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The second NSD Pathfinder camporee was held at Taiwan Adventist College (TAC) from August 8 to 12, 2017, with the theme "Contact+ Experience Jesus."

The Battle Under God's Control

Don't Be Afraid. Just Trust in the Lord!

The Great Controversy, which started in heaven, has been going on for more than 6,000 years. The battle was between Christ and Lucifer, but later it was expanded to all the angelic hosts and human beings. It will be more intensified as we come closer to the end of the world. In this great battle, Christ is doing His best to save as many sinners as possible while Satan is ever trying to destroy even one more person.

God wants to finish the gospel work in the world as quickly as possible. But He will not do it without human instrumentalities (AA, 134). He is using His people as missionaries to save people from eternal destruction.

Great Challenges

In the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territory, 1.6 billion people are living in spiritual darkness without sufficiently hearing the Three Angels' Messages. Materialism, secularism, and immorality are prevalent in society. The spiritual battle is going on every day in every corner of the territory. People are becoming extremely wicked. They are ready to do all kinds of evil things in order to make money. It seems most of them are not interested in the gospel of Jesus Christ. How many of them perish without the hope of eternal life! We have a solemn responsibility of reaching this enormous number of people with the gospel message of Christ. What a great challenge this is!

Great Opportunities

"The work of God for the salvation of men is the one work of supreme importance to be carried forward in our world" (2SM, 135-6). It is certainly our great privilege to cooperate with God in winning souls. Although there are uncountable mission challenges in the NSD territory, God has opened the door of mission opportunities in numerous places. We have great mission opportunities! The door is wide open. We need to work diligently, depending on the power of the Holy Spirit while the mission opportunities are still with us. "Night is coming, when no one can work" (John 9:4).

The Battle Is God's

During the reign of King Jehoshaphat, the Kingdom of Judah was engaged in a war against the Moabites and the Ammonites. The king and the people of Judah were terribly afraid of the vast army of their enemy. It seemed impossible for them to win the battle. They were very frustrated. The king confessed to God, "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you." The Lord said to the

king through His servant, Jahaziel, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's'" (2 Chronicles 20:15).

We are in the Lord's battle. The spiritual battle belongs to God. Christ is our Commander in Chief, and we are His army. We don't need to be discouraged at the great multitude, or the great mission challenges we face daily. The Almighty God is on our side. The battle is under His control. The Lord is mighty in battle (Psalm 24:8).

Humble yet Powerful Workers

We are His humble yet very powerful army, for the Lord who is on our side is the source of our strength. Trusting Him, let us move forward together to accomplish the work that He has given us.

Although we have many weaknesses and shortcomings, when we have a connection with Jesus, our faith in Him will be further strengthened and our spiritual revival and commitment to Him and His work will be renewed. In such a way, we will be prepared to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. God will equip us with divine power. The Lord will use us as His humble yet powerful workers in finishing the gospel work.

"All heaven is actively engaged in the work of preparing a people for the second coming of Christ to our world, and 'we are laborers together with God.' The end of all things is at hand. Now is our opportunity to work" (ChS, 84).



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.



Jairyong Lee, President

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The Second NSD International Pathfinder Camporee:

CONTACT+ EXPERIENCE JESUS



Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Ministries Director

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held its second division-wide Pathfinder camporee at Taiwan Adventist College (TAC) from August 8 to 12, 2017, with the theme “Contact+ Experience Jesus.” About 2,000 Pathfinder members and leaders from the countries of Taiwan, Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, Macao, Mongolia, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, United States, UAE and Brazil attended this quinquennial event.

As the camporee started on the evening of August 8, the TAC campus began to fill with the singing voices of the Pathfinders, and flag bearers marched forward. At the opening ceremony, NSD president Jairyong Lee remarked, “This camporee is a significant event for Adventist

young people who have decided to live as an army of God to deliver the truth of the Holy Spirit to the world.” He encouraged the Pathfinders to enjoy the variety of activities and programs with one another and to have a special relationship with God and to grow spiritually through the camporee.

This was the second Pathfinder Camporee held by the NSD since the first one was held in Korea five years ago. Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD youth ministries director, expressed his gratitude to God for allowing the NSD to have a second camporee. He said, “The camporee is the highlight of Pathfinder activities. Here, about 2,000 Pathfinder members and leaders from around the world

have come to share friendships and spiritual experiences. Above all, you are here to meet Jesus personally, so please pray for that experience.”

In his welcome remarks, General Conference (GC) youth director Gary Blanchard emphasized the mission spirit of the Pathfinders. “We have to obey God’s call. Mission is a direct command from God. As an army of heaven, we need to stay grounded to have the Holy Spirit be with us. Please be a witness who delivers the message to the end of the world. Let’s spread the joyous gospel to the world.”

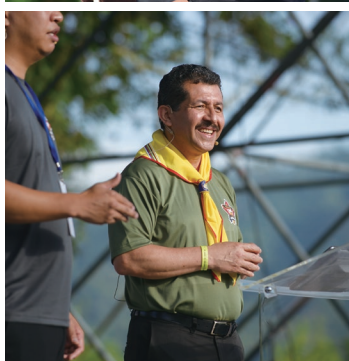
Every day, precious words of God were delivered through the sermon of Pastor Richard Sabuin, the main speaker of the camporee and NSD education director. Powerful messages on the topics of “Born Again,” “Never Thirst Water,” “Great Faith,” “I Am Jesus,” and “Contact in the Air” moved the hearts of the Pathfinders. Pastor Sabuin particularly stressed the importance of personal contact with Jesus Christ, illustrating his sermons with the fascinating stories of Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the Centurion, and the Apostle Paul, who all had personal contact with Jesus.



On the evening of August 8, the marching of the flag bearers marked the beginning of the second NSD International Camporee. About 2,000 Pathfinder members and leaders from 13 countries gathered at Taiwan Adventist College.



The participants were blessed to have an inspirational message delivered by world church leaders. (From above) Richard Sabuin, Gary Blanchard, and Abner De Los Santos, and Jairyong Lee



The participants were also blessed to start the day with an inspirational message delivered by world church leaders. Pastor Abner De Los Santos, GC vice president, said at the morning worship, “God has special expectations and purposes for our lives. To listen to His messages, we need to watch and pray. Then we should go and preach the gospel message of Jesus’ second coming and His salvation. I hope and pray that you will fulfill the purpose of God.”

During the day, about 40 booth activities were available at the camp sites, including Christian manners, postcard making, kite flying, archery, learning CPR, and many others. Tina, who was at the balloon art booth, remarked, “I’ve experienced a lot of great activities at the booths, and balloon art is one of my favorites! It’s



not easy, but it's fun to make balloon art." Lily, who goes to the same church as Tina, nodded, saying, "It is interesting to express my unique personality through balloon art." Mr. Neri and Ms. Lily, who worked as instructors at the tree booth, commented, "I am happy to teach children how to grow trees and so grateful for this opportunity. I hope that many Pathfinders will find the love of God in nature."

Every evening program began with a beautiful parade of the Pathfinder groups from the different countries. When 230 Chinese Pathfinders entered the stage, all the participants welcomed them with big applause. Also, a video clip containing colorful scenes of the camporee, which was produced by Taiwan Hope TV, was played every evening, giving participants great pleasure.

The Golden Angels, the singing missionaries of the NSD, sang beautiful songs throughout the camporee, and their music touched the hearts of the Pathfinders. One participant from the United States said, "I've never heard such beautiful music. Their singing encourages me a lot."



A baptismal ceremony was held on Sabbath, and a total of 68 new souls were reborn through baptism. All participants and leaders sincerely hope that the newly baptized members will continue their personal relationships with God.

That day, outstanding Pathfinder leaders and clubs were awarded for actively participating in Pathfinder ministry and contributing to its development. Also, drill performances were presented in the afternoon. When the Pathfinder clubs and Adventurer clubs from Hong Kong-Macau, Korea, Taiwan, Mongolia,

and the Philippines performed, the audience felt pride as Pathfinders, and were reminded of the united spirit in God.

The camporee flag was given to the Korean Union Conference, and they will hold the next NSD International Pathfinder Camporee in South Korea. The messages, praise, prayers and various experiences were enough to fill the hearts of our Adventist youth with good memories with God. With the beautiful fireworks in the night sky of Taiwan, the participants said farewell to each other until the next camporee.



