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Alejandro, a computer science engineer from Spain visiting the PyeongChang Olympics, found a Korean Adventist church in PyeongChang and was baptized during the Olympics.

# The Mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division

## Every Heart Without Jesus Is a Mission Field

The evangelistic meaning of the earth is based on the biblical description of the heart as land or field. The parable of the sower in Matthew 13:3-8 compares people's hearts to a path, a rocky place, and good soil. Ultimately, the earth where people live is the place to sow the seed of the gospel, and it also represents the hearts of the people. Thus, there is the saying that every heart with Jesus is a missionary and every heart without Jesus is a mission field.

"So that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you" (2 Corinthians 10:16): This prayer was the mission spirit of Jabez, the lifelong desire of Apostle Paul, and it should be our prayer, too.

## From Mission Field to Everlasting Restoration

Isaiah 45:18 explains the purpose of God's Creation. "He who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited." God made the earth and founded it in order for it to be inhabited. God wanted to associate with people and to make them live forever in happiness. However, they did not trust in God and committed sin by disobedience to God's word. Finally, they were expelled from heavenly Eden.

After the Fall, for 6,000 years, God has been working to seek people who will inhabit the earth, serving God's great purpose of Creation. The history of seeking people includes the incarnation, sacrifice on the Cross, the Great Controversy, ministry of our High Priest in heaven, and the work of investigation and judgment. This earth stands here as ever, waiting for the accomplishment of its original purpose of Creation and expecting its inheritors. Isaiah 62:4 introduces a meaningful word related to restored land. "No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married."

Hephzibah means, "My delight is in her," and Beulah means, "She is my bride." The verse "land will be married" means the earth as a groom is waiting for the saved heirs as a bride, and they will get married in the restored land at last. Since Adam and Even were thrown out of Eden, the earth has been waiting for 6,000 years for the day when the children of God will come back to their Father's home.

## A Man of Mission Never Dies

Let us think of the mission, future, and vision of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD).

**Kim SiYoung, President**

Northern Asia-Pacific Division

When we look back at the history of the Asia-Pacific Division and the Far Eastern Division, the background settings of the present NSD, we see that generations come and go, and time comes and goes. Times have changed, and many things have changed, including mission territories, the name of the division, officers and directors of the division, administrative organization system, mission strategies, people, lifestyle, quality of life, ways of thinking, behavior patterns, and cultural trends.

Nevertheless, the unique mission given to our church never changes. It cannot. Like the verse "generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever," the great commission, "Preach the gospel to all nations to the ends of the earth" never change, nor recedes, nor disappears, as long as the earth is looking forward to the wedding day with saved believers when it will be recovered to everlasting paradise. Missionaries say "a man of mission never dies." It means God carries the life of a man who has the mission spirit in his heart and tries to accomplish it, even though his body may be weak.

The church and its members, armed with God's mission, never die—just like the earth. The NSD never dies so long as it has the mission; it is armed with mission spirit in Christ, and it dreams of amazing revival. Our life is more abundant, glorious, and everlasting because we have the mission, because the mission continuously provides us life force, because spiritual revival and soul-winning history continue every day.

Yes, the Bible is right! Generations really come and go, but the earth remains forever.



## NSD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to communicate to all people in its territory the everlasting gospel of God's love in the context of the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14:6-12, and as revealed in the life, death, resurrection, and high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord and to unite with His remnant church; and to nurture believers as disciples in preparation for His soon return, and to equip and empower them for service.





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# 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.

Hello, my name is Alejandro, and I will share with you the wonderful story of how God came into my life.

I'm 41 years old, and I am from Madrid, Spain. I've never been a member of any church but, as a Spaniard living in a mostly Catholic country, I have knowledge and basic education in Jesus Christ from the Catholic point of view.

Last summer, in August 2017, I went to visit Romania with some friends. We wanted to explore the country so we rented a van and drove through the wonderful landscapes and valleys. The first night that we arrived in Romania, we were kindly hosted by a wonderful family. They let us sleep in their house and served us a wonderful breakfast the next morning.

On Saturday morning, my friends and I were walking out in nature, and we passed near a church, and suddenly we started talking about religion. At that moment, the daughter of the family that hosted us said: "This is an Adventist church, and I'm Adventist." I was really curious, because I had never heard about Adventism, so we started talking about our experiences with God. Mine wasn't good, but her experience was incredible to me and it was truly inspiring. Her name is Sarah. She's a wonderful person, and if you keep reading, you'll see how she opened my heart to God.

We talked a lot, and Sarah told me how much she loves God and how much God loves us. She explained to me the basic principles of Adventism, her beliefs and how much God cares about us. I didn't realize it, but at that very moment, she put a seed inside me. Today I know that seed was the Holy Spirit.

After that, I went back to Spain, and for the next month, Sarah kept inspiring me and talking to me about God. I visited Romania for a

few days again, and for the first time in my life, on a Sabbath day, I visited an Adventist Church—the Bucharest International Adventist Church—its pastor Benjamin Stan offered me a warm welcome. I felt how different the culture was from other churches I had visited in the past. It was a very good experience for me. I felt very comfortable in the church, and the people were friendly.

Those days in Romania were special, truly inspiring and full of happiness. I felt how the seed she put into me was growing because she was watering it with the Word of God. Not only could I feel the love of God, but also Sarah's, who may very soon be my wife—God bless us.

Later, in November, I had to travel to PyeongChang, South Korea, host of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games. I work

for the Olympics, so I must live around five months in the countries that hosts the Games.

During my first days there, as I started settling down, I was coming back from work one day when the bus stopped in front of a poster. The poster was entirely in Korean, so I couldn't understand anything at all, but it had the image of Jesus Christ in the background. I liked the picture and I sent a photo of it to Sarah. Immediately she told me it was from an Adventist church because she saw the Adventist logo at the bottom of the poster. She told me, "Alex, you should try to find that church." So I started to look for the Adventist Church in Daegwallyeong.

I tried to find the church, but it was hard because of the construction, the trucks and the snow, and the village was new to me.

(From left) Alejandro, his girlfriend Sarah, and Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, who gave Alejandro Bible lessons and baptized him



# A Spaniard Baptized at PyeongChang 2018

Written by **Alejandro Hernandez Montero**



Below: Members of Daegwallyeong Church celebrate Alejandro's baptism wholeheartedly.  
Right: Pastor Kwon and Alejandro at PyeongChang Olympic Plaza



And so my experiences with God began...

The next Friday I had to go to a dental clinic because I had a little issue with a tooth. I found one very close to my home, so I decided to go after work. The sun had already gone down, and the Sabbath had started. I entered into the clinic, but they were about to close.

The dentist asked me about my problem, and he decided to work on my tooth. Once he was finished, I was very grateful and, of course, I wanted to pay for the service. He said, "Free of charge, my friend." I was impressed and overwhelmed with his selfless behavior, so I went home very happy, thinking how awesome and kind Korean people are. You will understand a little bit later that this was the beginning of my wonderful experience.

The next week I prayed to God to help me find the church, and the next Sabbath I did. And there I was on Friday night in front of the door of Daegwallyeong Church, a Spaniard, who had only been to an Adventist church once in his life, in front of a Korean Adventist Church, wondering what was going to happen, both nervous and excited.

Finally, I entered the church, and I met Pastor Im JongHyuck, his wife Jang EunYoung and a few members of the church. They gave me a warm welcome and in less than five minutes, another member of the church entered. When I saw him, I was

impressed, shocked and happy. There he was; the dentist who had helped me was an Adventist, too. At that very moment I realized that God was talking to me and telling me, "Alex, welcome to the Adventist Church. Here you will not only find Me, but also wonderful Christian people who follow My Word."

Since that day I have started to attend that church. It is not easy because although the pastor speaks English, almost all the church members speak only Korean. However, every time I am there, I can feel that God is with us.

I only have words of appreciation for all the members who always smile at me because I can feel that they really want to help me find God. I want to especially thank Pastor Im JongHyuck and his wife, who were always helpful and studied the Bible

with me. During the last months in Korea, I realized how easily you can find God if you open your heart and let Him transform you. It happened to me. I also met a really gifted man, Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, who has been encouraging me and presenting me with the most precious truths from the Bible.

These experiences were amazing and changed my life in the most wonderful way. And because God's timing is perfect and never late, on February 24, 2018, I was baptized at Jinbu Adventist Church, and I am now a member of the Adventist Global Church. A Spaniard baptized in Korea—I am happy because God chose Korea to be my transformation place.

The PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Games will last forever in my heart as that was the place where I became a new man. God bless Korea!



