box meals. Four girls reached out to the homeless. With much courage, they stepped out of their comfort zones and shared Christ's love with those who sleep on the streets. Some youth went to donate blood. Many did so for the first time.

This year, more people participated, and more were touched. These youth acted in accordance to the theme "Be the Sermon."



1. Donating blood was one of the HKMC's Global Youth Day activities this year.
2. Cleaning up the beaches / 3. Visiting senior citizens

Global Youth Day 2017 in Hong Kong



Revival of Youth Ministry in Mongolia



director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), for an intense “youth ministry advisory” to develop an overall plan for MM youth ministries. In this meeting, they set a goal and came up with a new vision for world mission through youth ministries.

In addition, for the spiritual unity of youth leaders scattered all over Mongolia, Pastor Orgil and Pastor Kim YoHan, MM president, held an Adventist Youth Conference. About 200 youth leaders, Adventist Youth members, and Pathfinder members gathered at Ulaanbaatar Central Church from April 8 to 9, 2017. Under the leadership of a new MM youth director, participants had time to praise, pray, and be united. The conference was filled with the enthusiasm of young Adventists.

Programs, including praise and worship, drills and marching

Changes have recently taken place to youth ministries in Mongolia, the northernmost part of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). The changes began when Pastor Munkh-Orgil Lkhagvaa was appointed as youth ministries

director of Mongolia Mission (MM). The youth leadership in MM had been vacant for more than a year, but now, they have a foothold for the revival of youth ministry.

Pastor Lkhagvaa invited Pastor Kim NakHyung, youth ministries





in youth ministries and the leaders who have been dedicated to the Pathfinder ministry. MM president Kim YoHan encouraged youth leaders to establish at least three special churches—a Pathfinder Church, a Youth Church, and a Health Church—during the next few years.

It is not an exaggeration to say that the Adventist church in Mongolia is made up of youth. In comparison to other NSD countries, there is a higher ratio of young people in the church to the whole population. May the Holy Spirit be with them so that they can spread the gospel throughout the vast land of Mongolia.

presentations, and testimonies, inspired the hearts of all participants. In his sermon, Pastor Kim NakHyung emphasized Total Member Involvement and urged Mongolian youth to be a good influence in their community, personally and as Adventist church members. Additionally, he appealed to them with the theme of the

Conference, “Use Me, Lord,” that Adventist youth living in the last days should live like heroes in the Bible, e.g. Daniel or Joseph, who lived by faithfulness regardless of where they lived and who they lived with.

Pastor Lkhagvaa had a brief awards ceremony for the youth leaders who have been exemplary



Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Ministries Director

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Officials of West Africa Visit Sahmyook Medical Center in Seoul

Fourteen government officials from west African countries, including senators from Liberia, vice-speaker of the National Assembly of Benin, and the chair of Better Future Foundation, which is an association of 15 west African countries, visited Sahmyook Medical Center in Seoul, Korea, on February 5, 2017. This visit was arranged by Stephen J. H. Zargo, one of the senators of Liberia, who is an Adventist.

The visitors were introduced to the brief history and the current status of the medical center and its high-end medical equipment. The visitors and the staff of the medical center had a meeting to discuss medical mission in west Africa. The discussion continued after the dinner reception.

The Sahmyook Medical Center signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Senator Zargo for the Center’s humanitarian cooperation with west Africa, including dispatching medical missionary teams and researching the medical tour business with them.





Again at Korean Union Conference: Retention Seminar



Richard Sabuin
NSD SS/PM Director

Church growth is determined not only by how many new souls are baptized into the church, but also how many members remain in the church and how many missing members can be reclaimed. Therefore, retention and reclamation really matter.

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) conducted their second Retention and Reclamation seminar, after the first one in November 2016. More than a hundred delegates from different churches attended the meeting from March 18 to 19, 2017. They came from Midwest Korean Conference, Southwest Korean Conference, and Southeast Korean Conference.

According to a report by Pastor Lee ByeongJu, director of KUC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SS/PM), the retention rate in KUC is below 30%. This is a great challenge. He also introduced an application designed by a church member that can take record, make reports, and

connect people for retention and reclamation purposes. This application works on the small-group basis. It is now being translated into English.

Other speakers included Pastor Kang SoonGi, Pastor Joo MinHo, and Pastor Richard Sabuin. They emphasized the importance of small groups in the church, the power of preparing accurate membership reports, and the idea of total member involvement for retention and reclamation. The participants were also reminded of the three special Sabbaths of Retention and Reclamation during the year of 2017: April 1, July 1, and October 7.

The Youth Training Center of Madalpy was where the participants were challenged to consider retention as a major agenda of each local church board. Each church is expected to have a regular program cycle every year to reclaim missing members and to celebrate their return to the church.

With the increasing importance of churches' community service, the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SS/PM) Department of Korean Union Conference (KUC) held a seminar on "Ministries of Compassion Through Local Churches." The seminar took place at the Jooksan Dasarang Church in Gyeonggi, Korea, from March 11 to 12, 2017. Around 200 church pastors and members from all over the country attended the seminar in order to find ways of giving help and hope to their neighbors.

The seminar introduced not only the biblical theories that serve as a basis of "Ministries of Compassion," but also practical examples of community service. Attendees found the seminar meaningful, particularly in that speakers suggested ways of effectively combining community service and mission work. The Jooksan Dasarang Church, the venue of this seminar, is itself a good example of doing ministry through involvement in the community. Currently they run a center for local children, a center for the youth, and a welfare center that provides care for the elderly in their homes.