BAPTISMAL CEREMONY



PARADE OF THE PATHFINDER GROUPS BY COUNTRY



BOOTH ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE



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CAMPOREE



NINE CHURCHES IN JEJU HOLD EVANGELISTIC SERIES

Kim SiYoung
NSD Adventist Mission



From July 2 to 8, 2017, the Jeju Region held simultaneous evangelistic series at nine local churches on Jeju Island, Korea. Since the gospel of God was first introduced on the island in 1914, this is the first large-scale, simultaneously-running evangelism conducted by the local churches.

Eight months ago, when preparations for the evangelistic series started, Adventists in Jeju were skeptical about its success. It seemed that the series would put a burden on local church members rather than give them new hope for winning souls. However, God has been with the churches in Jeju, and everything has been done under His guidance.

Pastors in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) were designated to serve as speakers for the different churches. These pastors held weekend revival meetings two or three times at their churches during the preparation period. Pastors inspired church members with their sermons and urged them to pray more earnestly.

The Sabbath School and Personal Ministries department of the Jeju Region set a goal of 45 baptisms, and each church and each small group in Jeju were given their own target number. This was actually a great challenge for them. In 2015, there was an evangelistic meeting on the island commemorating the centennial anniversary of Jeju Seventh-day Adventists. Twenty-one people were baptized after the meeting, and it was a richly blessed experience for Adventists in Jeju. This time, the goal of 45 baptisms was not just a number, but proof of their faith in God and a promise of their devotion to mission work.

The evangelistic series began, immediately followed by good news from all nine churches. The number of attendees in each church was growing day by day. Every church had 20 to 40 attendees each day on average. This is a large number, considering that the registered number of Adventists on the whole island is about 550. God led the evangelism!

The Moseulpo Church, one of the nine churches, held their first evangelistic meeting in 17 years, and eleven people were baptized after the meeting. This is greater than the sum of all baptisms during the past 10 years in this church.

Almost 90 people accepted Jesus as their personal Savior through the evangelistic series. Among them, 55 people were baptized on the last day of the series. The rest of the people joined a Bible study group in order to prepare for baptism.

For this historic evangelistic series, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division dispatched nine pastors and provided a subsidy of about 22,000 dollars. Adventists on Jeju Island as well as church members in other regions prayed earnestly. God heard their prayers, softened the hearts of those on Jeju Island, granted showers of blessings, and guided the work with His almighty power.



At the Pyoseon Church, foot massage served as a good way to reach people.



After their first evangelistic meeting in 17 years, Moseulpo Church had eleven baptisms.

JAPANESE PASTORS HARVEST SOULS IN THE PHILIPPINES

NEWS FOCUS II



After 16 days of the evangelistic series in 48 locations all across the island of Mindoro, 868 people were reborn through baptism.

From June 7 to 25, 2017, a total of 48 people from Japan, including 26 pastors, 8 seminary students and 14 laypeople, went to Mindoro, Philippines. Mindoro is an island located south of the country's largest island, Luzon, where the capital city is located. About 1.3 million people live on this island. All across the island, each of the 48 Japanese held their own evangelistic meeting simultaneously. Speakers preached the gospel in English, which was translated into Tagalog by local church members and college students.

Aside from leading people to decisions for baptism, their aim was to learn how to do public evangelism and prepare for the "All Japan 2018 Maranatha" initiative, where Elder Ted Wilson, General Conference president, will hold evangelistic meetings, alongside 140 sites in Japan.



From June 9 to 24, 2017, a total of 48 people from Japan, including 26 pastors, 8 seminary students and 14 laypeople, went to Mindoro, Philippines, and held their own evangelistic meeting simultaneously.

Prior to the meetings, Adventist World Radio worked with nine different local radio stations to broadcast the message on family, health, the Adventist church doctrines and the gospel for one to three hours every day. The broadcasts do well, especially with people living in remote villages on the island, where radio is available but Internet is not common. In one of the villages, San Nicolas, the people expressed a desire to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastors visited this village. Three more villages gave similar, massive responses to the Adventist message. The Japanese pastors working there saw the result of the moving of the Spirit in people's hearts.

The evangelistic series lasted 16 days, with meetings almost every day, in 48 locations. Some speakers commuted two hours every day to get to their meeting sites. Some sites were held in good church buildings while some were so simple that they only had logs and tarps. But the most important thing is that God blessed everyone's efforts. As a result of these meetings, 868 baptisms took place on June 24. It was a miraculous Sabbath!

"All Japan 18 Maranatha" will follow a similar idea to what was done in Mindoro, Philippines. According to Japan Union Conference leaders, those involved feel more confident now that God will be able to work in Japan in wonderful ways, and that preaching the Word for an extended period of time is key to the success of reaping a greater harvest. We pray that God will bless us as we trust in Him.

Hiroshi Yamaji
JUC Adventist Mission



Training Session for Children's Sabbath School Teachers in Taiwan

Celeste Sha & Nilde Itin Lust

Directors of TWC & NSD Children's Ministries

A *GraceLink* training was conducted for children's Sabbath School teachers in Taiwan at Sanyu Health Center, Taiwan, from June 16 to 18, 2017. Forty-three attendees representing 22 churches of the Taiwan Conference (TWC), together with TWC children's ministries and health ministries directors, children's ministries associate director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and two assistant staff, gathered at the venue for this special training.

GraceLink is the official curriculum for children's Sabbath School around the world and was introduced 10 years ago in TWC and has been used ever since. However, many new teachers have joined the teaching teams of many churches in Taiwan who have not received previous training on the use of this curriculum. Therefore, it was very necessary to hold this training.

The purpose of this training was to help new teachers understand the concepts and methods used in this curriculum, promoting unity in the use of Adventist teaching materials, improving their teaching skills, building team spirit and encouraging a revival of their spiritual lives.

These are some of the comments expressed by the attendees regarding the training: "It was great!" "The training content was very rich. When learned, it can be applied in real life." "It was a new concept." Others stated that it was a good opportunity for "knowing the responsibility for the church's children," that they "learned a lot of things," that it was "very lively," and that they were "happy" and "enjoyed" the training.



At the end of the training, attendees agreed to continue the training with follow-up activities. Every Thursday they would submit pre-class preparation documents. Also, they would exchange views and ideas on an exclusive social media group, and in September, they would carry out a teaching demonstration in each mission district.

The work of the children's Sabbath School teacher may sometimes pass by unnoticed, but the impressions made on the hearts and minds of children may be an influence for life and eternity.

First Clinical Pastoral Orientation Held in Division



The first ever Clinical Pastoral Orientation (CPO) was held at the Seoul SDA Language Institute, which is across from the Seoul Adventist Hospital, from July 17 to 21, 2017. Fourteen healthcare chaplains from six different hospitals gathered for one week of instruction, clinical observation, and fellowship during this historic event. Dr. Mario Ceballos, director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) at the General Conference (GC), was the featured instructor. Deena Bartel-Wagner, GC ACM editor/webmaster/social media manager, conducted numerous interviews of healthcare and military chaplains, and Dr. Lisa Clouzet, associate director of ministerial association of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), coordinated the week.



“All chaplains are pastors,” the saying goes, “but not all pastors are chaplains.” This is a true statement. Healthcare chaplains, along with other types of professional chaplains, are a specialized branch of ministry, with specialized training. In the case of healthcare chaplains, the most fundamental training is not something they usually obtain with an undergraduate or even graduate theological education. The training is called Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Most healthcare chaplains in the NSD have not had the opportunity for such training, and this CPO was an effort to begin helping the current situation.

During CPE, chaplains learn to write verbatims of patient visits made in the hospitals, and then discuss those under strict confidentiality. The professional discussions with other chaplains, under supervision, help the chaplains to discover personal biases and assumptions, and lead them to be better listeners and caregivers in their ministry.

Although the CPO chaplains’ levels of training and experience varied, all were able to learn from the experience. The participants who completed all the requirements received a certificate from the Adventist Chaplaincy Institute, and a second certificate of continuing education from Loma Linda University.



Ron & Lisa Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Association
Director & Associate Director

After many years of preparation and prayers, the student literature evangelist program was launched in 2016. Beginning in June 2017, the student literature evangelist program started again with special training and orientation in the eastern part of China.

With the support of the Signs of the Times Publishing Association (STPA), who laid the foundation in China for many years, and receiving more and more government-recognized and approved CIP (Cataloging in Publication) books, the students who have studied at our training programs fully understand the importance of publishing ministries in this generation. They follow the instruction of Ellen White's counsel, "The Lord has instituted a plan whereby many of the students in our schools can learn practical lessons needful to success in afterlife" (*Colporteur Ministry*, 30).

