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# Go Forward!

— *A Tribute to NSD International Mission Congress*

China, let us go forward!  
Keep your eyes on the prize,  
Onward to the future as you rise!

Mongolia, let us go forward!  
Eternally grateful for grace and blessings given,  
Stand up and proclaim that you are forgiven!

Hong Kong, let us go forward!  
Lift up the torch of truth in your hand,  
Let it shine brightly for the people of your land!

Macao, let us go forward!  
Trials and tribulations may come your way,  
Hold fast and be victorious till your last day!

Japan, let us go forward!  
Making progress one step at a time,  
Toward the heavenly stars you must climb!

North Korea, let us go forward!  
Though the bitter cold winds may blow,  
Let us run to Canaan where milk and honey flow!

Korea, let us go forward!  
Being in one mind and one accord,  
Let us look ahead in faith to Jesus our Lord!

Taiwan, let us go forward!  
When you embrace that new morning long-awaited,  
By the radiant colors and glory will you be captivated!

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Nam DaeGeuk  
President of Adventist Writers' Association



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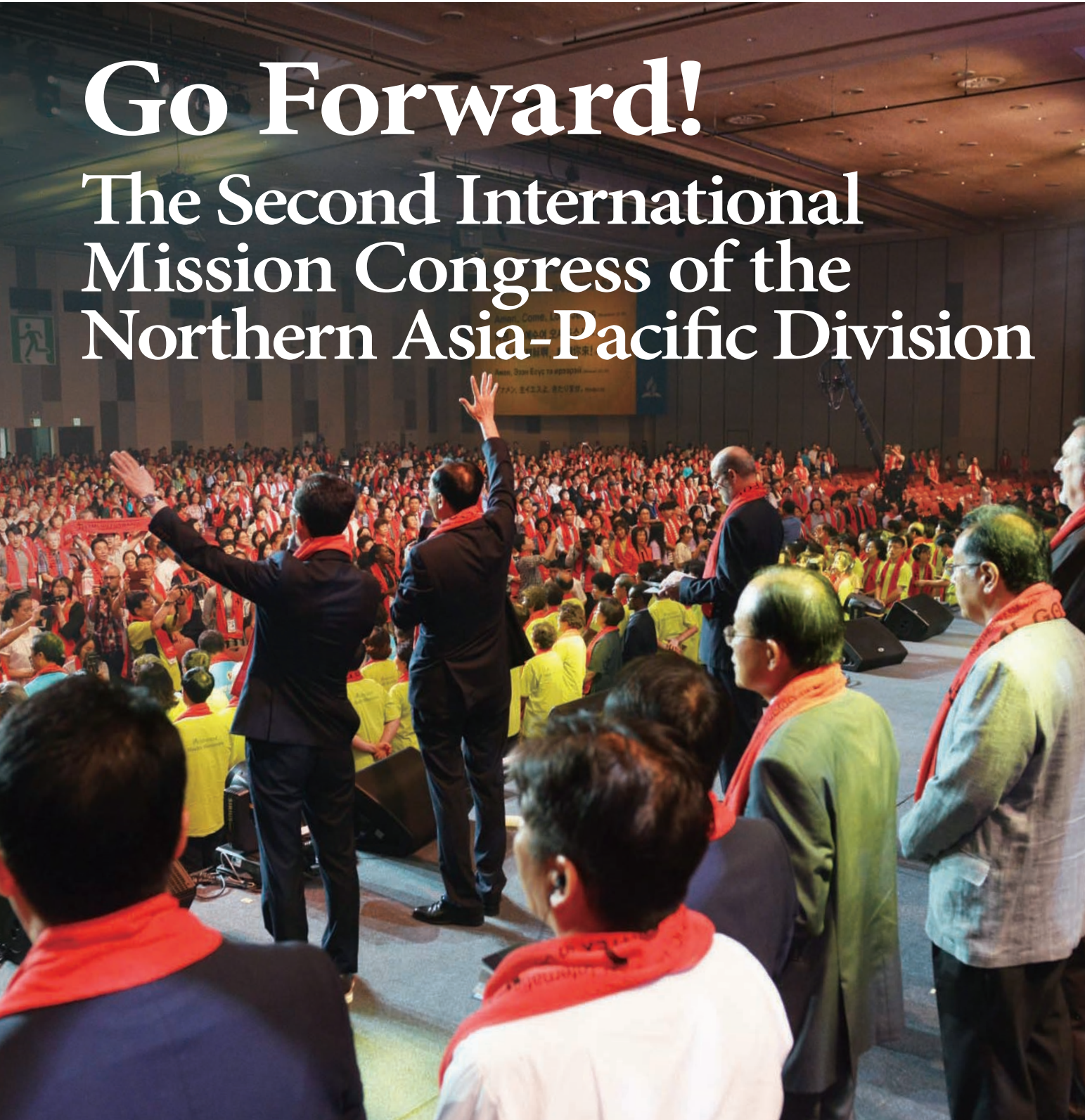
Mission First in All Activities to Reach the World