After the presentations, attendees were divided into groups to discuss the following topic: "What kind of community service could my church run?" After the discussion, they had a prayer time for the ministries of compassion.

The KUC SS/PM department drew up a plan to support local "Centers of Influence" as one of the plans for 2017, and have spurred local churches to be a "good neighbor." A manual and a casebook on how to run a center of influence will be developed and distributed to local churches. The department aims to establish more than five centers of influence per each local conference this year.

Seminar on Ministries of Compassion Through Local Churches

The News & Views Editorial Team





Health Ministry in Khentii Province, Mongolia

Enkhbayar Mishigdorj
MM Health Ministries Director

Mongolia is divided administratively into 21 provinces, which are called airmags. Each airmag is subdivided into regions called sums.

The Khentii Airmag is birthplace to Genghis Khan. The capital city of Khentii is Chinggis City, named after Genghis Khan, and is located 330 km away from Ulaanbaatar. There is one Adventist church there with more than 50 members, and they have built good relationships with government organizations, especially with the province health center.

From February 13 to 15, 2017, the health team from Mongolia Mission visited Binder Sum, which belongs to Khentii and which Genghis Khan called Great Khuralday (gathering) to unite the Mongol Empire. From Chinggis City, we traveled more than six hours. The distance was only 230 km, but the road was very rough and covered with snow. The population of Binder is nearly 4000, and there is only one hospital with 14 beds. This sum has no Adventist church.

In Binder, the team provided simple health checks, including blood pressure, blood oxygen level, and blood sugar, to more than 100 people and gave them health

More than 100 people benefited from the health checks and counseling provided by the MM health ministries team.



counseling. We distributed Adventist health literature to our visitors and introduced healthy cooking tips. Participants enjoyed trying healthy oat porridge for breakfast.

It was the first health mission trip to Binder, a door-opening visit to a non-Christian community. Through our service and care we can share Jesus' love with people who don't even know about Jesus. When we visit next time, many will be eager to hear about our Savior.

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence" (*The Ministry of Healing*, 143).



HKMC Youth Celebrates Camporee



Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) held its Pathfinder Camporee from December 23 to 26, 2016. The camporee was titled "Looking Up to Jesus." This 4-day event not only provided a chance for the Adventist youth in HKMC to learn and to practice their survival skills as Pathfinders, but also made a lasting impression on their spiritual lives.

During the day, these young people participated in different challenging competitions, such as starting a fire for outdoor cooking, setting up tents, tying knots, and other skills. Every night, there were happy hours of singing praises, having devotionals, witnessing and worshipping.

One Pathfinder said, "The camporee not only enhanced my outdoor skills, but also drew me closer to Jesus." Many commented that this annual event taught them what it means to be united in Christ.





ECKC Youth Ministries Support Local Church Youth

The youth ministries department of East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) started a new initiative which will bring new breath to youth ministries. Ministries geared for middle and high school students have been identified as the weakest part of the Korean Adventist Church. The ECKC youth department visited a group of local churches to demonstrate youth group activities so that the local church youth can follow the examples and easily run their youth program.

Thus, the ECKC youth department first visited a group of local youth groups in Youngdong district, Seoul. A total of 84 young people and church leaders participated in the event. The ECKC's team offered various programs, such as praise and worship, sermons, and small group activities, which were all set up for the youth. The youth members in the Youngdong district participated in the activities with enthusiasm and fun. They responded that this event helped them build more confidence in their Adventist faith.

"We've jumped into the mission of saving middle and high school students. This ministry requires a new wave, but we couldn't just wait for the wave to come. That's why we are trying to build up this program as the much-needed wave. This is our first step, and we are planning to make 24 series of visits to local churches this year," said Pastor Hong ByungGil, ECKC youth ministries director.

The ECKC youth department has developed guidelines for regular youth group activities and has distributed them. The guidelines cover Sabbath School study books, music sheets for praise and worship, sermons for teenagers, small group activities, sunset prayer meetings on Sabbath, and even dinner menus. They will definitely help local church members to run a youth group gathering every week. The guidelines and materials are updated every Tuesday on the Internet. Please keep praying for these new efforts, that they help revive youth ministries in Korea!

Shan King Integrated Children and Youth Service Center, an Adventist community service center in Hong Kong, held a special festival for the residents in the nearby communities on October 26, 2016. The event was sponsored by Tuen Mun District Council at Shan King Community.

Pastor Heywood Cham, president and chairman of the social service committee of Hong Kong-Macao Conference, unveiled the festival by offering the opening prayer. Principals of local schools and government officials also attended the festival.

There were performances and other entertainment brought by different groups. Visitors to the event also had the chance to play fun games to win prizes. The event was lively and colorful and put smiles onto the faces of many visitors.

The Adventist Church hopes to reach out to the communities through more similar services and events. By building harmony in society, we spread Christ's love to this stress-filled international city of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Adventists Build Harmony in Community



Visitors and honored guests enjoy the performances and entertainment program during the festival.



Leaders of Chinese Health Centers Visit Korea

Health is a major concern in China with many Chinese struggling with lifestyle diseases, such as cancer, diabetes, and heart and brain diseases. For the Adventist church, this is a good opportunity to introduce our health message to the people in China.