More than 16 students from China participated in this year's program, which lasted for a week and was conducted by Stanley Ng, publishing ministries director of Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD); John Zhang, publishing ministries director of Chinese Union Mission; and Tony Chou, manager of STPA and his team from Taiwan. The training focused mainly on the history and vision of literature evangelism, personal evangelism, salesmanship and other practical lessons.

After the training, the students then went out to the streets, buildings, and shops with Adventist publications, sharing and selling them to people. Many of them prayed for the customers and started building good relationships. The students also utilized modern technology, social media, and the internet to contact many potential customers far and near, even reaching out to the Chinese community in Australia. Through their ministry, the gospel message was able to break through barriers, even territorial restrictions.

Nine theology students from Taiwan Adventist College also joined the summer program. These students came across the strait, and their ministry marked the history of student literature evangelism. With this canvassing experience, our future young pastors and publishing leaders have built up their faith, confidence, and loyalty to the church, and their testimonies have had a positive impact on many young people.

May God continue to lead this program and inspire many more young workers and members to join this publishing ministries.

1. More than 16 students from China participated in this year's student literature evangelist program.
- 2 & 3. A group of students went out into the street after praying together for the winning of souls.



Student Literature Evangelist Program Kickoff in China and Taiwan



Tony Chou
Manager of STPA



As suggested by the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) President's Executive Advisory Committee (PREXAD) team approved a visit to the South Pacific Division (SPD). Twenty-six PREXAD team members, including spouses, visited Sydney and Fiji from July 23 to 31, 2017, to learn of their mission progress and their challenges.

The SPD has four Unions with 2,096 churches and 458,728 members as of June 2016. Among the four Unions, the Australian Union Conference is biggest in terms of tithe and income. When it comes to membership, Papua New

Guinea Union Mission is on top with its some 268,000 members, little more than half of the total Division membership.

On July 24, the NSD PREXAD team visited SPD headquarters, and Elder Glenn Townend, SPD president, with other officers, departmental directors, and support staff gave the team a heartfelt welcome. During the morning worship, NSD president Jairyong Lee shared NSD's mission challenges and on-going mission projects. He stressed the significance of "Total Member Involvement" of all members in any part of church mission as a token of true revival in order to hasten Jesus' Second Coming.



SPD mission strategies focus on "Mission to the Cities" through comprehensive health and media ministries and its resultant disciple-making ministries. About 40 percent of SPD income comes from institutions. The representative income-generating institutions are an Adventist hospital and sanitarium and food factory.

As the NSD PREXAD team visited Sydney Adventist Hospital, Philip Currie, hospital CEO, welcomed and guided visitors around the hospital. The hospital employs more than 2,400 staff and 750 accredited medical practitioners and offers surgical, medical and emergency services to more than 50,000 inpatients and 175,000 outpatients each year. Among the staff and medical doctors, about 25 percent are Adventists.

The next day, the NSD PREXAD team had an opportunity to visit the Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing Company (Mr. Kevin Jackson, CEO). The company produces health food products, including Weet-Bix, Australia's top-selling breakfast cereal, which is being exported to 30 different countries.

Moreover, the history of Avondale College and nearby Sunnyside, Ellen G. White's residence for five years from 1896 to 1900, provided inspiration to the NSD PREXAD



NSD PREXAD Team Visits South Pacific Division Territories



Joo MinHo
NSD Assistant to the President



The NSD PREXAD team were inspired from visiting Sunnyside, Ellen G. White's residence for five years from 1896 to 1900.



team. In 1894, Ellen G. White dreamed of Avondale College campus, and three years later, in 1897, the college was opened to train God's workers. Beside Ellen G. White's previous home, there is a tall pine tree. Under that pine tree, there is small signboard that says, "Under the Pine Tree that Once Stood Here, Ellen G. White wrote a Portion of Her Well Known Book, *Desire of Ages.*"

On July 27, Thursday, the NSD PREXAD team flew to Nadi, Fiji, to visit the Trans Pacific Union Mission (TPUM) and the Fiji Mission. The TPUM has 515 churches with 110,823 members as of June 2016. Many islands, such as the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Tonga, Fiji, etc., belong to the division. The Union headquarters is located in Suba, Fiji.

When the team landed at Nadi Airport, Dr. Glynn Galo, Fulton College president, and Elder Kingsley Wood, TPUM treasurer, welcomed them warmly, and students from Fulton College gave them garlands of flowers. Fulton College was moved close to the Nadi International Airport so that students from other countries could have easy access.

The first Adventist contact with Fijians was the arrival of the ship the "Pitcairn" in 1891. The Pitcairn missionaries began to conduct meetings for the Fijians. Among them, there was a missionary couple, John and Hannah Tay. After converting all Pitcairn islanders to Adventism, John and Hannah Tay sailed to Suva, Fiji, and remained there for several months to deliver the Three Angels' Messages. Unfortunately, John Tay died in 1892, five months after his arrival at Suva, Fiji.

On Friday, July 28, the NSD PREXAD team arrived at Fiji Mission. The Mission president Luke Narabe, welcomed the team. Together with all Mission families, they had vespers worship together. The music provided by the church choir and the hospitality of the Fiji brethren touched hearts and led all to think of our heavenly home. On Sabbath morning, the PREXAD members were scattered to visit and preach in different churches. It was

the harvesting Sabbath, baptizing baptismal candidates.

In Fiji Mission, there are more than 300 churches. It is noteworthy that the President of Fiji is an Adventist. He was converted to Adventism after reading the book *Steps to Christ* written by Ellen G. White. How amazing that a literature evangelist delivered that inspiring book to him and that he was guided and prompted by the Holy Spirit and finally became an Adventist.

On Sabbath afternoon, some of the NSD PREXAD team visited John Tay's tomb. It was drizzling. The body of the missionary was buried in a foreign country, waiting for Jesus' Second Coming. The historic sites relating to Ellen G. White in Australia and the tomb of missionary John Tay in Fiji inspired everyone to recall God's mission entrusted to them in the end time and motivated them to rededicate themselves to the Lord by doing His work until the end.



1. The NSD PREXAD team visited the tomb of John Tay, first Adventist missionary who arrived in Fiji in 1891.
2. Philip Currie, CEO of Sydney Adventist Hospital, guided visitors around the hospital.
3. Members of the NSD PREXAD team at the Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing Company



The PyeongSo-Im Foundation, a nonprofit organization, built a welfare center “CheonAe Garden” in Chungju, Korea. The dedication service was held on the Sabbath of June 3, 2017. Up to seven people can stay at a residence in the center, which is equipped with a kitchen, a living room, a bathroom, and a playroom. Mothers and children who need help can be safely protected by the love of God. Staff members will work in the other building.

On the day of the dedication service, led by Pastor Um KilSoo, president of Sijosa, about 200 guests including local community leaders such as Oh JinSeop, deputy mayor of Chungju; Adventist church leaders such as Pastor Shin YangHee, secretary of Korean Union Conference (KUC), and Han SukHee, communication director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD); and many church members came to celebrate the completion.

The founder of the PyeongSo-Im Foundation, Mrs. Yoon SeungKyu, established a branch office in Korea

in April 2015 and a foundation headquarters in Japan a month earlier, and donated her entire property to the foundation. The foundation's business aims to heal people and seek the true value of life. Projects of the foundation are planned on the basis of the words of God in Matthew 10:8, “Freely you have received, freely give.” Elder Lee BongChun, representative of the PyeongSo-Im Foundation, said, “We will do our best to help the underprivileged and poor neighbors, such as orphans, single mothers, and elderly people living alone, to improve their lives so that Christ's love and His gospel can be delivered to them.”

Pastor Huh ChangSoo, president of the Middle West Korean Conference, preached a sermon at the service. He said, “Jesus came to earth to save people who were destined to die. This garden is a place to reflect on the love of Jesus. I hope that the wounded soul will be healed and that the sound of laughter and joy will always fill the garden.”

In his celebration remarks, KUC president Shin YangHee mentioned the donation from the PyeongSo-Im

The PyeongSo-Im Foundation Launches Welfare Center

Han SukHee

NSD Communication Director





Foundation for evangelism in Africa. Through the donation, hundreds of thousands of copies of Ellen White books were sent to Rwanda, Tanzania, and Kenya. “The PyeongSo-Im Foundation has supported various missionary organizations, such as the 1000 Missionary Movement. I was very glad to hear that they established CheonAe Garden and will begin welfare work for single moms and their children,” said Pastor Shin.