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# Go Forward!

## The Second International Mission Congress of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division







At the entrance of the venue, large banners, which were set up to inform the holy assembly, welcomed the saints who came to feast on the Word of God. In the driveway there were banners welcoming delegates from around the globe. The main venue was equipped with a special stage and various sound equipment, video, and lights, which heightened the atmosphere. The ultra-large 36-meter LED screen was adorned with eye-catching and cutting-edge graphics. The remnants who were entrusted with the mission of evangelism gathered together again.

The second International Mission Congress (IMC) of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) was held from August 8 to 11, 2018, at KINTEX, Goyang City, Korea. KINTEX is the biggest convention center in Korea and the fourth largest exhibition hall in Asia.

With the theme of “Go Forward,” around 4,000 participants from the NSD, including Korea, Japan, Taiwan, China, and Mongolia, made this event quite successful. On Sabbath, the last day of the event, about 5,500 Adventists gathered for the congress, which was recorded as the largest event ever held in the NSD.

Around 170 guests, including Elder Ted Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church, church leaders from the General Conference (GC) and neighboring conferences in the NSD, missionaries from around the world working at the GC, and other missionaries of Adventist Volunteer Services (AVS) attended the meeting. In addition, about 260 people attended the meeting for Global Adventist Internet Network (GAiN). On top of that, current and previous missionaries, including Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionaries, 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionaries, HisHands missionaries, Golden Angels, and self-supporting missionaries (such as the tentmakers) were invited. They were all inspired by the congress.

This year’s IMC was held five years after the 2013 Jeju Convention. All churches, institutions, and believers in the NSD were called to commit to and renew their mission spirit as well as to embrace the call to be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to fulfill the given mission.

The rally was a very festive one, commemorating the work God has accomplished through various Adventist missionaries. The participants shared vivid experiences of faith. They also showed their desire to hasten Jesus’ return as we work to finish this holy gospel mission.

During the congress, impressive sermons, seminars, various reports and testimonies, many exhibitions, and cultural programs were done daily in a way that made all participants feel God’s goodness. Participants also took part in various other programs and booth activities. They also perpetuated a new understanding and determination of what it means to evangelize. This beautiful fellowship was shared with God’s people gathered from all parts of the world.



1, 2, & 3. The second NSD International Mission Congress (IMC) opened with a story of Abram LaRue, who first preached the Three Angels' Message in Asia 130 years ago.  
4. Local churches presented cultural performances and Pathfinders' drill and marching during the IMC.

### ■ Opening Ceremony, Following the Path of Abram LaRue

The opening ceremony was launched with the beautiful praise of the Golden Angels. Looking back on the life of Abram LaRue, who first preached the message of the Three Angels in all of Asia 130 years ago, the participants focused on the theme, "Go Forward!"

A special show that particularly combined the traditional culture of Korea, with an emphasis on Korean traditional musical instruments, such as Haegeum, Geomungo, and the flute, with Adventist faith beliefs conveyed a very colorful impression. Through an epic narrative Pansori chant, Pastor Yoon SangDeok introduced the devoted life of Abram LaRue as a self-supporting missionary who spread the gospel in this vast unknown land.