In fact, there are many sanitariums in China that are under the Adventist Church, but most of them are not firmly based on our health principles. Therefore, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and the Sahmyook Medical Center in Seoul, Korea, invited leaders of health centers in China to Korea in order to share how Adventist health institutions in Korea apply the Adventist health message to their medical practice.

From January 9 to 18, 2017, nineteen leaders of Chinese health centers visited several health centers in Korea, including Sahmyook Medical Center in Seoul, Eden Sanitarium Hospital, and private sanitariums. They also visited Sahmyook University and other Adventist institutions.

On January 18, the Chinese leaders visited the NSD headquarters office in Ilsan and had a chance to talk with the NSD officers and

directors. NSD president Jairyong Lee stated that health is the right arm of mission and an opening gate for the gospel. Moreover, he emphasized the importance of a health center as a center of mission and an effective means of expanding God's kingdom.

Dr. Choi YoungIl, NSD health ministries director, introduced two Korean health professionals who will support sanitariums in China. They specialize in health center management and nutrition. They have promised to support sanitariums in China and to do volunteer service. This is a very meaningful step in unifying health centers in Korea and China.

There are many challenges in China for ministry, but the health approach can penetrate people's minds continually. The NSD will have a meeting with these health leaders from China on a regular basis to support their ministry.



Choi YoungIl
NSD Health Ministries Director

HKAA Faculty and Staff Development Retreat 2017

Frank Tam

Principal of Hong Kong Adventist Academy

Hong Kong Adventist Academy organized its very first faculty retreat at the Royal Park Hotel from January 23 to 24, 2017. This kind of retreat is recommended in order to help teachers enhance their teaching skills as well as learn how to integrate faith and learning. The administration invited Dr. Richard Sabuin, education director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Dr. Rita Green, professor at AIIAS, and her graduate student Ruth Patino to be the facilitators of the retreat.

A classroom environment was designed to simulate an ideal day in a Christian school, starting with morning devotion, which included background music, singing, and an inspiring message. The activities were oriented and designed to show the multiple strategies that can be used to lead an effective teaching process. Objective lessons were presented through practical illustrations that can be integrated in different learning areas. Dr. Green emphasized the effectiveness of establishing a Christ-centered perspective in the teaching/learning process. Literary references as well as practical exercises were exerted and strongly recommended by the presenter.

One of the most valuable strategies is dividing the class into small groups and then assigning tasks to each member. In this sense, the students feel included and encouraged to express their feelings and to share their opinions. By using this strategy, students will gain the confidence to participate freely in group discussions. Other teaching strategies, such as Either/Or, Continuum, Fold the Line, and Inside/Outside Circle, among others, are also valuable activities that promote critical thinking for subjective themes.

Transitions were made with refreshing snacks, fellowship time, and a touch of high cuisine gastronomy. A wonderful lunch buffet was provided each day, which exceeded the expectations of all. The audience was so absorbed in performing all the tasks that time passed by smoothly. The two days ended by answering the following questions: What went well, what could be improved, and what comments or questions do you have for improvement? This questioning period led us to the Feedback Strategy, which according to Dr. Green, is one of the most important tools to be used in a classroom.

It was definitely a very enriching experience. The venue and the program ran smoothly. Expressions of gratitude were shown to the organizers and facilitators for the amazing event.



1. Dr. Rita Green, education professor at AIIAS, leads out her training session.

2. A group of teachers present their suggestions for a teaching method.

Retention and Stewardship

Kwon JohngHaeng

NSD Stewardship Ministries Director



Two of the major burdens that churches are facing these days around the world are how to increase the influence of churches in big cities and how to raise the retention rate of newly baptized members. According to a 2011 study conducted by the Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research at the General Conference, as we add 100 members a year by baptism and profession of faith, we are losing almost 50% of them in the same period of time.

In September 2016, all Adventist churches and companies in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia, invited speakers from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and Korea for evangelistic meetings. Several speakers were accompanied by medical staff for free clinic services during the meetings. As a result of the meetings, more than 200 precious souls joined the Adventist Church by baptism. It was the biggest number of baptisms in Mongolia since Adventism was introduced in the country. The question is how to retain the new members in the church without losing any of them.

Pastor Yure Gramcho, a Brazilian missionary and director of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries of Mongolia Mission (MM), has been planting a church near the Chinggis Khan International Airport. Every Sabbath, the average church attendance was around seven as he planned the evangelistic series. By the grace of the Lord, there were fourteen baptisms after the evangelistic series, two times more than the regular attendance. As soon as the evangelistic meetings were over, Pastor Gramacho began to train new members twice a week on a regular basis to help them to assimilate with Adventism.

We need to remember that the main purpose of stewardship is not to raise more offerings, but to help members to have a closer relationship with Jesus, to retain members, and to train and equip them to be Jesus' disciples and God's stewards.

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About 100 members from all over Mongolia participated in the Mongolia Mission stewardship seminar.



The stewardship ministries of Mongolia Mission (MM) aims to promote and raise in each member the need to work towards becoming a faithful steward, devotedly committed to service and dedication to God and neighbors, and respecting and caring for the creation of God. God's faithful stewards use time, talents and treasure for His kingdom.