Through CheonAe Garden, those who are hungry will be fed, those who are displaced will have a place to dwell, and those who are wounded will be soothed. All the attendees of the service asked God for His blessings on the center.

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NSD Ministerial Association Director Teaches at Sahmyook University

Sahmyook University in Seoul, Korea, may be the largest educational institution in the Adventist system, with approximately 5,700 full-time students. It is a well-recognized school in Korea, and thousands of pastors have trained there over the years.

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial association director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and former professor at the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, taught a two-week intensive course in late June 2017 for MDiv and PhD students. The class, which was called Seminar in Ministry, covered topics such as Christopraxis, theology of the church, church growth in the Book of Acts, leadership development in the early church, ministry in the Adventist Church, church planting, spirituality, preaching, and evangelism.

The lectures were highlighted by meaningful discussions on a variety of ministry issues prompted by student questions. Most of the 36 students were seasoned pastors with at least 10 years of field experience in the ministry.

Ron Clouzet

NSD Ministerial Association Director



SEKC Mind Theory Training School

Kim SeMi

SEKC Family/Women's Ministries Director



The South East Korean Conference (SEKC) held a Mind Theory Training School from June 11 to 13, 2017, in Euiryeong, Gyeongsangnam-do. This special training was arranged by the Korean Union Conference (KUC) ministerial department for SEKC pastoral spouses. The training is based on the premise that a healthy pastoral spouse leads to a healthy pastoral family, and a healthy pastoral family leads to a healthy church.

Dr. Kim Nami, the guest presenter, taught the pastoral spouses about mental fitness, the Spirit of Prophecy, and the Bible, based on her research. This education had three main goals: 1) to be positive and perceive one's value as high as the value of the blood of Christ, 2) to respect others and to respect oneself, and 3) to be

united in Jesus and to share His grace and hope with others.

The Mind Theory Training School was attended by around 30 pastoral spouses. Many felt awkward when they got together on the first day. As time went by, however, they felt a sense of empathy as they shared happiness and sorrows and comforted each other. It helped them bond and, through shared experiences, provided insight into what their real needs were.

The ministerial spouses were able to spend time in prayer together, thanking God for His healing and His grace. They realized His will for them and why He called them as shepherdesses. They are alive in His grace, which brings them real happiness. As a result of learning that positive thinking results in positive

actions, they determined to focus on the positive, rather than the negative.

At the end of the training, a special ceremony was held to recognize the ministerial spouses for their participation in and completion of the Mind Theory Training School. SEKC president, Kim WonSang, and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) associate ministerial director, Lisa Clouzet, were on site to present the certificates and to encourage the women who had completed the training.

To continue learning, several spouses are sharing their personal class notes and impressions with other participants through social media. What they learned will be practiced and applied in each of their fields. The next training is scheduled for September 2017.



Lisa Clouzet, NSD associate ministerial director, and Dr. Kim Nami, the guest presenter



Medical Missionary Training for Local Churches' Health Director in Taiwan

Ruth Yu

TWC Health Ministries Director

The health ministries department of Taiwan Conference held a medical missionary training for the local church health ministry directors at the Sanyu Health Center from May 21 to 24, 2017. Mrs. Fanny Su Bates was invited to be the trainer and speaker. Mrs. Bates and her husband, Anthony, have been self-supporting medical missionaries for many years. They have set up home-health centers in Australia, Japan, and Taiwan and invited patients to stay with them. They pray for the patients and treat them with natural remedies to soothe their physical pain. Moreover, they introduce Jesus to the patients, and many of them accept Jesus as their Savior. Mr. Bruce Hammar, another guest speaker, has also been a dedicated self-supporting missionary in Taiwan for more than 30 years. He works with the Bates, and they have often held health evangelistic meetings together.

The training included two sections:
1. Spiritual Emphasis: In addition to personal and group devotionals,

two classes, "Spiritual Revival" and "Medical Evangelism and Three Angels' Message," were offered to help participants comprehensively understand the meaning of medical evangelism as the right hand of the gospel from a spiritual perspective.

2. Skills Emphasis: Stretching exercises and classes in healthy cooking, natural remedies, health principles, and body cleansing and detoxification were offered to better equip participants to extend their services more widely.

During the training, the speakers shared their personal experiences as medical missionaries over the years. The participants were deeply encouraged by their testimonies. Most of the participants decided to change their lifestyles and to renew their commitment of having daily personal devotions. These classes allowed them to practice being the right hand of the gospel to fulfill the mission for soul-winning.

In order to reach their individual goals, they were given the following assignments for after the training:



Above: Mr. Bruce Hammar, self-supporting missionary in Taiwan, served as a guest speaker at a medical missionary training.



Below: Learning natural remedies was part of the training.

1. Daily devotions: Bible study and prayer
2. Reading plan: 2017 - *The Ministry of Healing*; 2018 - *Counsels on Diet and Foods*
3. Personal health improvement plan implementation
4. Local church health ministry promotion
5. Personal soul-winning plan

Thanks be to God for giving us the opportunity to work with Him. It is our hope that more people accept God's grace and salvation. May the work of the medical missionaries hasten the coming of Jesus.



Youth Learn to Serve and Share in Mongolia

Milena Mendes

Brazilian Volunteer, English Teacher
at Tusgal Adventist School



School is over and for many children there is only one thought regarding that: summer is here! Along with that, though, comes some concerns for the parents, including what to do with the children during such a long break. In many countries with the same school system, the church has a great plan for this time of the year, and that is having a summer camp to gather together the young followers of Christ and to work on having them enjoy their time in a better, constructive way.

Ellen G. White once wrote, “The elevation or deterioration of the future of society will be determined by the manners and morals of the youth growing up around us. As the youth are educated, and as their characters are modeled in their childhood to virtuous habits, self-control, and temperance, so will their influence be upon society” (The Adventist Home, 15).

With that message in mind, the children and youth department of Mongolia Mission (MM) organized, from June 22 to 25, 2017, a youth camp themed “Youth Future,” to be held at the MM Youth Training Center (YTC), which opened last March. The four days of experience

with God and one another were based on four main subjects: Knowing Jesus, Accepting and Following Jesus, Serving Jesus, and Sharing Jesus.

The 60 attendees, being 31 girls and 29 boys ages 15 and 25, who were influenced by the Holy Spirit to be at the camp, had the opportunity to learn more about the One who has called them to be the future of the church in Mongolia. The great majority of them came from churches around Ulaanbaatar, capital of the country. However, a group of ten girls travelled 16 hours by train from Zamiin-Uud, a city which borders south with China and has the youngest church history in the country.

Tuvshintugs Solongo, a 16-year-old girl among that group, said this was her second youth camp. “We came from very far. Playing games and having the bonfire were a few of the things that made the trip worth it! I had the chance to learn a lot from the sermons, especially the story from John’s book about serving God,” she shared.

Attending a youth camp for the first time, 17-year-old Bilguun Nyamdavaa said that the camp was a cool experience, especially the social activity called Speed Date, where the attendees had the opportunity to chat and learn more about each other. He told us that he also liked Pastor Nyamsuren’s sermon about young men not being afraid of telling the good news about Jesus. For the people who didn’t attend the 2017 camp, he leaves a message: “You must plan to attend the next camp. You can play many sports games, make lots of new friends and experience spiritual growth.” Bilguun is a member of the Bayan Khair Church in Ulaanbaatar.

Ganbayr Ganuka attends Maranata Church, also in Ulaanbaatar. At 18 years of age, she said she has lived 15 of them as a Seventh-day Adventist through the influence of her mother. During all this time, she participated in





several children's camps, but this was her first time at a youth camp. "Here I learned that God loves us even though we are sinners. He forgives us, willing to give us a new life. I loved listening to God's word and worshipping Him through music," said Ganbayr.

Preparation

In order to make the camp as memorable as possible for the attendees, a lot of planning took place. The first meeting happened in January, when some general ideas were discussed. Since then, a group of determined and dedicated people worked to make the plan a reality.

Pastor Orgil Lkhagvaa, 31, is the children and youth department director at MM. Of the 15 years of relationship with the Adventist Church, 10 of them include ministering. His passion toward the youth has always been there and naturally became the focus of his ministry. "We need to guide the youth, teach them and influence them on how to know, learn and serve Jesus. From now on the church members need to see our children as the bright future of the church," he said when asked about the choice of the camp theme. In addition, Pastor Orgil shared that "we will be more creative and invite more youth people to come join us next year. The feeling is of mission accomplished, but it is just started.