Group photo of members of Daegwallyeong Church after Alejandro's baptism



Alejandro and his girlfriend Sarah in Romania, her country

# Interview with Alejandro

**Han SukHee**

NSD Communication Director

■ First of all, congratulations on your baptism and becoming an Adventist. I know that you're from Spain. What part of Spain were you born in and where do you live now? What do you do?

Thank you! I'm very happy and excited with the transformation that has happened to me during these past months, especially here in Korea. I was born in Madrid, and I currently live in a city near Madrid. I'm a computer science engineer, working as a manager for the Olympic Games since the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

■ I heard that you are here to broadcast the PyeongChang Olympics to your country. When did you come here to Korea and how have you spent your time here?

My work here covers the transmission of the Games for all the world; to be more precise, I'm in charge of the technical management

of the equipment used to capture and distribute the audio from the commentaries of all the venues to all the countries in the world. I arrived in Korea at the beginning of November 2017, and I'll be here until the end of March 2018, once the transmission of the Paralympic Games is finished. I've spent my time here working mostly, and did a little bit of tourism on some Sundays. Later on, during my stay here, I discovered the Daegwallyeong Adventist Church. At this church I found the love of God through the members of the church, and mostly through the pastor and his wife.

■ Your girlfriend is also an Adventist. Did she have anything to do with your decision to be an Adventist?

Yes, that girl, in time, became my girlfriend, and hopefully will be my wife. Not only did I find God's love in Romania, but also her love. My first time in an Adventist church

was at the International Adventist Church of Bucharest. I liked the relationship between the pastor and the members and the way of preaching. The last Sabbath of 2017 I had the opportunity to assist with the Bragadiru church service, where I took a promise for this year from Revelation 16:15, "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed."

She opened my heart and put God's seed inside me. After that she inspired me to read the Bible and understand how important the Word of God is, and that we find it in the Bible.

■ The Korean Adventist church is also interested in your story and celebrates with you on your joining the Adventist members. Kindly leave a message for the Korean Adventist friends here.

Thank you very much for your interest in me. I really appreciate it. Since my first days in Korea I felt how charming and helpful Korean people are, but I want to thank in particular the members of my Daegwallyeong Church, starting with Pastor Im JongHyuck, who taught me the principles of Adventism and God's Word and was always very helpful in translating sermons into English and explaining everything that was happening in the Church; his wife Jang EunYoung, who was always smiling and making me feel very comfortable; my friend Cho YoungHak, "the dentist," who helped me when I needed it without asking anything in return; and the rest of the church members who at every moment treated me very well and made me feel very special.

Also, I want to thank the whole Adventist Korean Church for their prayers and support. I will always have Adventists in Korea in my heart and prayers as it was the place where I was born again. May you continue





Pastor Kwon baptized Alejandro at the Daegwallyeong Church.

# Mission Work for the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics



**Han SukHee**  
NSD Communication Director

spreading the love of God as you did with me.

■ You came here for the PyeongChang Olympics, and you found a church here, you studied the Bible, and then you decided to be baptized. I guess this Olympics will be unforgettable for you. Am I right?

This is my fifth Olympics. When I arrived here, I was already opening my heart to God, but I never imagined that I was going to find an Adventist church in Korea, just a 15-minute walk from my home. I can truly say that this was my best Olympics ever, but also an unforgettable experience in the hands of God. So yes, you are right, I will always remember the transformation I had in Korea and all the church members I found on my way to God's love.

■ I truly hope to meet you again in heaven when Jesus returns. Thank you so much for taking the time to talk with me!

I want to live in Christ all my new life, and I also hope to meet you all again when Jesus returns. Thank you for this interview and for allowing me to share to the world the wonderful experience that God brought to my life.

Thanks again for this opportunity, and may God bless you all.



Above: HisHands missionaries gave Olympic visitors free foot massage service.

Below: Free gift packets including *Steps to Christ* were given to Adventist church booth visitors.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), the Korean Union Conference (KUC), the East Central Korean Conference (ECKC), and local churches cooperatively developed various mission projects for the Winter Olympics, which was held in PyeongChang, Korea, from February 10 to 25, 2018. The main projects were evangelistic material distribution and foot massage service, supported by NSD, KUC, publishing ministries department of each conference, and Sijosa, the Korean Adventist publishing house.



1. Adventist literature is ready to be dispatched to PyeongChang with sincere hope for winning souls.
2. A HisHands missionary gives a foot massage.
3. Pastor Han SukHee, NSD HHMM coordinator, visits a foot massage team to encourage them.
4. Group photo of HisHands foot massage team.

The name “Seventh-day Adventist” was adopted on October 1, 1860, about 158 years ago, and it was confirmed by the pen of inspiration: “The name Seventh-day Adventist carries the true features of our faith in front, and will convict the inquiring mind” (1T, 224). Among all the signboards of Seventh-day Adventist churches around the world, no other signboard has been exposed to the sight of public eyes as the Daegwallyeong Church, pastored by Im JongHyuk, during the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics.

The Daegwallyeong Church was established 70 years ago. One time in the history of this church, on any given Sabbath, more than one hundred people attended. At the beginning of this century, however, many people left the small country churches for the city. Now at Daegwallyeong Church, around ten are in attendance every

Adventist church members in the PyeongChang area shared 5,000 copies of *Steps to Christ* printed in the English language with Korean and foreign Olympics visitors. HisHands Mission Movement missionaries served athletes and coaches with foot massage, praying to God as they touched the athletes’ feet and massaged them. Their service brought favorable comments and gratitude so that HisHands missionaries could deliver mission booklets to open-hearted athletes and coaches.

On January 17, 2018, before the Olympics began, a donation ceremony for the publications was held at Sijosa. Attendees prayed together that recipients would realize the love of Jesus and give Him thanks.

“This Olympics is a golden opportunity to preach the gospel,” said Pastor Lim WonChul, ECKC publishing ministries director. “Adventist members in Brazil did their best to deliver the gospel to soccer fans from all around the world during the Brazil World Cup. This time, many people will visit Korea for this world festival of winter sports. Now, it is time to put our hands together to make it the festival of the gospel. We need the prayers, support and cooperation of all Korean church members as well as volunteers,” said Pastor Um KilSoo, Sijosa president.





Sabbath. For many years the adjacent neighbor has asked the church to sell the church land to them at a very reasonable price, but one of the elders stubbornly refused to sell it, and in the long run, it ended up being a wonderful providence of God.

As the church would not sell the property to him, the neighbor bought other plots of land around the church and began construction. Because of the construction, the area all around the church became very dirty, and the Seventh-day Adventist signboard was not visible to passersby. Just a few weeks before the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics, the local government had the construction company clear out all their unfinished construction, which consequently brought to clear view from all angles the precious name of Seventh-day Adventist. Now the Seventh-day Adventist signboard is visible by day with sunlight and by night with neon lighting.

During the 2018 Winter Olympics, the Daegwallyeong Seventh-day Adventist Church was like a beacon

During the PyeongChang Olympics, many passengers came and went around the Daegwallyeong Church, which is located right in front of the bus stop. The church invited passersby to the church's tent and treated them with hot drinks, gifts, and Adventist books.



light, right behind the Olympic Plaza, where medals were given out to the athletes every evening. Kitty corner to the church was the main stadium where the Olympic torch was burning. Tens of thousands of athletes and tourists from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people passed by the church and saw the name of our Church.

Right in front of the church, there are bus stops for buses going in all directions. With the Olympic Games going on, many passengers passed the front of the church. Many Christian groups came and handed out literature, but they stayed less than half an hour because of the cold

weather and strong wind. Jehovah's Witnesses took turns every fifteen minutes. The Seventh-day Adventists in the vicinity pitched a tent in the church yard and invited the passersby into the tent. Those who entered the tent were served hot red ginseng drinks and given hot hand-warming packs. As they left, they were given *Steps to Christ* and other Adventist literature.



**Kwon JohngHaeng**  
NSD Stewardship Ministries Director

# Strategic Location of the Church for Winter Olympic Games



# 11TH GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



**Joo MinHo**  
NSD Assistant to the President



The 11th Global Leadership Summit, sponsored by the General Conference (GC) of Seventh-day Adventists, was held in Lisbon, Portugal, from February 6 to 8, 2018. Portugal is part of the Inter-European Division, which has 340 million people and 180,000 Adventist members in 20 different countries.

Approximately 50 leaders from the GC and the 13 Divisions gathered and discussed the advancement of leadership in church organizations and institutions with the theme of “The Spiritual Necessity of Church Unity and Biblical Authority to Accomplish God’s Mission.”