Thus, following the strategic plan for the next three years, MM stewardship ministries started this year by holding a stewardship seminar from January 19 to 21, 2017, at Ulaanbaatar Central Church. About 100 members from 25 congregations all over the country participated in a very meaningful and spiritual program. Approximately 1/3 of the participants were newly baptized members from big evangelistic series in Ulaanbaatar in 2016. There were also local church treasurers and elders.

Pastor Kwon JohnHaeng, stewardship ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, was invited as the guest speaker. He focused his lectures on helping new members understand the love of God who



gave His only Son for the salvation of human beings, the lifestyle and mission of the remnant people, and how to bring friends to their newly found truth and church. It was noteworthy that usually the longer they have been members, the fewer friends they have to lead to Jesus Christ; on the contrary, the fewer years they have been members, the more non-Adventist Christian friends they have.

The devotionals, prayer time, and testimonies based on "taste and see that the Lord is good (Psalms 34:8)" were also some of the most significant and encouraging moments. In fact, the lunch breaks were shortened due to the significant involvement of the church members.

Here are comments from some of the attendees:

"I learned a lot about offering and God's love from this training. People's testimonies touched my heart, and I felt God's love through their faithful experiences." — L. Tsagaantsooj, Gobi-Altai Church treasurer

"I didn't have enough knowledge about tithes and offerings. Pastor Kwon gave us simple examples that were easy to understand. I was blessed through this training." — Batstesteg, Yarmag Church

"I found really precious the lectures and people's testimonies. Also we were all united, praising the Lord and learning more about Him. I was very satisfied with this training." — Shariibu, Choibalsan Church

"This training really encouraged me to live a faithful life of service. One difference from other trainings is that many brothers and sisters shared their wonderful testimonies, and that was a blessing." — M. Lhagvadagva, Choibalsan Church Bible worker

The confirmation that the seminar impacted the lives of all the participants could be seen by the spirit of unity and the renewed vows toward being faithful stewards. Pastor Kim YoHan, MM president, announced a plan that the coming nationwide MM camp meeting this year will be focused on stewardship.

Faithful Stewards in Mongolia

Jorge Silva

MM Stewardship Ministries Director



Pathfinder Training for 1000MM Missionaries



On January 23, 2017, the Korean Union Conference (KUC) youth ministries department held a special program for Korean missionaries of the 47th batch of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) who had just finished their service in their respective mission fields. Pastor Lee KiHo, KUC youth ministries director, and other Pathfinder leaders in South Korea went to the 1000MM headquarters for four days to train the missionaries as Pathfinder/Master Guide leaders.

The missionaries were not only trained in spiritual matters, but they also learned physical survival skills, such as camping and building a fire without a lighter. They were also given training on leadership and club organization, which is necessary for Pathfinder/Master Guide leaders.

The missionaries' one-year outreach experience in their mission field and the knowledge they gained from this training program will help them become true gospel workers as well as great helpers for their local church assignment. We believe that these missionaries will carry the spirit of soul-winning and world mission and that this spirit will spread widely among Korean Adventist youth.

A Fellowship Without a Pastor

Richard Sabuin
NSD SS/PM Director

The place is only an hour flight westward from Incheon Airport. There is at least one Adventist church in that city, in which there are about 30 international Adventists. They come from different countries, including Congo, Cameroon, Kenya, Zambia, and Indonesia. Since there isn't an international church yet in this city, these international Adventists have been joining the local Adventist church.

For the past year, the group of international church members has been organizing a fellowship, called DISDAF (D International Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship). They have regular meetings every Sabbath in one of the rooms of the local church. They collect offering and return their tithe, which they give to the local church, believing that they must return their tithe in the church where they worship.

None of these 30 members has theological or pastoral training. Most of them are workers in different companies in the city. Some are students studying in universities of the city, receiving scholarships from the local government.

From March 3 to 5, 2017, the fellowship conducted a Bible camp and invited the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Those three days were well spent in studying the Bible. On Sabbath, the meeting was held from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. with only about an hour break for lunch. They studied what it means to be faithful disciples of Christ, the role of a disciple, and the need of mission awareness in the heart of each church member. The members have been thirsty for the Word of God and for pastoral ministry.

Although they have not been organized as a local church, they have organized themselves by having a group leader, secretary, treasurer,



and some deacons. There are many foreigners working and studying in that city. According to some of the fellowship members, there is great potential for evangelizing the international community in that city. Could it be that this fellowship has the potential to be organized as the first Adventist international church in that big country? God knows.

Whatever the future may be for this fellowship, they are in need of pastoral ministry to lead them in carrying out the mission.



Children's Sabbath-Keeping Pledge Ceremony

Min KyungChae
KUC Children's Ministries Director

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) designated February 25, 2017, as a day when Adventist children could participate in a Sabbath-keeping pledge. Over the three weeks from February 18 to March 4, each Korean local church held a Sabbath-keeping pledge ceremony. By the end of February, a total of 3,000 children from 300 churches across the country had pledged to keep the Sabbath.