We have to continue being in touch with these youth, sharing God's word and blessings with others."

Gantugs Dashdendev, 32, has been an Adventist since 2002, and became a pastor three years ago, currently leading Baganuur Church in Ulaanbaatar. Since he started ministering, he planned to work with the youth. This was the second camp he worked at, helping mainly with organizing the worship time, especially with songs. Also responsible as one of the team leaders, he was asked how he felt working with so many kids. "There were no big problems. Many of the youth members from my church came to camp and I have four daughters, so I am used to having a lot of work!" He laughed and added, "I like that children can listen when they are still young to learn how to teach others about God."

When it comes to 70 people camping together, there are two things we cannot forget: the responsibility for keeping the place ready to receive guests, and the great work of the cooks working in the kitchen. A big shout out was given to Byambaa and Nyndavaa, the two men responsible for preparing the meals. Byambaa, the chef for the camp, mentioned this was his second time cooking at the YTC.

Uuriintuya Ganxuyag, 31, dearly called Uree, is a former seamstress who, after an unexpected accident which took her away from her job, discovered God had other plans for her life. She has been working for the church, assisting and organizing events since March this year. The YTC holds up to 100 guests in the 64 bedrooms. According to Uree, 44 rooms were used for the youth camp. Before the troop came, Uree was responsible for making sure the rooms, as well as shared bathrooms and common areas, were clean and the food supplies were provided.

Between the work here and there, Uree was able to see the activities that were going on. Listening to some of the sermons, she learned that we have to teach people more about Jesus, and John's message about serving God was highlighted. "I am a bit exhausted, but I loved having so many people here!" she added.



Impact Europe

Global Youth Leaders Congress 2018 Steering Committee in Germany

Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Ministries Director

The General Conference (GC) youth ministries department held the 2018 Global Youth Leaders Congress (GYLC) Steering Committee Meeting in Kassel, Germany, from June 25 to 29, 2017. The committee includes Abner De Los Santos, GC vice president, members of the GC youth ministries department, youth directors of the 13 Divisions, and the local GYLC staff members from the host country, Germany.

The Committee voted on the congress schedule, programs, workshop themes, and speakers for youth leaders. They also discussed other items that need to be arranged for this upcoming international event, such as accommodations, meals, transportation, and pick-up service. The committee members agreed to work on dispatching youth leaders throughout the world through this congress in order to hasten the second coming of Jesus Christ.

GYLC, hosted by the GC youth ministries department, is held every five years. The 2018 GYLC commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, so the congress aims to inspire young people living in the postmodern age to grow up right in God and protect themselves from secular temptations.

This GYLC will be held from July 31 to August 4, 2018, in Kassel, Germany, the cradle of the Reformation. One week before the GYLC, a Reformation tour around Germany will be provided.



Health Evangelistic Meeting at Shinchang Church



A health evangelistic meeting was held at Shinchang Church in Korea from June 11 to 17, 2017, with the title “There is hope for every disease.” Dr. Choi YoungII, health ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), served as the speaker.

More than 100 people attended the meeting every evening. During this one-week evangelistic meeting, the church had about 50 new seekers, and 25 of them decided to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Three souls were baptized at the end of the meeting. The church will carefully take care of the new seekers as well as the newly baptized members.

“Apparently, this evangelistic meeting served as an important opportunity in gathering newcomers. More importantly, our church members, who had experienced a bit of frustration in mission work and soul-winning, could recover their confidence,” said the church pastor Byun KyeongBo.

Dr. Choi’s lectures on the principles of disease treatment, lifestyle diseases, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and cancer, as well as mental diseases, such as depression and panic disorder, were necessary themes for people living in this modern society. Moreover, during the week, people were able to receive personal health counseling in their homes. During counseling, Dr. Choi focused on the relationship between the Adventist health message and modern medical science. Above all, he emphasized that God is the only true healer who not only cures our diseases but saves us from sin.

The health message will continue to serve as an effective missionary tool in all places, and it will play a crucial role as the right arm in spreading the good news until the end of the world. We earnestly pray and hope that the health message can be powerfully proclaimed in more regions, and that the seeds of good news planted on the Shinchang Church will grow well until they reach to heaven.





Hong Kong Women's Ministries Emphasis Day

Lisa Clouzet & Nilde Itin Lust

Director & Associate Director of
NSD Children's, Women's, and Family Ministries

On June 24, 2017, more than 280 women from 12 area churches gathered at the Bible Auditorium Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hong Kong for a special women's ministries (WM) program. This program coincided with the General Conference's (GC) worldwide WM Emphasis Sabbath. Serene Chong, Hong Kong Macau Conference (HKMC) WM director, organized the event. Dr. Lisa Clouzet, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) WM director, was the guest speaker.

The theme of the special day was "Gifted to Serve," and emphasis was given to the use of one's spiritual gifts in reaching out to others for Jesus. Time was provided for the participants to complete a spiritual gifts inventory at the beginning of the program. For many, it was their first time completing such an assessment.

Several musical numbers were provided by area churches, and a poignant skit was performed by women

from the Hong Kong Adventist International Church. The women also enjoyed praying and fellowshiping together throughout the afternoon.

Many members—women, men, youth, and children—today are searching for ways to be involved in the church's mission. All can be assured of a purpose and reminded that "...the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, (will) equip you with all you need for doing His will. May He who became the great Shepherd of the sheep by an everlasting agreement between God and you, signed with His blood, produce in you through the power of Christ all that is pleasing to Him. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:20, 21, *The Living Bible*).

For more information on Women's Ministries and on becoming involved in mission, please visit <http://www.adventistwomensministries.org/>

Two Historic Events at Tusgal Secondary School

Richard Sabuin
NSD SS/PM Director



First five graduates of the Tusgal Secondary School



Tusgal teachers, administrators, board members, and AAA team

Two historic events just happened at Tusgal Secondary School in Mongolia. First, on May 22, 2017, it had its first graduation ceremony for the elementary level (grade 5), middle school (grade 9), and high school (grade 12). The high school produced five graduates as its first fruits! The second important event was the accreditation visit of the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA) from May 22 to 24, 2017, which was the first ever since the school was established in 2009.

The speaker of the graduation was Dr. John Wesley Taylor V, an associate director of the General Conference education department. He was there to join the AAA accreditation team evaluating the school. In addition, he also conducted a 4-hour seminar on the integration of faith and learning for the school teachers.

Besides Dr. Taylor, witnessing the graduations were principals/teachers of other Adventist schools in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) as well as church leaders: Frank Tam, principal of Hong Kong Adventist Academy; Simon Xu, principal of Macau Sam Yuk Middle School; Jeremy Everhart, principal of Taiwan Adventist International School; Karina Bresla, ELL director of Taipei Adventist American School; Choi HyungJin, NSD assistant treasurer; and Richard Sabuin, NSD education director. They are members of the AAA visiting team evaluating the school.

The school started in 2009 with only 4 teachers and 14 students. Now the school has almost 30 teachers and workers, 80% of whom are Adventists, and 127 students of whom 35% are Adventists. Despite challenges, the school has nurtured a spiritual environment for both teachers and students. Every school day the teachers have a 30-minute devotional time when they discuss together the Sabbath School quarterly lesson of the week. The school also conducts week of prayer twice a year. In the school year of 2016/2017, three students were baptized. One of the graduates mentioned how close the teachers have been to her and guided her.

Under the leadership of the school principal, Mrs. Otgontuya Tserenpil, the school is committed to offering Adventist education with the purpose of impacting students and teachers with the knowledge of God and the truth. Let us pray for the continuity and the advancement of Tusgal Secondary School.

KUC Women's Leadership Retreat and Prayer Meeting

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) women's ministries hosted a Women's Leadership Retreat and Prayer Meeting from July 12 to 13, 2017, at Madalphy Training Center in Korea. This is an annual event to encourage a healthy church and to activate mission for women by strengthening the role of female leaders in the church. Approximately 160 leaders gathered at this year's retreat, where the theme was "Daughters of God, the Path of Light."

Pastor Lee HarkBong, president/head chaplain of Yeosu Adventist Hospital, was the main speaker. His presentations were entitled "The leader who engages in worship for her whole life"; "The leader who becomes a mentor and raises up the next generation"; and "The leader who influences His holiness in the local community."

Kim JangSook, director of Hope Family Violence Center, gave a training about how to form human relationships through effective mission strategies. Her topic was entitled, "The leader who takes care of precious souls."