As usual, the leadership training team from the GC made presentations about church unity and authority, and each Division representative reported what they did

in 2017 and what they are planning to do in 2018 in terms of leadership training. GC president Ted N. C. Wilson addressed all leaders with the necessity of unity. He quoted the *Church Manual*, saying, “It is the purpose of God that His children shall blend in unity. Do they not expect to live together in the same heaven? ... Those who refuse to work in harmony greatly dishonor God (8T, 240). The church should discourage actions that threaten harmony among its members and should consistently encourage unity” (*Church Manual*, 59). He also mentioned the *Working Policy* for full harmony within the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Mark Finley, GC assistant to the president, also emphasized church unity by mentioning Jesus’ prayer for

His disciples in John 17. He analyzed John 17 and categorized the unity into three parts: unity in Christ, unity in the message of Christ, and unity in the mission of Christ. GC vice president Artur Stele presented the seven pillars of authority. He stressed that all authority belongs to God and His word, and human authority is a delegated authority for common good. GC executive secretary G. T. Ng stated that he had made mistakes by emphasizing leadership competence rather than leadership foundation in his teaching. Then he made suggestions about leadership curriculum as a foundation. Guillermo Biaggi, GC Leadership Training chair, emphasized the training of church elders and youth leaders for unity.

From the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Kim SiYoung, president, and Joo MinHo, assistant to the president who is also in charge of Leadership Development, attended the 11th Global Leadership Summit and reported on NSD leadership training programs, such as CLAP (Communication Leadership Advancement Program), Jeju Leadership Training Program, and Field School of Evangelism for pastors and lay leaders. Dr. Joo also introduced the International Mission Congress as one of the main mission events to encourage pastors and lay leaders to have the mission spirit. The International Mission Congress will be held from August 8 to 11, 2018, with the theme, “Go Forward.” He also reported on All Japan 2018 Maranatha, when evangelistic meetings will be held at the same time in 165 sites throughout Japan, and simultaneous evangelistic meetings will be held in 240 cities in Korea at the end of May 2018.

The 12th Global Leadership Summit is scheduled to be held in Mexico from February 5 to 7 in 2019.



# ADVENTIST CHURCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED IN KOREA AND JAPAN



**Song SungSub**  
NSD Associate Secretary

A historic move toward a sophisticated church management system was made by the Korean Union Conference (KUC) and Japan Union Conference (JUC) from January 31 to February 7, 2018. The training and implementation for the Adventist Church Membership System (ACMS) were conducted in the offices of JUC and KUC by Sherri Ingram Hudgins, General Conference(GC) ACMS director.

KUC and JUC are the first major unions to implement the ACMS, which is web-based and operated by the GC as a global network. It is expected that this new membership and church management system will help local churches record and transfer membership rapidly and accurately through an automatic and efficient IT system.

After several years of consultation and planning together with the GC and five Union/Conference/missions in the NSD territory, the Asia-Pacific Division Executive Committee approved to implement this system in the NSD territory in May 2016 in its Midyear Committee.

The ACMS provides essential and efficient tools to care for Bible

interests, baptized members, and their family members. In addition, local churches can easily enter their comprehensive integrated statistical data relating to their evangelistic and community activities through the ACMS, and they don't need to submit many different kinds of reports to their conference office. Once local churches enter their data into the ACMS, live-time analytic statistical reports can be immediately produced simultaneously for all the levels from their church to their Conference, Union, Division, and the GC.

Nowadays our churches have a huge challenge with the retention and reclamation of lost membership. The ACMS can help local church pastors and church leaders find and care for not only their lost sheep but also their members who are still recorded on the books, but currently attending other churches.

The CG has been continually developing and upgrading this global software to provide this sophisticated web-based IT system free of charge to Adventist churches throughout the world. There are 16 full time IT workers who are developing and

upgrading the ACMS system at IATec (Adventist Institute of Technology) in Brazil. The IATec building accommodates 300 Adventist IT people to provide customized and integrated IT solutions to support the fulfillment of the mission of the Adventist Church throughout the world.

According to Hudgins, in order to help individual church members to be involved with church activities through the ACMS, it is planned to provide ACMS applications for iPhone and Android smartphones in the near future. Also, it will include an excellent church mapping tool to help the Mission to the Cities with location map and demographics.

Following KUC and JUC, Chinese Union Mission, Taiwan Conference, and Mongolia Mission will implement this ACMS this coming June 2018. The ACMS has been translated into most of the local languages, and each local translator can adjust and update the translations at any time directly through the live-website. Through this ACMS, may the Lord bless and expand His gospel Kingdom in the NSD mission territory!



The training and implementation for the Adventist Church Membership System for JUC (left) and KUC (right)

Below: About 250 people gathered for the inauguration ceremony of Tokai Christian Center worship hall at Kakegawa City, Japan.  
 Right: Two people were baptized in the newly built baptismal tank during the ceremony.



# Another Step to an Urban Center of Influence



**Genji Imayuki**  
 JUC Foreign Evangelism Director

On December 10, 2017, a shiny warm winter day, Japan Union Conference (JUC) leaders, many local church members, and surrounding community people, up to 250 attendees, gathered for the inauguration ceremony of Tokai Christian Center worship hall, a meaningful step for the future Adventist urban “Center of Influence” located at Kakegawa City, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan.

This project was made possible by the 13th Sabbath offering of the 2nd quarter of 2015, which was directed to projects of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). With these offerings along with resources from the NSD and the local Union and offerings from other churches and individuals, a former game center building was bought. The 2,000 square meter land offers 60 parking spots, and the more than 1,000 square meter building has a huge hall on the ground floor and 13 former karaoke boxes on the second floor as well as two kitchen halls and two sets of restrooms for men and women. The year 2017 was spent on renovation work, and the first stage—the basic renovation and the building up of the platform and baptismal tank—was finished on time.

Resident Adventist foreigners in Japan usually either attend established Japanese churches or gather together at rented premises. That is why Tokai Christian Center is very significant for being the first property-owned church run by resident aliens – Brazilians at the beginning, Filipinos soon and other nationalities as the outreach thrives.





Elder Masumi Shimada, JUC president, presented a powerful message to the attendees.



The powerful message delivered by JUC president, Elder Masumi Shimada, stressed God’s willingness to save souls and appealed to the audience regarding their responsibility as an outreach agency.

Helio Suzuki, a Japanese-descendant Brazilian, felt privileged to be able to help somehow in completing this project. He remarked, “How wonderful is our God for granting us the responsibility for the missionary work advancement and giving us the opportunity to witness some of its outcomes.”

At the ceremony, the presidents of East and West Japan Conferences, Elders Obara and Inada, baptized two people. Estela Endo, one of those who were baptized, said that it took a long time for her to get to this important decision but she has always had the conviction that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has the truth and is happy to debut the new building baptismal tank. Her daughter, Bianca Rye Timura, who couldn’t attend the ceremony for job reasons, was baptized the following Sabbath, becoming the third baptism of many more in the near future.

In order to reach the goal of becoming a real Center of Influence, some activities took place immediately at the year end of 2017, such as Winter Vacation Bible School, attended by 16 children, half of them from non-Adventist families. Other projects are to be launched, such as Family Small Farm on a neighboring land that will be rented.

We have a clear vision that this big building provided by God is not only for the usual weekly services but also for social activities performed during weekdays to serve the surrounding community. Your prayer is important as we take further steps, such as an internal partition at ground floor to create another hall and rooms for Filipinos meetings, installation of bath units in order to provide proper guest rooms, external renovation, etc. But above all, pray for Tokai members to overcome some challenges, such as fundraising for the next stage of renovation and a deeper church unity in order to reach out to the foreigners and native Japanese.

# Revival and Evangelistic Training in Mongolia



**Ron Clouzet**  
NSD Ministerial Association Director

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial association director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), had the opportunity to lead the churches in Mongolia that are involved in the field school of evangelism in two separate training events and a week-long spiritual revival, broadcasted live online to all participating churches.

“How to Reach Missing Members” was the subject of the first training event, held on December 9, 2017. It identified the reasons why most members leave, the fact that more Adventist-born members leave than those joining through evangelism, what systems each church should put in place to support a viable reclamation ministry, and specific steps needed for successful visits with those missing. The biblical foundation came from the lessons drawn from the stories Jesus told in Luke 15.

Between December 10 and 16, 2017, Dr. Clouzet led in a nightly revival for churches and members involved in the field school. The revival, entitled “Living in the Spirit,” focused on the work of the Holy Spirit in the Christian’s life. The presentations were broadcasted live online to other churches. Every night, the opportunity was given to respond to what the Spirit was saying to the churches. A number of members made considerable sacrifices, traveling for a long time, to attend each meeting. The last presentation was called “Living the Abundant Life,” based on the words of Jesus in John 10.

Many people expressed their profound thanks for being brought closer to Jesus through these meetings.