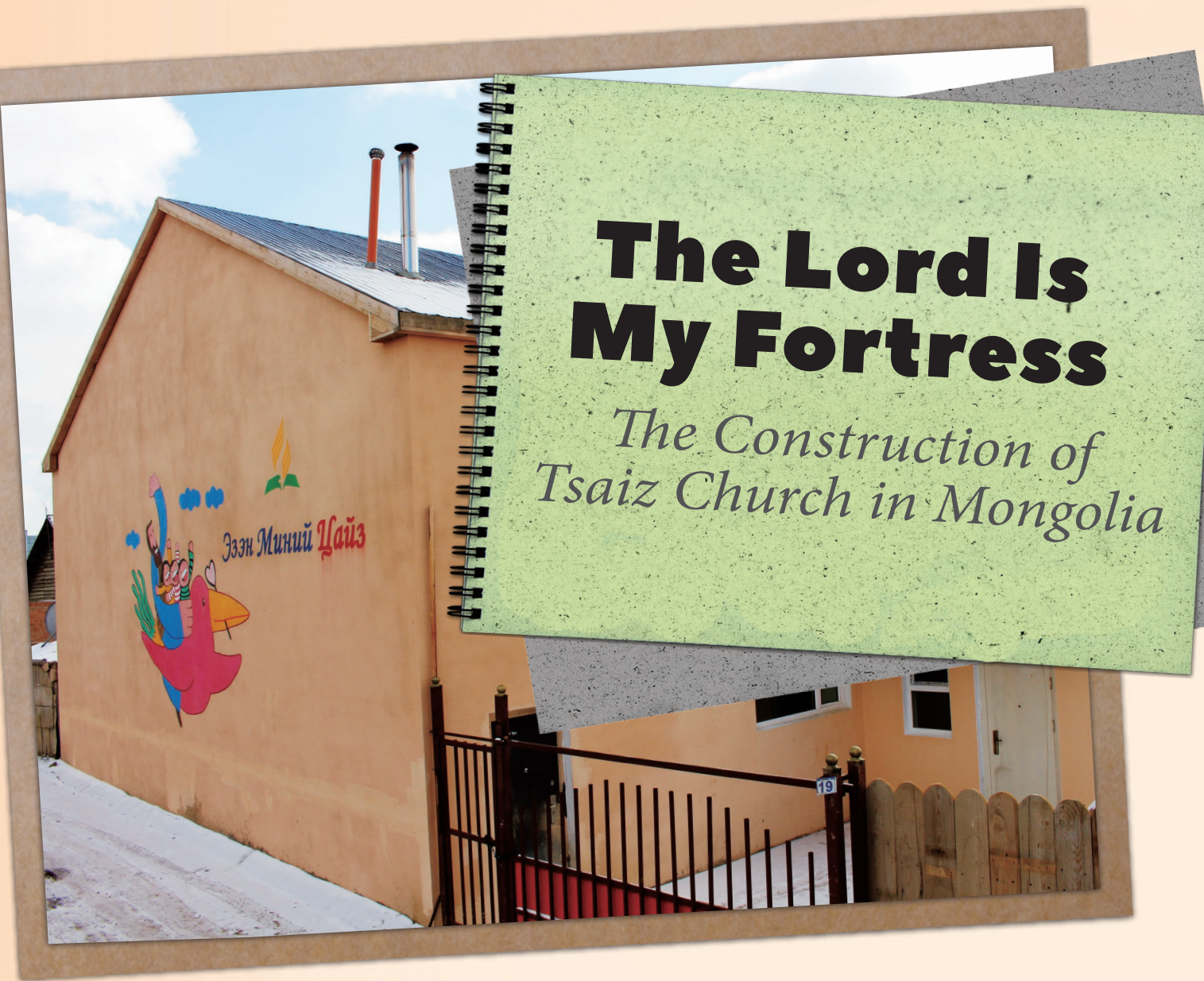
The Junghwa-dong Church held a pledge ceremony on February 25. Seventeen children promised to keep the Sabbath and received a pin. Lee HyoMyeong, children's ministries director of the church, said, "We are carrying out various programs for children so that the Sabbath will be a pleasant and enjoyable day for them." He expressed his hope that children in the church will keep the Sabbath by their own choices, not obligatorily.

On the same day, Taereung Church conducted a ceremony with a participation of 40 children. Oh BeomSuk, pastor at Taereung Church, introduced the story of Desmond Doss, a World War II hero and the main character of the recently released American movie *Hacksaw Ridge*. During World War II, Doss saved many lives while keeping his faith as an Adventist and keeping the Sabbath. "As Doss followed lessons he learned in the Church, I hope our children follow God's law and lessons from the Church so that their lives will be glorious before God," said Pastor Oh. He also put an emphasis on the



role of adult church members, who are children's spiritual guardians, as well as the role of their teachers in church.

Pastor Min KyungChae, KUC children's ministries director, revealed why he planned this kind of ceremony, citing Psalm 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Pastor Min said, "It is important for children to have a Sabbath-keeping experience from their early age. If they experience even a small sense of fulfillment, they will have faith and make good decisions when they become adults and face difficult choices."



As a Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionary, I was assigned to Tsaiz, which is in the northeastern suburbs of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, after finishing a one-year-course language education. When I first looked around the region, what came to my mind was fear. Tsaiz is famous for its big timber market, so a timber-related business district had developed. How could I preach the gospel to those who were so busy with their business, especially since I was a foreigner with a language barrier?

As I complained to God, "Is this really the mission field prepared for me?" I suddenly wondered about the meaning of the word, Tsaiz. I was totally shocked when I looked it up in the dictionary. The meaning of Tsaiz is a fortress. I remembered the Bible verse, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" (Psalms 18:1-2). God was telling me, "Do not be afraid; I will be your fortress."