Dr. Lisa Clouzet, director of the women's ministries department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, also attended and spoke words of inspiration to all the participants. She encouraged the women to begin where they are, to use what they have, and to follow where God leads.

In addition to the main presentations, women's ministries leaders from KUC and five other conferences, along with the Korean SDA Women's Association, reported on the present status and perspective of their activities. These presentations helped show a clear direction and possibilities for future activities of women's ministries.

Many participants felt God's healing hands upon them through His Word and through praise times during the meeting. They renewed their commitment to trust God's healing hands,

to fasten their hope to Him, to trust His promise of answered prayer, and to be like Jesus. They desire to be consistently involved in His ministry to help shed His light to the local community. It is also their hope to contribute to Korean Adventist church mission and growth.



Tai Po Sam Yuk Students Visit Korea



During the Easter holidays, from April 12 to 17, 2017, Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School, Hong Kong SAR, sent its marching band and choir on a cultural exchange tour to the Republic of Korea. A total of 43 members joined this exciting trip.

The students from Tai Po Sam Yuk had a wonderful time learning the Korean culture. They had the chance to learn how to make Korean food and to try on traditional Korean costumes.

The group from Hong Kong visited two Adventist secondary schools in Korea. The students from Hong Kong and Korea used English to communicate. Soon they began to learn each other's languages. These young people became close and were engaged in lively conversations filled with laughter and appreciation.

The marching band performance by Tai Po Sam Yuk won a good round of applause and cheering from the Korean audience. The atmosphere was welcoming and warm. The tour was an eye-opener for many Tai Po students who had not been to Korea. More exchanges between the schools are expected in the future.



Performance by Tai Po Sam Yuk marching band received a rousing round of applause at Adventist secondary schools in Korea.

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HKMC Awards Volunteers of Excellence

Hong Kong-Macau Conference (HKMC) held its 17th Award ceremony on May 7, 2017, on the campus of Lingnam University to thank the volunteers for their excellent services to the public. More than 200 volunteers received awards based on their service hours. Thirty-two received the golden award for serving more than 100 hours. Some of the volunteers were husband-and-wife teams or parent-and-child teams. In one case, four brothers from one family went on the stage and received awards together.

These volunteers were helping at four different social service institutions operated by HKMC. Their diligence and dedication have inspired many others. One award-recipient was an 83-year-old woman. She has been volunteering for nearly twenty years. Her positive attitude of selfless service touches many lives.



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The Faith of Desmond Doss
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武田吉夫・訳

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第89回アカデミー賞
2部門(録音賞・編集賞)受賞!
メル・ギブソン監督作品

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“Hacksaw Ridge” Evangelism

*Treasure Amid
Okinawa's Battle Scars*

The movie *Hacksaw Ridge*, directed by famous American director Mel Gibson, which won two categories of the Academy Award in 2017, was released in Japan in June 2017 and got huge reactions. Desmond Doss, the main character in the movie, was a faithful member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church who saved 75 soldiers as a combat medic at the battle against Okinawa, one of the greatest battlegrounds of World War II. Because of his courageous behavior, Doss became a hero in the United States and was awarded the US Army's highest medal from President Truman. His existence as an American hero was little known in Japan, but the release of this movie let many Japanese know about Desmond Doss and his way of life.

Although the Japanese Union Conference did not actively encourage church members to go to the movie theaters and see the movie, we realized that this could be a great opportunity for evangelism for people who were interested in the movie, so we encouraged each church to participate in “Hacksaw Ridge Evangelism.” These are the mission reports from our institutions and people who were involved in this evangelistic project:

Japan Publishing House

To support “Hacksaw Ridge Evangelism” in each church, we published evangelism booklets, free tracts, and books. We also set up a special section for “Hacksaw Ridge” at the bookstore in Shinjuku, Tokyo, and we created a special web page about Desmond Doss on the website of Japan Publishing House to promote the books we have about him. <http://hacksaw.fukuinsha.com/>

Media Center

With the cooperation of a film-distributing agency, Hope Channel Japan released a video about Doss. We also gave books about Desmond Doss to the listeners of radio NIKKEI as gifts.

Okinawa Mission

At the Okinawa Mission, Elder Masamitsu Isa and Pastor Teru Fukui joined the tour “Hacksaw Ridge where an American combat medic was active without having weapons,” sponsored by Urasoe City. Participants of the tour received missionary booklets and tracts about Desmond Dos. After that, Elder Isa met with the Education Board superintendent of Urasoe City. The head of the Education Board said, “I would like Adventists to give children hope through their actions. I hope that through Dos’s story, children can find daily courage to get rid of bullying and give them a will to overcome. Adventists are able to help us. Let us make a monument of Dos in this area in the next three years.”

Nakamura Makoto, head of office and a volunteer history guide of Urasoe City, said, “The history of a man who staked his life to save other lives in a situation where humanity could be paralyzed in war is a treasure of Okinawa.”

Elder Isa and Pastor Fukui are now considering sharing Dos’s story with children with the cooperation of the Education Board of Urasoe City and local media.

Noriko Arakaki, Canvasser

I handed out 300 tracts to people for two and a half days since the release date of *Hacksaw Ridge*. When I gave a tract to a man who had come out of the theater, he looked at it while he was walking and then he came back to me. Shaking my hands, he said, “I am the mayor of Urasoe City. Good luck with your work. If there is anything I can do, please let me know.”

Yoshinobu Obara, Principal of Okinawa Saniku Elementary School

Every month I hand out *Signs of the Times* magazines to the areas near our school as a way of helping promote our school every month. Today I went to the houses I always visit and gave out *Signs of the Times* along with a poster recruiting children for the school. I also brought along tracts about Dos. The people already knew about the movie through TV commercials or newspaper articles.

A manager of the education board said to me, “I understand that religion is essential for peace and moral education. Saniku has such a good back bone.”

While an office manager of the Social Warfare Council was looking

at one of the pages in the *Signs* about *Hacksaw Ridge*, he said, “I read *Signs of the Times* every month. This time, the content is really interesting for me.” I had a couple of extra booklets, so I left them there.

When I visited a restaurant, there were several junior high school students receiving orientation from the restaurant manager. When I talked to them briefly

about Dos, the students asked me, “I will definitely watch the movie, but how could Dos do such a thing?” I gave them the booklet that provides more details about Dos. One of the students said, “This actually happened here in Okinawa, so we need to know more about him.” I am so thankful to God that He worked for me and used me in today’s visits.

Tomoko Shinmyo, Lay Member of Imabari Church

Sixteen members from my church went to four theaters to hand out tracts. Personally, I haven’t watched a movie for 50 years, so it required a lot of courage. I asked the members to hand out the tracts even if they chose not to watch the movie. We gave tracts to people who were entering and exiting the theater. It was also a great chance to let other churches know about the Seventh-day Adventist Church by giving out tracts and booklets. Everyone was impressed. Some church members who have been in the faith for a long time had not realized that they belong to such a great church. Those who are seeking God became closer to the Adventist Church.

Dos’s way of life, which included obeying God’s commandment “You shall not murder” throughout his life even in the battlefield, is telling something to people’s hearts during this age, when the sounds of war can clearly be heard all over the world today.

To see the words “Seventh-Day Adventists” and “Ten Commandments” in the newspaper or on TV is surprising. I pray that God will take this opportunity provided by the releasing of this movie and open up a big mission path in Japan.



Norihiko Hanada
JUC Communication Director





Second Intensive Session of CLAP (The Communication and Leadership Advancement Program)



Nilde Lust
CLAP Coordinator

The second intensive session of the Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) recently took place on the campus of Asia-Pacific International University (AIU), Thailand.

From June 26 to July 12, 2017, CLAP participants continued their development of English and leadership skills under the theme “Led by His Spirit.” In this intensive session for the 4th run of CLAP, 25 young leaders (pastors, accountants, elders and church workers) attended, coming from China (5 people), Japan (4),

Korea (14), Mongolia (1) and Taiwan (1). Two English instructors, an assistant and a coordinator formed the team that conducted the activities during this 17-day intensive training session, together with a few guest speakers from NSD and from AIU that contributed by presenting various leadership topics.

AIU is an Adventist educational institution of higher education located in the province of Saraburi, two hours away from the city of Bangkok, Thailand’s capital. The beautiful campus proved to be an excellent place for learning and for meeting new people. The landscape as

well as its surrounding natural beauty inspired love and praise to God, our Creator, and facilitated re-creation during the long day of intensive study.