On the afternoon of December 16, Dr. Clouzet closed with a training focused on “Missional Small Groups.” It covered basic principles for group life success, biblical foundations for groups God can bless, and the best way to lead groups that are intentional in reaching the lost for Christ.



Above: Dr. Clouzet and Pastor Bold Batsukh, MM executive secretary, train members in Mongolia.

Left: Members of the UB Central Church pray after one of the revival nights.



# Pass It On

On September 9, 2017, Hong Kong Adventist Hospital (HKAH) and the Department of Health of the Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) celebrated another cohort of graduates from their respective programs. Forty-nine graduated from HKAH’s program on managing blood sugar while forty-seven graduated from HKMC’s Total Health Coach Training program. The graduates not only received their certificates, but also a flashlight that serves as a reminder for them to “Pass It On.” They were trained to pass on the health messages and the love of Christ to others.

One of the students’ testimony summarized the benefits of the programs. She stated, “Due to a bad lifestyle and uncontrollable appetite for good food, my overall health was deteriorating. Several of my co-workers and friends were also having serious illnesses. When I learned that HKAH was going to have the training program, I enrolled. Not only did my health improve, I also learned how to use the Adventist health message to bless others. I believe the Lord will continue to use me through medical evangelism.”



Lecturers of “Pass It On” program



# SEKC Adventist Women’s Association General Meeting & Spiritual Retreat

The general meeting of the Adventist Women’s Association of Southeast Korean Conference (SEKC) and a spiritual retreat for women leaders were co-hosted by SEKC women’s ministries department and women’s association at Cheongdo Retreat Center from January 13 to 14, 2018. This event with the theme, “Be a mature woman in God” started with the lecture of Dr. Kim SangRae, theology professor at Sahmyook University. Dr. Kim delivered messages on “Creation, Salvation and Human Discrimination,” “Person, Human, and Completion of Creation,” and “Gospel, Happiness, and Doctrinal Faith.”

What followed were local reports, general meeting presentation and prayer meeting. Last session’s activities of the Adventist

Women’s Association in Yeongnam, Gyeongnam, Gyeongbuk, Daegu, and Busan were shared. “Last session, we gave glory to God by praying for worldwide and domestic mission work, and we also tried to organize and activate the women’s association in four areas. The aim of this session is to let women shine by discovering and fostering young women leaders,” said Ms. Jang DongWoon who remains as president.

To close the meeting, the attendees had a prayer meeting. They prayed together, giving thanks for the light of God and asking for God’s blessings.

ACT (Adventist Collegians with Tidings), which is a mission organization of Adventist college students in Korea, held a Sabbath worship and commemoration service to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The event took place on November 11, 2017, with the theme of “The Accompaniment of 50 years.” ACT originated from a group of college students who attended public and private universities in 1967. They organized a group called “SDA College Student Association” and had their own meetings.

For the Sabbath worship held at Saehim Art Hall, more than 200 active members and alumni gathered together in order to build an altar of thanksgiving to God of Ebenezer. “Through ACT’s campus mission, many young people were able to meet God and find His Gospel and the biblical truth. I heartily thank God for His guidance with our mission,” said Choi JiHyun, leader of ACT in West Central Korean Conference, during her Sabbath school welcome remarks.

Pastor Hwang ChunKwang, president of Korean Union Conference, gave the sermon at the divine service. Citing

Luke chapter 23, he urged attendees to be a good and upright person like Joseph of Arimathea. “By sharing the love of God with others, we could have a good influence on them. Adventists should not be a group of people who are just waiting for Jesus’ second coming, but be a people who hasten His coming through mission work where we live,” said Pastor Hwang.

### Fifty Years of ACT with God

During Sabbath school, there was a special program in a talk show format under the title of “Fifty Years of ACT with God.” A host and four panelists who appeared on the show talked about the different chapters in the history of ACT. While anecdotes of Dr. Nam DaeGeuk, the oldest panelist, was in itself a living history, the story of the youngest member Oh JooHyun represented what ACT is now. Elder Yeon MyungHo unfolded the story of the golden age of ACT while Elder Son KyungSang brought up some tasks which ACT could do in order to improve as a mission organization.

# Celebration of ACT’s 50th Anniversary







Left: Praise time at the celebration service of ACT's 50th anniversary  
Below: At the talk show, "Fifty Years of ACT with God," a host and four panelists talked about the history of ACT.



Dr. Nam encouraged current ACT members to find as many Adventist colleagues around their campus as possible and enjoy campus life with them. He said those Adventist friends will be their most precious friends in the future, able to do meaningful activities together, such as mission work or volunteering.

Panelists did not just celebrate half a century of their history by looking back, being reminded of how God has led ACT for a long time. They also focused on the vision and mission of campus ministry in the coming age. They examined ACT's current status and searched for ways of developing rather than just highlighting their achievements.

The anniversary ended with an evening event at Walkerhill Hotel in Seoul with around 500 attendees of ACT's current members, alumni, their families, and other guests. Adventist world church leaders, including Ted Wilson, president of General Conference (GC); Moon JiWan, director of GC Public Campus Ministries; and Kim SiYoung, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, gave congratulatory messages at the hotel or through video clips. They encouraged ACT members by reminding them that when young people carry out God's commission on their campus or to their neighbors, His second coming will be hastened. The ACT members in attendance agreed to move forward together to deliver the Three Angels' Messages on college campuses in Korea, to preach God's love through volunteering, and to support the youth ministries of local churches through their campus mission.



A specially made video and a book tracing the 50 years of ACT were revealed at the anniversary.

# Retention Reemphasized!



Participants of the NSD Retention Re-Emphasis meeting

Of the few Sabbaths that he was not at his local church in 2017, Pastor Bill McClendon spent one of them with the participants of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Retention Re-Emphasis meeting, held in San Yu Health Education Center on the campus of Taiwan Adventist College from December 14 to 16, 2017. Pastor McClendon is the senior pastor of the Ellicott City Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

Pastor McClendon shared with the participants of the meeting the strategies that he has successfully implemented in reviving dying churches. He emphasized that evangelism should be the lifestyle and culture of a church and not simply programs or events, and that the main agenda of any church board meeting should be evangelism. This is because the sole purpose of the church is evangelism, namely, to proclaim the Three Angels' Messages to all people. In doing this, the church should focus on making disciples and not on simply adding members.

The meeting was also blessed by the presentations of Pastor Jim Howard, associate director of the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries of the General

Conference. He highlighted the importance of following the five cycles of evangelism: preparation of the soil, planting of the seed, cultivation of the plant, harvesting of the fruit, and preservation of the fruit. If any of this cycle is skipped or missed, then the result of evangelism is weak. He observed that the church is having problems with retention and reclamation because the foundation of evangelism is weak. When people are baptized without a solid foundation of Bible study and proper understanding of the truth, there is only a little chance that they will remain faithful in the church.

From Thursday evening until Sabbath afternoon, the participants were encouraged through listening to reports and testimonies from Chinese Union Mission, Japan Union Conference, Korean Union Conference, Mongolia Mission, and Taiwan Conference. Department directors and some selected church pastors shared enthusiastically about various approaches and initiatives of evangelism, including Mission to the Cities and retention.

Another highlight of the meeting was the introduction of the new membership database or report system. For an accurate retention report, Pastor Richard Sabuin, NSD



SS/PM Director, emphasized the importance of focusing not only on the number of persons but also on the persons of the number. It means a focus not only on the number of baptisms but also on each individual who has been baptized. Paul Song, NSD associate secretary, oriented the participants with the ACMS (Adventist Membership System), its functions and benefits for accurate membership report.

The meeting, which was opened by Pastor Joo MinHo, Adventist Mission director of NSD, produced a consensus statement on evangelism and retention. This consensus statement will serve as a reference for developing further evangelism and retention strategies in NSD.

At the end of the meeting, Pastor Kim SiYoung, NSD president, challenged the participants to follow the example of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant when the Israelites were crossing the overflowing River Jordan. It is a calling for all God's servants to stand faithfully in all circumstances to make sure that none of the church members are left behind. He offered a prayer of dedication after the theology students of Taiwan Adventist College rendered two songs of mission and commitment. With retention reemphasized at the end of 2017, it is hoped that we will do even more for evangelism and retention in 2018.



**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD SS/PM Director



Pastor Bill McClendon and Pastor Jim Howard speak at the NSD Retention Re-Emphasis meeting.

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# Theological Annual Conventions

**Ron Clouzet**

NSD Ministerial Association Director



At the ETS meetings, science philosopher Stephen C. Meyer, from the Discovery Institute, lectures on the problems with theistic evolution.