So I started planting a new church in a place where there were no Adventists. My first Sabbath in Tsaiz, July 5, 2014, only the five members of my family gathered to worship together. At that time, we did not know that God had sent us there to win a number of people who were already prepared.

God blessed us in many miraculous ways with many new believers, a place to worship, and enough money. A year and a half later the place where we were meeting for worship had become too small. In addition, it was difficult for my wife to prepare meals to serve 60 to 70 members as the church did not have a kitchen. She had to cook at home, take the food to church, and then return with the dishes for washing up. What made the place worse was the squat toilet which could not be used during the freezing winter when temperatures dropped to -45C. It was a difficult situation for me as I did not know anything about construction and had no money,

but God answered my earnest prayers. The church members and I started church construction with 9,000 USD comprised of a donation from a retired pastor, a monthly support fund from Korea, and donations from short-term missionary teams.

To save every penny, we tore down the old building by ourselves and reused even the brick in an outer wall. I designed the new church building with no knowledge of construction. Every morning, when I opened my eyes, I asked God for wisdom. There was no other way.

A major problem occurred during the foundation work. The church members and I poured the concrete by ourselves, but it did not solidify and was easily broken. It turned out that the seller had deceived us and sold us sand-mixed cement powder. Wiping our tears, we had to break the cement concrete. I was unable to sleep worrying about that.

During the construction, we went to the market to bargain over the price of materials and carried everything back with our hands because we did not want to spend precious offerings carelessly. However, the money ran out within two months. It so happened that the holiday season of Mongolia came, so we decided to rest from construction until we saved enough money. The church members and I started praying more eagerly than before.

On the third day of special prayer, I got an email from a church elder in the United States. He said he had read my short testimony in a Sabbath School lesson book and wanted to help with church construction. His email brought tears to my eyes. How can we explain this situation of a total stranger suddenly contacting me to help with the construction except God's guidance? By His miracle, we were able to resume construction just after the holidays.

Since then, God has continued to raise funds through many

institutions, groups, and individuals. I've never directly asked any individual or group for help. The only thing I could do was to depend on God because I do not have such personal connections nor bold-facedness. God listened to our prayers and answered them in a timely manner with enough money. Because of these experiences, I have a strong faith that God was making a way for the construction.

In Mongolia, half of the year is winter, and it gets too cold to build a church. Since we had started construction by choosing the place at the end of winter, we put all of our time into the church construction for the next six months. We finally held a church dedication service on November 12, 2016.

This new church includes a main chapel accommodating more than 100 people, a clean dining room, modern style restrooms, and a baptistry. It also has two shower rooms, a children's room, and a youth room on the second floor and an attic on the third floor. The church members and I want to give honor and glory to God for this beautiful church and also thank everyone who supported us with prayers and donations.



Chun WonBae
Pastor at Tsaiz Church



1. Tsaiz Church held a church dedication service with guests, including NSD officers, on November 12, 2016.

2. Kitchen and cafeteria / 3. Youth room



Eight Souls Led to **Baptism**

Park Jeongseok
PMM Pastor in Aru, Congo

The Jalasyga Church is 56 miles from the Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Mission Center in Congo. The road to the church is infamous for its roughness. In 2015, we were on our way to a baptism and the car broke down. We couldn't use the vehicle for six months.

Here we have a local missionary named Jhelom, and he has baptized many people. Jhelom uses Daniel and Revelation study guides to give Bible studies. One day, we received a call that after a three-week evangelism series he had conducted, there were eight people waiting to be baptized in Talli, located about six miles from the Jalasyga Church. We joyfully headed to Talli. The road was rough and it was muddy after the rain, but the vehicle, which was sponsored by the Washington-Spencerville Korean Church in the United States, made it safely to our destination.

After a long drive we arrived at Talli. In the center of town was a tent. There were 500 people gathered there including the chief. God was with us during the baptismal ceremony. I pray that the eight baptized people will deliver the gospel of Jesus to the people in Talli.





The First Four Souls of the Biringi

Park Jeongseok
PMM Pastor in Aru, Congo

Although Nzia, a local missionary in Biringi, was faithful and diligent, there were no baptisms for a year. But recently, after a year and two months in the mission field, there are four souls ready for baptism.

Biringi is located 40 miles from the PMM Mission Center. The unpaved road to Biringi is quite dangerous, but I was blessed that there was no rain on the way, which could have damaged the roads further.

When I arrived, the children welcomed me. I was touched by their pure smiles, and I prayed that those children would grow up to someday be leaders of the church. The local culture is very welcoming to people of different denominations, but very closed-minded in changing their own religion or denomination. Becoming an Adventist would mean being secluded from the tribe and family. Four souls being baptized is no small accomplishment in such a culture.

These four were baptized in a small pond. It was one of the most moving, unforgettable baptisms I have officiated. Although the mission work is as rough as the road conditions, I am grateful that God has protected it from the rebels and other dangers.

I hope the spark that began in Biringi will not be quenched. I also solicit your prayers for Nzia and the first four baptized souls, that they would keep their faith strong in the face of opposition.





Medical Mission Team from Korean Church in USA

Ham YoungShik
PMM Pastor in Tanzania



The children of an elementary school in Nyamyembiko wear shirts with the words "Jesus Loves You. What About You?"