The Jeju International Church's cultural alert, Gaonnuri, was applauded for its Nanta-like and its flag performances. The Chunsung Church's Pathfinders and their groundbreaking march with drums was reminiscent of the march going toward the heavenly Canaan under the banner of "Go Forward." "Fire of Mission," which is a part of the musical "Moses," was composed of ten vocal ensembles, and Sulammi, added a

depth of inspiration to the performances and "fire to the mission" beyond expectation.

Representatives from each country attended the parade dressed in traditional wear. It was an impressive sight to behold to witness people of various cultures and languages gathered together in one accord.

### ■ Feast of the Word of the Holy Spirit

During the meetings, the inspired Word, carried by the Holy Spirit, showered on everyone's hearts.

During the Mission Commitment Ceremony, Pastor Kim SiYoung, NSD president, appealed to the congregation to be united in their resolutions for gospel mission. His emphasis was to reflect on the faith of Caleb, who cried out in his loudest voice as Israel hesitated in the conquest of Hebron—the fortress of impregnable fortresses: "God gave us the gospel mission to conquer the world with His Word."

President Kim said, "We must go to all cities and villages. We have to go to all nations. We must run to the end of the earth and bear witness of the gospel. We must save dying souls. Today, like Caleb, we can conquer Hebron in our mission field. Hebron can be conquered



if we look at God Almighty instead of looking at high and devastating obstacles.”

Elder Ted Wilson said in his sermon referring to Numbers 13:39, “I hope that all the saints in the NSD will stand firm on the rock of the covenant. Hold on to the Word by the power of the Holy Spirit. Go forward united under the banner of Christ. Go forward along the lines of Joshua and Caleb. God will give us the land.”

Pastor G. T. Ng, GC secretary, in his sermon entitled “Where are you?” in the opening ceremony, said “Over twenty million Adventists around the world share only one mission. It is to save the world from sin. The gospel will dig into the world no matter the difficulty we face. All nations and tribes will hear the message of grace. We will do our best to spread the gospel so that this covenant will be fulfilled.”

Pastor Mark Finley, assistant to the GC president, said, “We are a distinguished people who have been given a vital mission to prepare for the Lord’s return. The day of the Second Coming is quickly approaching. We all must stand up with united hearts to fulfill the mandate which was commanded to this remnant of human history. We must help others to know about the Lord’s return.”



1. NSD president Kim SiYoung welcomed all attendees of the IMC with inspiring messages, emphasizing a "mission-focused" conference.
2. Attendees could trace the history of how the gospel of Adventist Church was brought to each country in the NSD territories.
3. Around 170 world church leaders and missionaries joined the IMC.
4. Pastor Kim NakHyung, IMC coordinator, declared the official start of the International Mission Congress.
5. GC secretary G. T. Ng preached the sermon entitled "Where are you?" in the opening ceremony.



■ **Mission Synergy Echoed Deep in the Mind**

Every morning, at the venue of Mission Synergy, the message was delivered by Pastor Duane McKey, assistant to the GC president, and Pastor Gary D. Krause, GC associate secretary. In addition, vivid experiences of missionaries who devoted themselves to mission work in the world were shared, providing deep insights.

Pastor McKey, Adventist World Radio (AWR) president as well as assistant to the GC president in charge of Total Member Involvement (TMI) movement, presented examples of missions taking place around the world through radio and Internet media broadcasts, saying, “We all can do something through Jesus. When one testifies of the gospel to save others, it also brings salvation to the one” through faith in Jesus.

In addition, servants of the Lord, who preach the holy gospel with a passion for mission, including Comprehensive Health Ministry, TMI movement, 1000MM, PMM, and HisHands Mission Movement, were heard on stage testifying how amazing God is.

Below: Pastor Duane McKey, assistant to the GC president  
 Right: Pastor Gary D. Krause, GC associate secretary, with Pastor Kim SunHwan, NSD Adventist Mission associate director



■ **Booths and Seminars with Useful Information**

Various exhibition booths and seminars were set up to provide useful information and materials to educate those in attendance.