Every year, there are international theological conventions that attract thousands of theologians, professors, and ministers from all over the world. The conventions are organized by organizations, such as the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) or the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL). Adventist theological societies also gather during this time, such as the Adventist Theological Society (ATS) and the Adventist Society of Religious Studies (ASRS).

In 2017, Dr. Ron Clouzet, a former president and current board member of ATS as well as ministerial association director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was able to attend the convention held in the cities of Providence and Boston, USA, from November 15 to 19. ATS is an organization that also helps many Adventist fields organize Bible conferences for their pastors, leaders, and teachers.

The conventions offer hundreds of sessions on theology and ethics, history, biblical studies, and practical ministry as well as needed networking among scholars and the opportunity to buy recently published books on different disciplines for half the price.

# Stewardship Seminar in Taitung

**Wu Chung Feng**

NSD Stewardship Ministries  
Associate Director



The stewardship seminar in 2017 was held at the Taitung Church in Taitung City, Taiwan's back hill, also known as its last pure land. Stewardship should be a Christian way of life, being happy to give to the Lord in response to all that He has given us and His deep love toward us.

The seminar was coordinated by Pastor Wu Chung Feng, associate director of Stewardship Ministries at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and hosted by the Taiwan Conference Stewardship Ministries Department. The stewardship seminars were held at different times in the Central, Southern, Northern, and Eastern Districts of the Taiwan Conference since May 2017. This was the last one, which was held from

December 1 to 2, 2017, and the members of the Huatung District churches were invited to attend.

On the evening of the first day, 40 members arrived from the Hualien area, which is three and a half hours away by bus, and it was encouraging and exciting to the members of Taitung District. That night Elder Kwon JohnHaeng, NSD Stewardship Ministries director, delivered the message, and the members learned that we are the very remnant people of the Lord who are keeping God's commandments and holding to the testimony of Jesus. Even though Satan knows that there is not much time left and attacks the remnant people of God with a great deal of anger, Jesus is the assurance of our victory that we will be secure and blessed in the battle of the great controversy.

On Sabbath afternoon of the second day, in addition to the stewardship lectures, Pastor Wu divided the congregation into groups to discuss stewardship issues. The meeting, which was originally scheduled to finish at 4 p.m., continued until 5 p.m. due to the enthusiastic and focused atmosphere of about 120 participants. This year's stewardship seminar focused on the fundamentals. Only by first knowing who we are—the characteristics, mission,







Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD Stewardship Ministries director, led the stewardship seminar at the Taitung Church in Taiwan.

and blessings of the remnant church— will we be able to live a life of stewardship at all levels and become loyal stewards and active disciples. It also highlighted the basic relationship with God and His people as Lord and stewards of God. In the future, Stewardship Ministries will continue to share and discuss topics directly related to the commitment of stewards of the Lord.

## JUC Provides NEWSTART\* Experience Program

From October 22 to 25, 2017, the health ministries department of the Japan Union Conference held a NEWSTART experience program at a mountain cottage for spiritual training in Minakami, Japan. Since the venue provides its guests hot spring bath availability 24 hours a day and delicious vegetarian meals, it is an optimal place for a NEWSTART program. The event was held in October this time, so the program participants were able to enjoy the autumn leaves. Participants realized that season by season, through the beautiful creatures that God gives us in nature, they can discover joy and experience the healing power of God.

Dr. Miyagi Shizen, health promotion department director of Tokyo Adventist Hospital, was invited as the guest speaker. He shared with participants not only his experience with NEWSTART, but the latest information regarding preventive medicine.

There was a special baptismal ceremony for one of the camp participants during the program. After the ceremony, participants had time to celebrate and share testimonies.

\* NEWSTART is an acronym for the eight great principles of good health that God has given us to live by. The eight principles are nutrition, exercise, water, sunlight, temperance, air, rest, and trust in God.





# KUC's Annual Administrators' Education Council

**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD Education Director

The education department of the Korea Union Conference (KUC) held their annual administrators' education council at the Oak Village in Wonju, Korea, from January 14 to 16, 2018. All education directors of the five local conferences in Korea, all school principals, and KUC officers attended the meeting. In addition to providing reports from different schools, the council discussed the challenges and opportunities of mission through Adventist education.

Sahmyook schools in Korea have come up with various innovative ideas for the retention of Adventist children and young people in the church. It is a big task to make sure that when our children finish their study in Adventist schools they will only leave the school but not leave the church. Yes, it is all about retention! The Seoul Sahmyook High School, for example, makes an

effort to connect their students to the local churches. Almost every Sabbath, 21 teachers regularly visit 24 local churches, and 128 students regularly attend 44 local churches. In addition, pastors from local churches are invited to teach Bible classes. Also, church members are invited to come to the school and have family chapel program with the students.

The challenges are many, but there are more opportunities. Let us continue praying for our Adventist schools that they continue to be centers of mission through education. The purpose of our schools is to make sure that when Jesus comes again, He will find faith in the lives of our children. That was what Dr. Richard Sabuin, education director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), emphasized in his dedicatory message at the closing of the council.



A pre-harvest series of five meetings on Apologetic issues was given in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia, as part of this year's field school of evangelism, involving 16 churches. Entitled Questions That Demand Answers, the subjects presented by Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial association director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), were "Who Is God and Why Does It Matter?" "What Can God Do About Suffering and Evil?" "How Is It Possible to Live Happily Forever?" "Why Should the Bible Be Trusted?" and "Why Is Jesus Unique in History?"

The meetings were held at the UB Event Hall in downtown Ulaanbataar from February 8 to 12, 2018. The meetings had to be postponed a week due to an emergency involving Dr. Clouzet's family. In spite of fears that the meetings would not draw enough people due to the Lunar New Year Holiday, the place was packed each night, with many people arriving 30 and 40 minutes ahead of time.

These meetings fulfilled two objectives:

1) To sensitize seekers, non-Christians, and nonmembers to basic questions about God with the hope that they would then be interested to attend the longer evangelistic meetings in March, and 2) To serve as a training ground for row hosts, greeters, ushers, A/V people, refreshments, registration, and resource people and pastors to train on site for the upcoming main evangelistic meetings.

God abundantly blessed these pre-harvest meetings, with the overwhelming majority of non-members pledging to attend the main evangelistic meetings starting on March 2. Please keep these people in your prayers.

# Apologetics Meetings Held in Mongolia

**Ron Clouzet**

NSD Ministerial Association Director



Dr. Clouzet (right) speak at a pre-harvest meeting in Mongolia



# Stewardship Seminars in Taiwan Well Received

**Kwon JohngHaeng**  
NSD Stewardship Ministries Director

A stewardship seminar for the Taipei District, which was held in October 2017 at Taipei Church, was very successful. As the news of the seminar, which started on a Friday evening, was heard by some of the members in Taoyuan District, a good number of Adventists from Taoyuan District attended on the Sabbath day. The seminar was a blessing, not only for the attendees, but also for the speaker, Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, Stewardship ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). The meeting continued smoothly until sunset, and Pastor Kwon and the attendees felt bad that they could not extend the time longer due to Pastor Kwon's flight departure time. As he was departing, Pastor Liu ChunMu, Taoyuan district leader, approached Pastor Kwon to invite him in early 2018.

Taoyuan District, located on the west side of Taipei, is not a big district compared to other districts in Taiwan. The seat capacity of the Taoyuan Church, which is located in the center of the district, is less than a hundred. The stewardship seminar on Sabbath morning was supposed to start at 9:30 for Sabbath school. At 9:00 in the morning, one third of the seats were occupied by the international church members, and soon, the church was full. All day long, the Stewardship seminar focused on the subject of the identification of Adventist Stewardship based on the books

Pastor Liu ChunMu, Taoyuan district leader, and  
Pastor Cyrus Shen, former TWC secretary





of Daniel and Revelation. Between lectures, members from each church beautified the break time with special numbers. The meeting went on until almost sunset time. The district is planning another districtwide stewardship seminar within six months.

After the seminar, Pastor Liu ChunMu and Elder Lin SenSheng invited Pastor Kwon to their visitation of Bible interests until 10:00 p.m. Also, before his departure on Sunday, Pastor Kwon was happy to be invited by the elder on his city tour. The elder arrived at the hotel at 7:30 in the morning and the strange tour started. The whole day tour of the city was to visit patients and personal Bible seekers of the elder. When Pastor Kwon asked his occupation, he answered, "I have three jobs: number one, church planting; number two, foot massage; and number three, house repair. He makes money only to support the gospel work. This elder planted a church on a mountainside and led 31 people to be baptized. He has 15 names that he is teaching the Bible to and praying for. It was really a successful stewardship tour. Pastor Kwon will return back to this district for the second stewardship seminar soon.