More than 700 people benefited from the medical treatment offered by the mission team. There were people who had traveled all the way from Tanzania, which took them five days. These people came after listening to a radio program. Among them were some who were critically ill.

The medical mission team received help from community volunteers and local medical staff. It was an opportunity to share about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. An Adventist doctor who works for the local government lent them a device that shows whether a patient is infected by malaria or not. This helped many of the patients.

The Washington Spencerville Korean Church had previously given away goats to families with financial difficulties. One of the families visited the team with their goats in order to express thanks during this time. It warmed the hearts of many people.

In spite of many inconveniences, the team devoted themselves to the people in Uganda. The seed of God's love planted in people's hearts will surely grow and bear fruit.

The Washington Spencerville Korean Church in the United States formed a medical mission team made up of four people to visit Uganda. They traveled to the Nyamyembiko region, which is about 62 miles away from Mbarara. They served at an elementary school in the region. It was a short-term mission trip, but they did their

best to treat as many people as they could.

The missionaries gave away shirts with the words "Jesus Loves You. What About You?" imprinted on them to the school children. It is their hope that more people can learn about the love of Jesus when they see the children wearing the shirts.



Medical missionaries from the church.



A family who had received a goat last year as a gift from the church visited the mission team.



More than 700 people received medical treatment.

On Sabbath afternoon, November 19, 2016, there was a baptismal service at the Chiba International Church. Geng Junli from China and Erlynda Gonzaga from the Philippines were baptized. Both are foreigners to Japan. The two of them had different purposes for coming to Japan, but now they are both happy in God.

Geng came to Japan two years ago to learn Japanese. She studied the language at the 3H Language Institute and started attending the Chiba International Church with her teachers. As she got to know more about God, she studied with a retired pastor who had worked in Taiwan. She was able to learn about the Bible in Chinese. She studied each Sabbath and was then baptized.

Erlynda found a job in Japan. She lived with her sister's family. One day, a Filipino church member invited Erlynda's sister to church, but she was too busy with work so she told Erlynda to go. Since then Erlynda has been attending church. She studied with the Filipino missionary and was later baptized.

We praise God for how He has led these two souls. I pray that we all can experience His goodness. "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps" (Proverbs 16:9).

Baptism Service at the Chiba International Church

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PMM Pastor at Chiba International Church



It's Time to Go! 49th Batch Commissioning Program



After seven weeks of training, and after receiving physical, mental, emotional and spiritual enrichment, 51 ardent young missionaries of the 49th batch are ready for their mission. A commissioning program was held for these missionaries who have come from Indonesia, Zambia, Korea, and the Philippines. The program was held on March 25, 2017, with the theme of "The Spirit of Obedience."

"Get the spirit of obedience. Trust and obey God for He is the solution," asserted Pastor Joshua Shin, director of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), in his

commencement address. Pastor Jeon SukJin, 1000MM associate director, presented the graduates, and HISM 3 rendered sweet music.

With smiles on their faces, the 49th batch missionaries gladly accepted their certificates and IDs. To enhance the experience, a video presentation was shown bringing up memories from the beginning of the training until the dedication service. After that, there was a change in emotions as the atmosphere became filled with excitement and nervousness as they waited for the revelation of their partners and mission fields. One by one, names were called. Mission fields were announced. There were mixed emotions. Tears of joy were shed. The mood was filled with thanksgiving to God for all the prayers answered in His favor.

Carrying the light of God's love and grace, filled with the spirit of His power, equipped with His strength and vigor, the missionaries are now ready to go and fulfill Jesus' earthly mission, our great commission, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Let us earnestly push ahead in hastening His second coming.

Senior Missionaries Return From Korea

On April 5, 2017, the 1000 Missionary Movement welcomed ten senior missionaries who had just returned from Korea. They arrived with inspiring stories of experiences they had, uncountable loving memories they shared with the brethren in their respective mission fields, and a more intimate connection with Jesus, their dearest and most loyal partner.

The program commenced at 7 o'clock in the evening. The night was made special as it was filled with thanksgiving and praises to God. Pastor Jeon SukJin shared God's loving words from the scriptures, and some of the missionaries testified about how great and marvelous is the Lord we worship and serve and how God wonderfully led in their lives. Singing the song "Like Jesus" and "Help me, Lord, to grow daily like Jesus," the program ended with a time of consecration, that the missionary spirit will remain in their hearts wherever they may go.



Young Missionaries on Fire

Nine young people on fire engaged in a missionary endeavor, spearheaded by Pastor Adrian Faina with his wife, Michelle Faina. Ardent youth from the different churches of Bacoor 3 District underwent a 5-day missionary training from April 1 to 5, 2017, on the 1000 Missionary Movement main campus in Cavite, Philippines. They called their team "Bacoor 3 Missionary Extreme (BMX)."

These young people were equipped with missionary training, medical training, and the biblical foundations of being a missionary. They were also engrossed with physical training every morning, community outreach, Bible markings, and practical and spiritual lectures to prepare them for their mission. After the 5-day training, they were dispatched to Bacoor 3, to their own territories, for their month-long mission work.

These young people are ready to do the groundwork in preparation for a one-week evangelistic meeting that will take place one week before their term ends. Heaven is rejoicing with the initiative that these young people have taken. As the Lord declares, "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done" (Revelation 22:12).

Time is going by quickly. We cannot afford to be idle in this end time. Let us work with the courage of Joshua and the faith of Moses. Let the missionary spirit entangle our hearts.