Some of the goals for this session were to foster positive relationships among participants as well as with others, and to provide an environment of trust in order for participants to strive and further their English and leadership skills. The session was organized considering the multidimensionality of the individual. Thus, not only mental, but also emotional, social, physical and spiritual aspects were included as in the previous session.

Although English classes and leadership presentations provided the main setting for developing and improving English and leadership skills, the highlight of this session was the opportunity to have tutors—young people as well as more experienced tutors—that spent an hour a day with CLAP participants for a one-to-one conversation time. This was one of the most valuable activities of this session, an excellent way to increase English-speaking skills, and at the same time, in a double benefit from the exchange of ideas, experiences and cultural diversity between tutor and participant.

Also, during this session CLAP members had the opportunity to spend time with other students that were participating in different programs at AIU. Some activities were shared with AIU students, such as recreational sports. Other activities, such as meals, Sabbath afternoon activities, etc., were also shared with master degree students and teachers that were currently taking courses at AIU through the Distance Learning Center (DLC) of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS).

Field trips gave special insights into the culture of Thailand, opportunities for recreation, and for new experiences, encouraging interaction among the participants and broadening their perspectives. Participants were also organized to lead daily, not only the worship services, but to co-lead with the staff the activities of each day, collaborating with their opinions and experience for the program.

In preparation for the next intensive session that will take place in November 2017, participants are building up their skills through self-study homework, based on their personal goals, using the tools and resources



Above: It was one of the valuable opportunities for CLAP members to have a tutor for increasing English skills as well as exchanging ideas from different cultures.

Below: CLAP members had exercise time for their physical improvement.

provided and available. At the same time, they continue to be supported, encouraged, and monitored weekly from NSD, and by each territory's CLAP field coordinator and administration.

During the second session, daily prayer time brought the participants and staff together before God, and many prayer requests for the in-between session period were recorded in a special journal. We also encourage you to join us in our prayers for God's Spirit to continue to lead this program, each participant and staff, every church and country represented, and every one of Christ's disciples in the NSD and around the world in Total Member Involvement to reach the world with the wonderful message of hope.





Sixty-six triumphant missionaries of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) surpassed the challenges in their respective mission fields and came back to commemorate the greatness and power of the Almighty God. The celebration for the 48th batch missionaries, which was held from July 28 to 29, 2017, on the 1000MM campus in Cavite, Philippines, was filled with praises and thanksgiving.

Heart-moving encounters with the Savior greatly enriched the missionaries spiritually and emotionally. From Friday night until the end of the program, testimonies of God's love and providence overflowed in each heart as the missionaries freely and gratefully shared their experiences with the congregation. Tears of happiness and thankfulness were shed. The banner of the Lord was raised up, worthy to be exalted.

48th Batch Missionaries Homecoming



Noteworthy speakers imparted profound words of encouragement to "Press On" as the theme stated. Pastor Ranny De Vera, director of SULADS (Socio-economic Uplift, Literacy, Anthropological and Developmental Service)/ AMR (Adventist Muslim Relations) of South Philippine Union Conference, talked about ministry among the Muslims. Harlin Abayon, congressman of District I in Northern Samar, spoke during the celebration of praise on Sabbath afternoon.

"We should press on! God sends you...for

He has a purpose for you!" Abayon iterated in his message. Indeed, young people are called and sent as missionaries for a noble and sacred purpose. The fields to harvest are plenty, but the laborers are few. A great number of people is exceedingly needed. God is calling you for this missionary work, an elevated and holy purpose. Are you ready to answer the call and take part in world mission?

Urban Ministry Deployment



Twenty-eight young people participated in a week of lectures and pre-training in preparation for urban ministry. The training took place on the main campus of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) in the Philippines, led by Pastor Jeon SukJin, the training coordinator. The young people were then deployed to Odiongan, Romblon, on July 11, 2017.

Before they departed, Ma'am Sardis Delgado, 1000MM treasurer, gave words of encouragement to the young people regarding their urban training and ministry. She encouraged them to push forth as they answered God's calling and mission to reach the thirsty people in the cities who are waiting to be satisfied with God's love.

This spirit-filled group of youth was called to minister to the needs of people in an urban setting. Let us pray for them as they look for opportunities, that they may bring satisfaction and contentment to the hearts of men and women with the optimum love of Jesus Christ.



Korean HisHands Missionaries Help Evangelistic Meeting at Pingzhen Hope Church in Taiwan

Han SukHee

NSD Communication Director

The Pingzhen Hope Church in Taiwan held a children’s Bible school and evangelistic meeting from July 23 to 30, 2017, sponsored by the Northern Asia Pacific Division (NSD) and the East Central Korean Conference (ECKC). Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director, was invited as the speaker, accompanied by HisHands missionaries from Korea who helped with the programs.

During the week of the evangelistic series, there was a children’s Bible school in the morning, a Korean language class and a cooking class in the afternoon, and an evangelistic meeting in the evening. The Bible school offered opportunities to introduce the church to elementary students nearby. Not too many new visitors attended the evening evangelistic meetings, but some former members started attending the church again, and three precious souls decided to be baptized. Two were baptized on Sabbath, the last day of the evangelistic series, and the other person is preparing for baptism this August.

Because of the strong typhoon, the weather condition was not very good, but God helped all the programs to run smoothly. God stopped the strong wind and heavy rain and granted sunshine during the baptismal ceremony on Sabbath afternoon. The church members who attended the ceremony couldn’t help but thank and praise God for His almighty guidance.

The church pastor, Kim SukGoo, who started his first-year ministry as a Pioneer Mission Movement missionary this year, set a goal of church growth: “100 church members by the year 2020.” With prayer, he has made concrete plans for church growth, such as the moving of the church, discipleship training, house-to-house visitation, medical missionary work, etc. May God continue to bless the gospel ministries of Pingzhen Hope Church to harvest many souls.





First HisHands Medical Missionary Retreat: Every Member to Take Hold of Medical Missionary Work!

The first HisHands Medical Missionary Retreat was held at the Leadership Training Center of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) on Jeju Island, from July 4 to 11, 2017. The retreat was cohosted by the health ministries department and the HisHands Mission Movement department of the NSD and sponsored by the health ministries department of the Korean Union Conference. About 100 people, including medical missionary trainees and sanitarium leaders from Korea, China, and other NSD countries, were in attendance.

This retreat included theoretical and practical aspects of medical missionary work. It began with the words of Pastor Lim JongMin, director of Health and Welfare Ministry of the Korean Union Conference, at the dawn

worship service, and daily dawn worship hours were blessed with talks given by the speakers of evangelistic meetings being held at local churches on Jeju Island during the same period. These pastors from the NSD, including Jairyong Lee, Joo MinHo, Kim SiYoung, Kim NakHyung, and Choi YoungIl, spoke about medical missionary work with a firm conviction.

In addition, the other speakers, Kim NamHyuk, president of Eden Sanitarium Hospital; Lee HakBong, president of Yeosu Sanitarium Hospital; Lee MoonHyun, CEO of Angel Juicer; and Kim SungHee, president of Sejong Eden Sanitarium Hospital; introduced their facilities and shared experiences and helpful tips on healing methods. Moreover, Kim JeongJa, a stretching specialist; Kim GyeRi, a recreational guide; and Kang



Joanna Kim (middle), coordinator of HisHands Medical Mission, and Pastor Han SukHee (right), NSD HHMM director

SeonOk, a massage therapist; taught practical techniques that could be used.

Every evening, Joanna Kim presented an inspiring message and the latest medical information from the Bible with the title “Natural Remedies in the Bible.” Pastor Han SukHee, NSD HHMM director, expressed his gratitude to Joanna Kim, the coordinator, and all the instructors who worked on confirming that “the greatest physician of all age is Jesus and the most definitive treatment is in the Bible.”

The true purpose of HHMM medical mission is introducing Jesus, the great Physician. Adventists visit door-to-door with the heart of Jesus. They love and serve others as a hand of Jesus’ love to open up people’s hearts to accept Jesus, the Light of the world. May HHMM Medical Mission become a valuable cornerstone of the work of salvation.



Han SukHee
NSD HHMM Director

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HisHands Missionaries Recognized for Foot Massage Volunteer Work

Nineteen missionaries of HisHands Mission Movement (HHMM) who have been giving foot massages as volunteer work for the last eight years received a certificate of appreciation for their service. The ceremony was held by HHMM departments of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and the Korean Union Conference on June 14, 2017, at Sahmyook Medical Center in Seoul, Korea.