Adventist Church members from Taoyuan District filled the Taoyuan Church to participate in a stewardship seminar



# WCKC Medical Missionaries

The health ministries department of the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) dispatched more than 100 medical missionaries who had completed medical missionary training in 2017. The training provided by WCKC health ministries takes three months. Since its curriculum covers various health service skills, professionals in diverse fields are invited as trainers. The training is particularly focused on preparing missionaries who are willing to serve their local community and society instead of just on those who are interested in medical knowledge.

Pastor Kim SeongGon, director of WCKC health ministries, strongly believes that in order to make medical mission the right hand of evangelism, it is necessary to put health principles and knowledge into action. That's why the training concentrates on teaching practical medical skills that missionaries can easily use to help their neighbors.

We hope that WCKC's medical missionary training program continues to progress so that the mission work of medical missionaries can bear abundant fruit all over Korea.





# Health Evangelism Is Well Received by Young Taiwanese



a Korean class as a great tool for introducing young people to the gospel of God and the Adventist church.

From November 19 to 26, 2017, Pastor Choi YoungIl, NSD health ministries director, led an evangelistic meeting at Beitun Church located in Taichung, with the support of the Golden Angels' music ministry. Before the meeting, the church invited Celeste Sha, Taiwan Conference health ministries director, and held health seminar and cooking classes. Many young people attended the program and the evangelistic meeting, and five souls were born again through baptism.

Even though there is difficulty in mission work, we believe that the gospel will spread throughout Taiwan through the PMM missionaries' devoted service and eagerness. As the saying goes, "Where there is a will, there is a way."



**Choi YoungIl**  
NSD Health Ministries Director

In most of the countries within the territories of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), mission work is not an easy task. Taiwan is no exception due to its folk religion. Thankfully, however, hope can be seen among young Taiwanese. They have an open mind to not only different cultures, such as "Hallyu," the Korean Wave, coming from K-pop or Korean TV shows, but to the gospel message delivered by the Korean people. That's why most Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionaries run

## Sahmyook University Signs MOU with 25 Adventist Schools in Korea

Sahmyook University contracted a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on November 10, 2017, with 25 Adventist primary and secondary schools in Korea. The MOU was prepared to build a cooperative system among contractors and to study, develop, and practice character-centered holistic education in order to realize the highest ideals of Adventist education. The university and Korean Adventist schools will share programs for character education and exchange opportunities and resources hereafter. The university will also conduct self-developed character education programs for students and teachers in Adventist schools.

"This MOU will be the first step to systemize the philosophy of Adventist education and character education programs. I hope that together we can establish a cooperative foundation



for character education," said Dr. Kim SungIk, president of Sahmyook University.

"I hope it will be an opportunity to raise the value of the existence of Adventist schools in Korean society. Also, I would like this MOU to continue through developmental and practical cooperation," said Pastor Kang SukWoo, KUC education director.

The contracting parties from Sahmyook University, 10 elementary schools, 8 middle schools and 7 high schools attended the agreement ceremony.



# Evangelistic Series Led by Korean Adventist Youth

The BOF (By the Adventist youth, Of the Adventist youth, For all kinds of youth) evangelism group of the Middlewest Korean Conference held youth evangelism meetings from January 14 to 28, 2018, at the Seocheon Church and the Daesoh Church. Most of the BOF group members consist of high school students and college students.

Both churches have no middle school and high school students. Even in the harsh, cold weather, young people who have a passion for soul-salvation went out into the

streets to meet other young people and invite them to church. For them, it was not easy at first to get rejected, but they didn't give up but kept trying to find other young people.

A total of 403 youth were contacted, and 113 students visited the church and had fellowship together. Also, the BOF members were able to teach the Bible personally to 83 students. As a result, 12 students decided to be baptized, and the church could finally organize an Adventist Youth group. Every step was a miracle.

There were a lot of difficulties in evangelism. The BOF team was criticized and misunderstood as a cult. Students who had a good relationship with BOF members immediately stopped coming because of their parents' opposition. The BOF evangelists spent more time in prayer, relying on God, as they watched students feeling conflicted after they decided to be baptized.

While preparing for the baptism on Friday evening, one of the BOF members received a call from a student who had decided to be baptized, but wanted to cancel the

baptism ceremony because it was still a burden for him. Another baptismal candidate called and told a similar story. The BOF team sent a long reply, trying to relieve the burden of the students, but there was no reaction. Satan started to disrupt things. What they did for this fight was gather together and pray earnestly. After praying continuously and persuading students with the word of God, the students' hearts moved back to God.

Through the evangelism, the BOF members were able to experience the grace of God, who heard every prayer and answered immediately and who was always with them. The group members confessed that "The students who met us in the streets and were baptized are very eager to go to church. I feel that I cannot live recklessly anymore." The group concluded the evangelism with the testimony that they will always live with the spirit of mission.



**Kim NakHyung**  
NSD Youth Ministries Director



# Mission Activities by the S.O.S. Mission Team

**Kim NakHyung**  
NSD Youth Ministries Director



From January 14 to 24, 2018, the S.O.S. (Salvation Only Jesus Service) mission team held evangelistic series. More than 80 high school and college students gathered to organize and support the series. The first meeting was held at the Daegu Central Church, and the second was held at the Haeundae Church. For these meetings, the mission team contacted around 1,000 young people in Daegu and Busan, where these churches are located. Even though these cities are considered big cities in South Korea, the churches' location has a small floating population, so the mission team had difficulties in meeting young people. The weather was another difficulty. However, even though extreme cold warnings

were issued, the team gathered to spread the gospel every morning and preached the gospel.

Some members of the S.O.S. mission team who supported the Daegu Central Church were students who were baptized during S.O.S. evangelism last summer. Because of their dedication, people were able to discover the vision of discipleship training through evangelism. During the evangelism, the Haeundae Church also had a valuable experience in finding lost sheep who had not visited the church for many years.

By God's grace and the mission team's hard work, twelve people were reborn by baptism, and one lost sheep recovered.

Park SangJin, one of the team members, said, "I am certain that God's ministry was the most important thing in the world, and if I seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well," citing Matthew 6:33.

Lee YeonJoo, who attended S.O.S. activities for the first time after receiving baptism through last year's evangelism, said, "As I decided to accept Jesus last year with the team members' prayers and efforts, I will do my best to help young people to find Jesus."

The S.O.S. mission team, organized in 2015 by the youth ministries department of Southeast Korean Conference, has baptized more than 100 young people so far. Every summer and winter, the team recruits young people from all over the country to do mission activities, including evangelistic meetings.





# Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Helps Set Up Dental Clinic in Laos

On December 9, 2017, a dental clinic sponsored by the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital (HKAH) began its operation in Lao People's Democratic Republic. Several high-ranking government officials, including the ones overseeing religious affairs, attended the opening ceremony.

Dr. Chen Shen Huang of HKAH was responsible for bringing the donated equipment to Laos and oversaw the establishment of the dental clinic. The clinic now has advanced 3D dental imaging technology, the first in the country.

Laos is a Marxist socialist republic. Adventist missionaries entered the country in the 1960s but had to leave due to the outbreak of the Indochina War. Thirty years later, the Adventist Church resumed her work in the country. By the end of 2017, Laos Adventist Mission under the Southeast Asia Union Mission of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division established 20 churches and meeting places with a membership of 2,000.

The major religion in Laos is Buddhism. The Adventist Church hopes to use the dental clinic to bring the love of Christ to the Lao people.



Government officials join the opening ceremony of a dental clinic.

# Japan Pastors' Meetings

**Ron Clouzet**  
NSD Ministerial Association Director



Elder and Mrs. Page, Mrs. and Elder Shimada, JUC president, Drs. Clouzet, and Dr. Nelson

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial association director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), joined Pastor Jerry and Mrs. Janet Page, General Conference ministerial leaders, as well as Dr. Dwight K. Nelson, pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church at Andrews University, as a key speaker to all the pastors in Japan, from January 15 to 18, 2018. The emphasis was on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and pastors made a pledge to redouble efforts to seek the Holy Spirit's presence and power by corporate prayer in their churches.

Dr. Clouzet's specific assignment was to help pastors prepare for the upcoming All Japan 2018 Maranatha campaign. More than 160 sites all through Japan have committed to hold reaping meetings next May; that's twice as many churches in the entire Union. We solicit your prayers on behalf of the Japanese pastors and churches towards this end.

# Ministering to Mongolian National University School of Dentistry



**Enkhbayar Mishigdorj**  
MM Health Ministries Director

**D**r. Kim JongSung, lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and a board-certified endodontist, held a special training seminar at the Mongolian National University School of Dentistry from November 20 to 21, 2017. The course, which provides continuing education credits for licensed dentists in Mongolia, reached maximum registration capacity within days of being open to local dentists.