At the exhibition booths, about 80 organizations and companies participated and exhibited materials related to gospel mission, education, medical mission, publishing and food and nutrition. Another 40 local church mission booths and four mission education booths shared various methods to educate others in mission areas, such as service centers, nature, sowing seeds, the disabled, refugees, medical care, an English culture center, and children’s mission, to name a few.

1. During the IMC, thousands of people packed into the KINTEX in Goyang City, Korea, where the conference was held.
2. About 80 organizations and companies participated with booth exhibits.
3. More than 20 seminars were organized to present the work of the Adventist Church.
4. Mission booths were set up to introduce different mission activities and share information with visitors.
5. The foot massage provided by HisHands missionaries was the most favored booth.





Among them, local church mission booths, which were first attempted, introduced the evangelism activities of various churches in the NSD to help find ways to practice and participate in each region. Numerous examples and case studies of mission work in action in different churches were shared on site.

At the same time, more than 20 seminars were organized to present the path the Adventist Church and its members in many fields, including medical care, family, children, campus, and religious liberty, must take. At the seminars where eminent Adventist speakers in the field held the microphone, they illuminated practical methods and imparted knowledge on how to lead all participants who are preparing for Christ's return to participate in the spirit of evangelism.

### ■ Various Conferences with Heightened Satisfaction

Special conferences in the fields of medical care, media, and education were held to enhance the satisfaction of those who are already involved in such ministries as well as to interest participants who might want to serve in these fields.

The International Medical Missionary Conference invited Dr. Peter Landless, GC health ministries director who is engaged in many activities, as a lecturer with the themes: "Unique Perspectives on Dietary Choices" and "The Grace-filled Health Message Entrusted to the Seventh-day Adventist Church: The Leader and Health."

The goal of this conference was to train 500 new international medical missionaries. Six hundred and four attendees participated and completed in this endeavor. Through this conference, participants came to a fuller understanding of the health message of the Adventist Church as they learned skills that they could use to serve in the community. They also learned about the health message that is consistent with that of the GC and established a close cooperative relationship with each

participating member from countries in the NSD.

The various health booths at the conference were packed all day. Such booths included CELEBRATIONS, information on Health Check Skills, Healthy Cooking Class, Massage Therapy, Addiction, and Healthy Foods vs. Unhealthy Foods.

The Global Adventist Internet Network (GAIN) was a conference aimed at developing and implementing effective use of science, technology, and media, including use of the internet to help Adventist Churches in the work of fulfilling the mission. Through annual global rallies, public relation, professional and equipment specialists are trained and educated in finding new ways to connect with communities throughout the world.

During this conference, Pastor Williams S. Costa Jr., GC communication director, lectured to professionals and local church leaders about public relations, media and equipment.

Teacher's Conference was held under the title of "Mission Through Adventist Education Gained Great Interest." The purpose of the conference was to equip our teachers to be able to face the challenges of secularism in offering Adventist education. Special lectures were presented entitled, "The Christian Teacher in a Secular Society: The Challenge of Becoming, Being, and Living" and "Reaching Postmodern Youth through Adventist Education: Approaches and Strategies."



Pastor Mark Finley, assistant to the GC president, gave a sermon during the evening sessions as well as a special lecture on Sabbath during the IMC.

## ■ Mission Explosion, the Foundation of Spiritual Revival

The 2018 IMC was an opportunity for representatives from around the world to learn new techniques and skills to spread the gospel in their respective countries among neighbors and beyond.

Also, there was a special presentation for national mission and prayer for the five countries comprising the NSD—Korea, Japan, China, Taiwan, and Mongolia. Each country presented its own mission issues, challenges and major projects. They requested special prayers from sister churches among the world church. Delegates prayed in pairs and joined hearts for the revival that lies ahead.

In addition, the participants had time to expand their understanding of global missions by hearing news from difference conferences and neighboring divisions, such as the Middle East and the North Africa Union Mission as well as the Bangladesh Union Mission.