“Many people consider themselves so busy that they do good work only with their lips. HisHands missionaries are not like that. You do volunteer work not with your lips but with your hands. You spend your time, your energy, and your massage skills for others,” said Pastor Han SukHee, NSD HHMM director. He asked heavenly blessings on those who massage people’s feet without getting anything in return.

Elder Nam SeonKyu, one of the HisHands missionaries who received a certificate of appreciation, remarked, “I do this volunteer work because God loves me so much that I should share His love with others.”

All of the nineteen missionaries provide foot massage service at their expense. They don’t want anything but to help sick people get better through massage. Their ultimate goal of volunteering is that others will accept the gospel of God through their work.





SDA Fair Mission Spreads the Gospel at 2017 Daegu International Food Expo

Han SukHee
NSD HHMM Director

SDA Fair Mission participated in the 2017 Daegu International Food Expo, held at Daegu EXCO from June 8 to 11, 2017. The host of the Expo let the mission team set up a large seminar room and four small booths so that the mission team could operate various programs for the citizens of Daegu City as well as for Expo visitors from other regions.

Many people were attracted to the vegetarian cooking classes, seminars on natural healing, small music concerts, soap-making classes, and other programs. At the Mission's booths and seminar room, 1,800 books published by Sijosa, the Adventist publishing house in Korea, 1,500 *Signs of Times* magazines and *Home & Health* magazines, and 5,000 promotional brochures were

distributed. Moreover, among the 2,026 people who participated in a survey, 1,500 people applied for a subscription to the magazine. The mission gives them a special 1-year free subscription of *Home & Health* to open the channel of the Gospel.

Mission at Expo Is Worth Trying in This Day and Age

The SDA Fair Mission team members and volunteer workers from local churches in Daegu took turns working together in harmony. Pastor Park JungGeun from Daegu Chilsung Church remarked, "I think this kind of mission work is worth trying. It is wonderful that we can meet the people who visit this booth and get a chance to talk with them and finally introduce

them to our church and the gospel of God. If you share the list of survey participants with us, our church will do our best to remain in contact with them."

Ms. Kwon MyungSook from Daegu, who is in her sixties, visited our booth and attended seminars every day. She stated, "I am a hat designer and a member of the Church of God. I was amazed to see a wonderful ministry group here. I want to visit the church that operates this kind of ministry." She happily received every book and magazine distributed at the booth.

Ms. Chun DoHwa, a sixty-year-old woman from Daegu, attended the seminar on natural healing from the very first day. On the last day, she brought her husband who





1. A seminar on natural healing was well received by Expo visitors. Daegu EXCO supported SDA Fair Mission by providing a large seminar room as well as booths.



2. A missionary introduces *Home & Health* to a visitor.



3. During the expo, 2,026 people participated in a survey, showing their interest in the booths of SDA Fair Mission.

is in his 15th year of battling against cancer, and they inquired about natural healing methods.

Some foreigners who were given Korean-English version of books written by Ellen White showed an interest in religion, and were introduced to the Daegu International Church.

A volunteer, Deaconess Lee KyungHwa from Incheon Nambu Church, who worked hard baking unpolished rice waffles with honey and sharing gospel books with visitors, said with a big smile: “I don’t think I contributed much, but I was extremely busy with so many visitors. The joy of sharing what I have with others made me feel that the days were too short. I am so happy even though I’m exhausted.”

About 30,000 People Visit the Booths in 4 Days

Thanks to our God, about 30,000 people encountered the gospel message during those four days. This event participation was sponsored by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, the Korean Union Conference (KUC), the West

Central Korean Conference, Nowon Church, and many individuals. Daegu EXCO also helped SDA Fair Mission by providing a bigger mission venue.

Pastor Lee ByungJoo, mission department director of KUC, visited the site to encourage the volunteers. “EXPO mission is to sow seeds to those who voluntarily come. Jesus also sowed seeds to the coming crowds, and many of them repented and believed when

the disciples spoke out with the presence of the Holy Spirit. We should do this sowing ministry with the expectation that the same will happen.”

SDA Fair Mission plans to care for those who indicated an interest by sending magazines and booklets, getting in touch via Social Network Service, and inviting them to seminars and meetings provided by the Adventist Church.



Golden Angels: Korean Mission Report

Kim EunSoo
Golden Angels 14

In every heart, there is a place that can be filled only with eternal things (Ecclesiastes 3:11), but there are many people in this world who are trying to fill their hollow hearts with empty things. As Christians and as missionaries, we hold the responsibility to go and deliver the eternal gospel to the people. As the Golden Angels, we have devoted our musical talents for the work of the Holy Spirit.

From June 16 to July 29, 2017, our mission was in Korea. Revival meetings and evangelistic meetings were held in major cities of Korea, including Seoul and Gwangju, as well as on Jeju Island. Pastors from each department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) were there to preach the gospel and to share the hope that we have in Jesus. The Golden Angels provided musical support for the praise and worship during those weeks.

We witnessed the work of the Holy Spirit, shepherding people to get baptized and to receive the promise of eternal life. Many people from the meetings were baptized and accepted Jesus as Lord. It brings tears to my eyes every time I see a baptismal ceremony. The fact that Jesus constantly appeals to each person reminds me of His love and how He has been with me all this time.

We also had an opportunity to visit our hometown churches in Onyang and Chuncheon. We stayed there for two days, holding concerts on Friday



night and special number on Sabbath morning. We received a warm welcome from the church and from our family. There, we were able to relax physically and mentally, and, of course, eat delicious foods too. Two days might be a short time, but still, it was good to be home.

For the first time ever, Golden Angels 14 was divided into two groups while we were on Jeju Island. Because all churches in Jeju were having evangelistic meetings during that same week, we had to be divided so that we could support more than one church. One group consisted of four members, one member from each vocal part. One group took the equipment; others had nothing with them.

We were not able to sing the songs that we had prepared because we had no equipment and we were lacking harmonies. All we could do was sing songs from the hymnals. Some of the church members



Golden Angels supported the evangelistic meetings at Seogwipo Church in Jeju. Seven souls were baptized as a result of the meetings.



called us “one-winged angels.” We were disappointed because we felt that we had not done anything for the church, but some of the church members expressed their appreciation for our songs. We chose to believe that God was still able to work through our insufficient situation.

Through this experience, we learned the importance of each and every member of our team. We also learned that when we bring all things to Jesus, no matter how big or small, He will use it in a way He wills, just as He used the lunch of a small boy to show God’s glory.

Speaking in Korean and singing Korean songs in Korean churches was refreshing to me because we sing English songs in other mission fields. When singing in the Korean language, the impression of the lyrics was more influential for me and also for the congregation. The non-Korean members also memorized

the Korean lyrics and joined us in singing. It was a great blessing not only to the people, but also for us.

Eight months have passed so far. Flashing back to the past, I can feel how God has led us and how He has taught us and trained us as His messengers. Through toils and tests, our worst and best, He has never left us alone. God has revealed Himself to us, in and through our lives, and now we are ready to testify about what we have experienced.

Vision One Million 2020

Mission First In All Activities to Reach the World



Messages from the Presidents

Robert Folkenberg, Jr., President, Chinese Union Mission



The church was created by Christ for the purpose of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. This compelling mission should actuate all of our plans; should dominate all of our conversations and should touch upon all of our budgets. The Chinese Union fully supports Vision 2020 as it puts into action our faith in Christ's power to accomplish His great work upon earth and it will fill us with hope in finishing this work and hastening the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hwang ChunKwang, President, Korean Union Conference



VOM 2020! This vision clearly enlightens us towards our gospel mission and goal. For this mission and goal we, all of us, must pray on our knees, stand up and run. Above all, we must let our life be the life of missionaries. When we do this, God will allow us the full influence and wonderful work of the Holy Spirit.

Masumi Shimada, President, Japan Union Conference



To restore the Adventist movement in the 21st century, our goals are to win 5,000 souls for Christ by the year 2020 and to increase church attendance by 20,000 by the year 2020. Soul salvation is our mission through doing His will.

Li-Chun Lai, President, Taiwan Conference



I believe that the VOM2020 is a heavenly vision that can motivate the NSD mission works. Through pastors' changed life, and actively train lay members to get involve the mission works, we will experience the Holy Spirit revival as in the Apostolic Age.

Kim YoHan, President, Mongolia Mission



We are His witnesses to reach 1 million by 2020. We are called to witness for God through our life, words and character. Our passion and conviction will show others about our loving Father in Heaven.