Dr. Kim's courses taught cutting-edge technologies and procedures that have not yet been introduced to Mongolian dentists. Because of his expertise and willingness to serve, Dr. Kim, who has been a regular visiting lecturer, has been offered an adjunct professorship at the School of Dentistry.

Dr. Kim and his wife Joanne were pioneer missionaries to Mongolia back in the 1990s. They have been regular visitors and short-term missionaries ever since they left, and have recently been called to serve in Mongolia again.



Dr. Kim JongSung gives a lecture at a special training seminar for students at the Mongolian National University School of Dentistry.



## Health Expo in Bulgan Province, Mongolia

**Enkhbayar Mishigdorj**  
MM Health Ministries Director

**F**rom November 24 to 30, 2017, the health ministries department of the Mongolia Mission went to Bulgan Province in the north-central part of Mongolia. The purpose of this outreach ministry was to share the Adventist health message with church members in the area, to encourage church youth, and to forge a stronger relationship between the Adventist church and the local government.

On Sabbath and Sunday, the health meetings and screenings were geared toward church members and their family and friends. The health screenings that were conducted during the rest of the week were open to the public and consisted of tests for BP, SpO<sub>2</sub>, BMI, blood glucose, spirometer (to check lung capacity), and health counseling. More than 200 residents benefited from the free health screening.

In conjunction with the health programs, the Bulgan Adventist youth spearheaded a youth community service project and prepared more than 40 care packages for the needy. The main focus of the service project was to promote "Drug-free Youth," with a positive peer influencing event that was held on Sunday by the Pathfinders. More than 50 young people attended and more than 100 youth were contacted. Altogether, the outreach trip to Bulgan Province was a resounding success, and local church leaders plan to follow up with the newly made contacts.



The Ilsan English Church in Korea had a good way of beginning the year of 2018. On the Sabbath of January 13, the church members gathered together after potluck to discuss what they could do in 2018 for the success of God's mission. The program was called Mission Forum.

One thing that they decided, which was voted by the church at its business meeting on January 20, is the mission statement of the church. It reads: "The Ilsan English Church is an international Adventist Christian community who strengthens each other, proclaims the everlasting gospel of Jesus, and offers loving services to the world."

At the forum, the church members were divided into three groups to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of what the church has been doing for the past eight months since the coming of the new pastoral team in April 2017. One of the highlights of the church initiatives has been the H2O program: Healthy, Happy, and Outstanding. This is a program that offers different kinds of

lectures and classes, including language classes of English, Korean, Chinese, etc., to attract new interests for Bible study. Another new activity that was started last year is the Pathfinders Club. This has attracted children to come to church. When children come, their parents come too.

Pastor Kim SunHwan led the Mission Forum. One of the suggestions they came up with is to strengthen small groups for the purpose of mission. Many mission initiatives could be done in and by small groups. In addition, it was suggested that if possible, the church will conduct two evangelistic meetings every year, beginning 2018.

The Ilsan English Church is where many of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) workers attend. The Sabbath services are done bilingually, in English and Korean. Recently, the attendance has increased. Many people come on Sabbath. Praise the Lord that in 2017 there were eight souls baptized in this church.

## Mission Forum at Ilsan English Church

**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD SS/PM Director



Pastor Kim SunHwan introduces four people who were baptized last October 14, 2017

## Field School Plans for Hong Kong

**Ron Clouzet**  
NSD Ministerial Association Director



Dr. Clouzet along with the Hong Kong-Macao Conference officers Alphon Fung (secretary), Heywood Cham (president), and George Lee (treasurer)

One of the most iconic cities in the world is Hong Kong, the New York City of Asia. The city teems with international business enterprises. It is visited by millions of people every year interested in tourism, shopping, and commerce, and at every turn, there is evidence of great wealth. Hong Kong is, understandably, one of the most cosmopolitan and secular cities in the world. It is a city in desperate need of God.

Recently, an initial planning meeting took place between Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial association director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and the officers of the Hong Kong-Macao Conference, to organize a field school of evangelism. The field school of evangelism, which will start in the second half of 2018 and run through the first half of 2019, will involve a variety of evangelistic training opportunities, member revival meetings, outreach events for the community, and multi-week public meetings. Help us pray that the Lord will do something significant in this city, involving 50 pastors and dozens of churches. May thousands turn their eyes to Jesus through this process!



# WOMEN'S MINISTRIES TMI PROJECT

## *Nurture and Retention Ministry*

Imagine a church which baptizes 30 new members in a special reaping program. One year later, only 10 of the 30 new members are still in attendance.

### **What happened?**

New members will not survive if they are left alone. Baptism symbolizes a new spiritual birth, not spiritual maturity, and new church members need to be strengthened in the faith.

### **What can be done to prevent loss?**

Retention Ministry endeavors to guarantee that a new member gains a solid base on which to establish faith and keep it strong and active. Retention Ministry exists to organize, train, inspire, and strengthen those individuals who are already within the congregation, and to assist the recently baptized to become effective members who will be permanently integrated through a personal, socio-cultural, and doctrinal relationship.

Membership loss prevention begins when new members are included in the family life of the church and true friendships develop. Research indicates that at least six new friends are needed to keep the recently baptized member actively attending church. When new members develop the desire to share the Good News of the Savior with others, they become disciples of Jesus.

### **Who participates?**

The entire church should become involved. However, it becomes necessary to instruct the church adequately in order for this project to take place in a manner that satisfies the needs of new members.

### **How is the work done?**

The church congregation establishes a team of members to coordinate the Retention Ministry, including the following team participants: an elder, a deacon and deaconess, personal ministries leader, Sabbath school leader, women's ministries leader, and church clerk. A team leader should be selected for the group, and this group will be trained to sponsor retention projects.





### What is a retention project?

**Post-Baptismal Classes** – Classes should be organized to promote the teaching of advanced Bible doctrine, history and organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, prophecies, health reform, stewardship, and other topics about the Church.

**Small Groups** – Organize and promote meetings which provide friendly relationships along with moments of prayer and praise. It is crucial to plan time for friendship and companionship. The need for small group fellowship is also true for long-term members.

**Secret Prayer Sisters** – This project could last at least one month. The names of the recently baptized women are handed out to the women who have been members of the church for some time. During this month, these women will be praying in the morning and in the afternoon for the spiritual strengthening of the new members. At the end of the month, a special meeting will be held to reveal the secret prayer sisters. An opportunity will be given for testimony regarding the prayers that have been answered.

**Mentoring** – Seasoned church members have the responsibility for mentoring new members and developing abiding friendships. Ideas for “special care” mentoring begin with showing genuine concern for the new believer’s



spiritual walk, sharing experiences and wisdom from the mentor’s own spiritual journey, giving Adventist books, sending cards of encouragement, and inviting new believers to share meals of fellowship. New members need to be included with established members in many and varied activities.

**Discipleship** – This is the most important phase of Retention Ministry. The newcomers are taught to witness for Christ and to serve the Lord according to their spiritual gifts. The projects *Woman to Woman* and *Am I My Sister’s Keeper?* have an important role in leading new members into small group fellowship and teaching them to witness for Christ to their

relatives and friends. These, and other WM resources, can be found and downloaded at <http://www.adventistwomensministries.org/>

May God bless us as we grow in the Holy Spirit toward Christ’s ideal followers. May God also bless the Church as it nurtures strong, healthy disciples.

■ This article is being adapted and shared by Lisa Clouzet, NSD women’s ministries director, from an article written by Wiliane Steiner Marroni, previous women’s ministries director of the South American Division.



# Pastor Ji YoungBae, PMM Missionary in Brazil, Dies of Yellow Fever



Pastor Ji YoungBae, a Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionary, died of yellow fever on January 12, 2018. He had been dispatched to Brazil Newstart Korean Church as a PMM missionary in

March 2014 after several years of ministry in the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC).

According to the WCKC, Pastor Ji was infected from a mosquito bite while he was visiting a church

member's home on New Year's Day. He was diagnosed with yellow fever and hospitalized in the intensive care unit. The medical team could not attempt operation because of oral bleeding and functional impairment of liver. He was finally laid to rest at his age of 46.

WCKC announced, "We are very sorry to send this sad news. We will continue to console bereaved family and set up countermeasures. Please pray for Pastor Ji's family."

Pastor Ji's passion for mission work within the Brazil Korean society was remarkable, even just before his last breath. Someone who was with him shared that "he was concerned about his plan for mission work for the Korean society in Brazil and showed his commitment to the ministry." Apparently, he was preparing mission projects for Korean children, youth, and college students.