## ■ Cultural Contents: Another Strong Message

The 2018 IMC will be remembered for a very long while because a variety of high-quality cultural performances throughout made all the participants feel more impressed than perhaps was expected. Various types of music, videos, and performances specially designed for the occasion were combined with storytelling which made the message even more compelling and powerful.

Once again, Sulammi's musical drama performance "Promise of the People—Caleb," made all in attendance realize anew the gospel mission and the promise of the second coming. World-class artists, such as baritone Choi HyunSoo, cellist Yeo YoonSoo, and violinist Lee NanJu, also demonstrated God's glory through music. The Korean traditional dance, Taepyeongmu, and Taiwan's unique folk dance also caught the attention of those in attendance—not to mention the impressive gift of songs presented by delegates from Japan, China, and Mongolia, which also moved the audience.



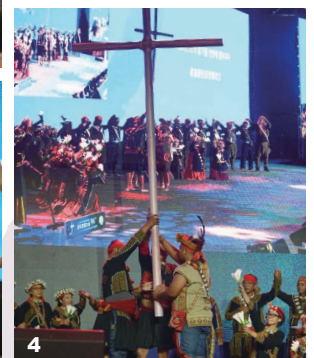
In addition, a small concert was held every afternoon on stage in the special lobby of the Event Hall where everyone praised God in one voice.

## ■ Baptismal Ceremony of a North Korean Beyond the Boundary of Death

In a baptismal ceremony, 51 souls received and accepted Christ as their personal Savior and were born again. Among the candidates was a North Korean who found freedom beyond the boundary of death. GC



1. Baptismal ceremony on Sabbath
2. Golden Angels' mini concert on stage in the special lobby
3. Performance of Chamsori, ECKC children's choir
4. Cultural performance presented by Taiwan delegates







President Ted Wilson baptized the North Korean and congratulated him on his rebirth. There was also a 90-year-old baptismal candidate.

From 1:30 p.m., there were outdoor mission festivals with various themes. Non-Korean participants visited Imjingak and held a prayer meeting for North Korea mission. Koreans and other guests made a visit to Yanghwajin missionary cemetery. There, many participated in a TMI activity by distributing bottled water.

A separate meeting for children—Vacation Bible School (VBS)—helped parents to focus on the rally and other activities. This VBS was run for children with the theme of “Creation.” A variety of programs, including Bible stories, crafts, praise and rhythmic movement, as well as water sports helped create memories the children will never forget.

Counseling rooms were available for participants who wanted to reduce burdens that may be on their hearts. Prayer rooms were also located so that they could talk with God. They were allowed to share their experience if they so desired.

### ■ Dedication and Closing Ceremonies: Another Start

The Dedication and Closing Ceremonies at the end of the IMC were the gathering field for the resolutions of all Adventists in attendance.

The Dedication Ceremony featured the task that we must concentrate on, that now is the time to “Go Forward!” following in the great steps of Caleb. Tumultuous shouts of praise arose as Elder Kim

YongGun went on stage. In his attempt to learn English at one of our language institutes, he discovered the Three Angels’ Message. Since then, he has devoted his life to the work of the gospel. He showed up on the stage with 100 of those who had accepted Christ’s truth through his ministry.

Delegates gathered under the flag of TMI. Gospel ministers, including 1000MM missionaries, His Hands missionaries, PMM missionaries, medical missionaries, and self-supporting missionaries who are advancing toward the promised land of Hebron, stood together hand in hand. Every participant wore a red scarf with the words written “TMI, GO FORWARD!” It reminded all in the audience of the red belt that Caleb wore around his waist. They raised candle lights and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, here I am. Send me” led by Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director and associate coordinator of the 2018 IMC.

Participants completed the rally and pledged to participate in the TMI and Center of Influence movements as humble and devoted missionaries to advance the gospel work. They were determined to go toward the vast and hilly mountains, where one fifth of the world’s population lives, with the mission spirit and in faith. With the closing declaration, the feast ended. However, the advancement of the participants toward heavenly Canaan continues. More than that, the mission of devotion and humility as missionaries for life has just begun.



**Han SukHee**  
NSD Communication Director

“The International Mission Congress is over, but the individual mission congress is just beginning.”