49th Batch Missionaries Conquer **SUPER** Training



“I am a missionary! The Lord calls me! I can do it!” the missionaries dauntlessly cried out. This powerful chanting brought them to disclose the new “me” as they conquered their fears and weaknesses during the SUPER (Spiritual Unity and Physical Endurance Reinforcement) Training, which took place on the picturesque island of Puerto Galera, Mindoro, from February 20 to 22, 2017.

Spearheaded by Pastor Jeon SukJin, SUPER Training coordinator, the missionaries together with the 1000 Missionary Movement director, associate directors, campus missionaries, and other staff left for Mindoro early in the morning on February 20. After four hours of land travel and almost two hours of ocean trip, the missionaries safely arrived at one of the most visited beaches in Mindoro blessed with favorable weather of a sunny day.

After a short rest, the missionaries immediately began the training. It started off with physical training with different exercises and tasks. Despite the scorching heat of the sun, the missionaries faced the challenges and successfully completed the training. They learned

to gain strength from the only source of light, the Almighty Father.

On the second day, the missionaries experienced a breathtaking hike on one of the tall mountains of Mindoro. The trail became tougher than they expected for there was a rain shower during the early part of their hike. As soon as the missionaries reached the peak, all hardships and fears paid off as they gazed at the magnificent landscape of the island of Mindoro, one of God’s amazing creations.

The missionaries achieved a valuable sense of success after many days of extreme physical challenge and refreshing spiritual rejuvenation, success that money cannot afford, the success of learning new perspectives of life, creating new rapport among fellow missionaries, conquering fears and weaknesses, and on top of it all, developing an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. All these were the harvests of securing and entrusting our precious lives to our powerful Creator and Redeemer. Above all, His mighty hand is the haven of hope for all those who fully trust in Him.



Golden Angels 14: First Mission Trip

Kim EunSoo
Golden Angels 14

“Are you the Golden Angels?”
A student from the primary school asked us.

“Yes, we are,” we replied.

“Then where are your wings?”

At first, we thought he was joking, but looking into the innocent eyes of the child, we felt his sincerity.

Then I thought, if we had wings like angels and were able to fly as we witnessed for Jesus, probably everyone who saw us, even those who didn't believe in God at all, would start to believe in Him. However, even though we do not have wings to

fly, we believe that we can still have a positive influence by sharing the love of Jesus, a love that the world cannot give.

During our four-week mission, from March 26 to April 26, 2017, we tried to do our best to show others the love of Jesus and to be a living testimony. We visited four different schools: Hong Kong Adventist College/Hong Kong Adventist Academy (HKAC/HKAA), Macau Sam Yuk Academy, Kowloon Sam Yuk Secondary School, and Taipo Sam Yuk Secondary School.

During our first week at HKAC, we focused more on friendships and personal relationships with the students because we had learned that Jesus' method in reaching people was to become their friends and to fill their needs. We mingled with the students and lived with them for a week. We tried to find seekers among the students who were open to God, to be their friends, and to show them Jesus Christ through our lives.

We thank God for the lovely students we met at HKAC. We fell in love with the school and the students,



Golden Angels had a chapel at Taipo Sam Yuk Secondary School.



Pastor Kim NakHyung and Golden Angels at Kowloon Sam Yuk Secondary School

who were so pure and innocent. It made our first week of mission filled with God's love and mercy. We were encouraged that God was blessing our mission. Although one week was a very short time, it was enough time for God to work.

During our second week, at Macau Sam Yuk, the Golden Angels were the speakers for the gospel week. Five of the Golden Angels shared a talk they had prepared. The talk was mainly about the book of Genesis, creation, Noah's flood, the Sabbath, etc.

We also visited many classrooms and were able to meet with students. The students warmly welcomed us and loved us. On Saturday afternoon, we had communion time with the youth and the students of Macau at Haksa Beach. It was an unforgettable moment. As we sang "Side by Side" together, we sincerely hoped to meet each other once again in heaven.

After that, we went back to Hong Kong, Kowloon Sam Yuk Secondary School. There, we were also the speakers for the junior session. This time, rather than sharing our prepared talks, we shared our testimonies with the students. While visiting classes, we shared the reasons why we had joined the Golden Angels because the students were curious why we had done that.

The speaker for the main session was Pastor Kim NakHyung, Golden

Angels coordinator. He preached about the unreserved love of Jesus. I remember the theme song we sang together with the students. We had such a good time with the students there in Kowloon.

For our last week, we went to Taipo Sam Yuk Secondary School. There, we had only one chapel per day, and we focused more on the classroom program. We prepared cards with pictures, and with the cards, we conversed with the students. They asked question about many things, including questions about God. We shared our thoughts about God and also our personal testimonies. During lunchtime, we played volleyball with the students and met with them individually to befriend them.

We had so much fun with the students. We felt that the students of

Taipo really opened up to God even though the majority of them don't believe in God. We tried to find those who were willing to learn more about God, and we talked with them and kept in touch with them.

During these four weeks of mission, there were two songs we always sang with the students. The first one was "I Love You, Lord," and the second one was "Side by Side." We shared our love for God and shared our hope that we would be together in God's house.

We thank God for being with us always throughout this journey. We pledge our allegiance to our Lord that we will be faithful to praise Him and will continue to share the gospel of Jesus with the people in the territories of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.



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