The funeral service was held at the Newstart Korean Church in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on January 16, in attendance with sobbing family and church members. There was comfort worship for the bereaved family and casketing service on January 15. Two Korean Adventist churches in Sao Paulo had a joint worship mourning his death. In deep grief, they tightly held on to the hope of the resurrection on the day of Jesus' second coming.







# Christmas at Xindian Church

On December 23, 2017, the Xindian Church in Taiwan invited their neighbors to celebrate Christmas with them. It is the tradition of the Xindian Church to have church members prepare a variety of programs, such as musical instrument numbers, choral singing, performing a Bible story play, and reciting Bible verses. This time, a ballet instructor gave a free lesson to adults and children in the church as a talent donation, so some of the church members also performed a ballet number.

Before the Christmas event, church members prepared an invitation letter and gave it out to their neighbors. The letter especially attracted the interest of children, and many children brought their parents to the event. The Xindian Church does not have many children, but after the event, the church made plans to provide programs for children and their parents in order to ultimately lead them to Jesus. The Christmas event was held successfully with around 110 guests.

Meanwhile, the Xindian Church also had a weekend spiritual revival meeting with Pastor Kim KiHwang, Sabbath School and personal ministries director of the Chinese Union Mission, as the guest speaker. Pastor Kim worked in Taiwan as a Pioneer Mission Movement missionary from 2007 to 2011 and pioneered the Xindian Church. Through the revival meeting, church members were able to see how the church has grown with God's blessings.

Under the motto of "The Happiest Church," the Xindian Church is moving forward to reach the goal of 101 church members by 2021. This number is the number of stories of Taipei Tower, located in the capital city of Taiwan. As Taipei Tower is a landmark for Taipei, the members of Xindian Church are striving to make the church a landmark church for Taipei.

# Ready to Reach the World: CLAP 4 Completes Their Third Session



**Nilde Lust**  
CLAP Coordinator



The third intensive session of the Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) was held November 13 to 29, 2017, with the purpose of encouraging, stimulating and motivating young church leaders to understand the importance of English and leadership skills in preparation for further responsibilities in the church.

The venue selected for this session was the Seventh-day Adventist Language Center, located in the Philippines,

neighboring the 1000 Missionary Movement campus. The facilities and services provided were conducive to an increase in the participants' communication and leadership skills. The 25 participants who attended the session expressed their overall satisfaction with the intensive training, the facilities and the experience. They were diligent and perseverant in their studies, visibly improving their confidence to speak in English and experiencing a greater bonding as a group and openness toward others.



The daily English classes in the morning and afternoon during this session continued to be a fundamental building block for learning the basics of English, such as grammar and vocabulary. Faithfully, the English instructors, Erica and Joy, did their best as usual, patiently and kindly guiding the participants in their daily focused learning of the English language through different methods with the latest materials available and suitable for them.

The morning and afternoon leadership sessions involved a variety of presenters. People from different territories (the Northern and Southern Asia-Pacific Divisions and AIIAS), areas of expertise, nationalities, and ethnicity presented topics related to leadership. Various methods of presenting, such as group discussion, case studies, word banks, vocabulary practice, cooperative group structures, and short presentations were appreciated by participants as surveyed at the end of each week.

The leaders of the day did an excellent job in using their English skills to present the days' activities, announcements and reminders, lead the worship services and team-building time, attend staff meetings and help with decision-making.

The highlight of the session was the opportunity to practice and further develop their English-speaking skills. The Language Center provided tutors and teachers, who led them individually and in pairs during the daily hours of topic-based conversation time and who also enjoyed their daily meals together with the participants, largely



adding to their speaking skills practice. Furthermore, participants were able to use their improved English-speaking skills with people on the streets, shopping malls, markets, field trips, outings and even in local church visits.

Field trips were also important to enhance the learning. They provided time for healthy and balanced recreation, group bonding, and at the same time a different venue and vocabulary to practice their English. The experience of new challenges, tastes, smells, sounds, and sights, and observing people, ways of doing things, ways of living and other interesting things were also important learning opportunities of leadership skills and positive attitudes, such as confidence, empathy, sympathy and kindness, cooperation, teamwork, decision making, self-improvement, humility and courage.

Sabbath worships served several purposes to the program: opportunities to measure their level of English comprehension and motivate them to continue their learning, a chance to mingle with people from other countries and their own, too, the possibility of making new friends or meeting people they knew, the privilege of contributing to the worship services in 13 local churches, practicing their English, gaining confidence in speaking in English, seeing



Left: CLAP participants had an opportunity to develop their English-speaking skills with help of tutors and teachers.

Right: Participants learn to collaborate in group work during various activities.

different ways and avenues of worship, preaching in English, giving testimonies, and having special music among other opportunities.

In an effort to improve learning to an optimum level, consideration of overall health was encouraged. For example, morning exercise, though not enforced, was encouraged, and several participants kept a daily routine of exercise and even helped their roommates to stick to the healthy habit during the session. Evening exercise, as was seen through recreational soccer, helped to ease the stress of the day and provide for a good night's rest contributing to an optimal condition for learning.

We are grateful to God for His guidance in this past session. Next session will be the last intensive session for this CLAP 4 run. We are looking forward to meeting again with our CLAP friends. We are looking forward to discussing the questions our participants have prepared for next session's leadership topics, which will be led by NSD departmental directors, for a practical application of leadership concepts and a better understanding of how the church works in its goal of "Reaching the World." We appreciate your prayers for God's guidance in the completion of this program and also for the new group that will soon be part of CLAP run 5 (2018-2020).



During the CLAP session, participants were encouraged to exercise every morning for their overall health.

1000 MISSIONARY MOVEMENT



## 1000MM 49th Batch Receives Master Guide Training to Become AM Missionary



From January 22 to 25, 2018, 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) 49th batch missionaries completed the Master Guide training for Adventist Youth (AY) at the 1000MM headquarters in the Philippines. Eleven missionaries from the 49th batch finished their 13 months of service and received the AY Master Guide training in order to become an AM (Always a Missionary) missionary for Korean churches. This training was conducted by the youth ministries departments of Korean Union Conference and Midwest Korean Union Conference.

The purpose of the training is to prepare the missionaries to do ministry for the local churches as lifelong missionaries. The Korean Adventist church hopes that through this training, 1000MM missionaries will serve the church as youth leaders, applying the valuable experiences they had through their 1000MM activities. During the six-month training session, AM missionaries served as Pathfinder and youth leaders at local churches as well as assistants to the pastors.

Of the eleven missionaries, seven of them held an S.O.S. (Salvation Only Jesus Service) evangelism meeting from February 5 to 10, 2018, in Sacheonahn Church. Also, all the eleven missionaries with other invited missionaries held the 2nd S.O.S. evangelism meeting from February 18 to 25, 2018, at the same church.

"Once a Missionary, Always a Missionary!"



# Here We Are; Send Us! Golden Angels 15th Batch

On November 4, 2017, we, the new group of Golden Angels, sang our first dedication song, “I Will Go,” at the Golden Angels annual concert. The Golden Angels 15th group consists of eight members from various countries--from Taiwan, Korea and the Philippines. We gathered at the office of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) to give back the tithes of our life to God as singing missionaries.

Our spiritual training as missionaries started in January 2018. For our spiritual development, we memorized Bible verses, had early morning prayer meetings, meditated on the Bible, listened to guest lecturers, and meditated on the lyrics of the songs we are going to sing. Through these challenges, we have been developing our spirit as missionaries.

We also held a special intensive training at Deer Mountain Training Center in Gyeonggi, Korea, from January 14 to 17, 2018. Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD Golden Angels coordinator, served as the speaker. His strong message reminded us of the reason God has called us as missionaries.

Even in the deadly cold weather, all of the missionaries were able to experience the happiness of praising God.

“I hope that this one year of ministry is delightful and meaningful whenever I think back on it. I am praying for that,” said our team leader Yoo TaeKwon.

Richard Otero, who was a member of Golden Angels 14 and dedicated one more year for service as a member of Golden Angels 15, said, “As long as I live, I’ll keep singing for the Lord! I believe that serving another year is a calling from God. I pray that the 15th group of Golden Angels will be filled with more of the mission spirit.”

“Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:8)

We will go where God calls us to go. We will be where God asks us to be. We will sing what God wants us to sing. HERE WE ARE. SEND US!



Clockwise from top left:  
Yoo TaeKwon (Bariton)  
Lee GeonJu (Bass)  
Choi JunSik (2nd tenor)  
Richard Otero (High tenor)  
Lee YeYeong (Alto)  
Airen Palarao (1st sop.)  
Lee JuEun (2nd sop.)  
Yen AnJou (Mezzo sop.)





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