## INTERVIEW WITH PASTOR KIM NAKHYUNG, IMC COORDINATOR

### ▲ How would you evaluate this meeting?

It was literally a “Mission Festival.” Faith and faith met, culture and culture met, and praise and praise met. Different histories and traditions have been beautifully blended in the Adventist faith. Despite language and cultural differences, we have all confirmed that we are a family in Jesus Christ.

### ▲ What do you think was significant about the 2018 International Mission Congress (IMC)?

Above all, this IMC was a platform where every participant could maximize his or her mission capacity. In addition, it was an opportunity to enhance our knowledge of mission. In particular, it was a special time to reaffirm the fact that we are a community of believers that, together, carry on with one vision, one hope, and one purpose.

### ▲ What synergies do you expect this IMC has brought?

We should not focus on the event itself. We think that mission synergy is achieved through people. This rally served as a platform for gathering our thoughts and hearts and the sharing of information.

One positive result is that many more participants than expected attended. It was a great encouragement for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), which is devoted to evangelizing. Our motto is “Mission First.” However, it is regrettable that, at this moment, Adventists who are personally participating in mission work seem to be increasingly advanced in years.

### ▲ In the end, the success or failure of this IMC depends on whether the participants go back to their respective mission fields and live a missionary life or not.

Definitely. The NSD prepared for the IMC, but all the content belongs to each church congregation or, more specifically, each individual within his or her respective congregation. IMC is over. However, I think that the rally of each church and individual has just begun. Ellen G. White says in *Desire of Ages*, “Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary” (p. 195). I’d like all the participants to keep moving forward with this in mind.

One of the things that we emphasized this time was the Total Membership Involvement (TMI) movement, where the whole church participates in mission work. The spirit that promotes the Second Coming of Jesus guides the purpose of the General Conference, Divisions, Union Conferences, Conferences, and institutions. The same is true with the church and the individuals in them. We are all missionaries of the kingdom of God. I want every Adventist to be a witness of the gospel.

### ▲ What is your message for Adventists in the NSD?

Looking back, I can see that God’s providence and guidance were everywhere. I was really grateful to see the happy faces of the participants during the rally. I was able to see their passion for mission. Hopefully, this passion and grace will not be tempered or cooled down. I look forward to seeing this passion in action in the future. We encourage all church members to participate in mission work in their respective conferences, churches, communities, and homes.



# INTERVIEW WITH PASTOR KIM SIYOUNG, NSD PRESIDENT



## ▲ What is your evaluation of this 2018 International Mission Congress (IMC)?

Everything was through God's grace. Without God's help, we would not have been able to step forward. He guided us in our steps and led in all the meetings. I give my sincere gratitude to God. I'd also like to thank each of the Union Conferences and each church for their cooperation. Without them, this IMC would not have been meaningful. It was meaningful because it was the fruit of the Division, Union Conferences, Conferences, and churches.

## ▲ What do you think was most significant about this IMC?

We emphasize "mission," but until now we have been attached to traditional methods. In some respects, our thoughts and minds might not be open.

Personally, I think that the churches of the NSD should have a vision of greater global leadership. Leaders and young people must advance into the world. We desire that they open the door and reach the summit with the leaders of the global community as missionaries.

Young pastors, especially, must open their eyes. They must develop their skills. They must establish a vision of global leadership and broaden their view of the world. This meeting may have been a place to discover such hope.

## ▲ What was the reaction of the General Conference and the World Church as they observed the event?

In a word, surprise. The world church may not have ever seen such a rally. In addition to outstanding media technology, cultural themes and impressive storytelling were combined

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with the direction of our mission. Noteworthy is that it was all about the Word of God.

It was an opportunity to inform the world church of the high-quality mission resources of the NSD. I am grateful to all those who glorified God through emotional, passionate, and inspirational programs.

## ▲ What outcome do you expect from this IMC?

First, our leaders have been awakened. Lay leaders must also wake up. We should open our eyes wider and open our collective hearts. Now is not the time to look only at our own country for mission. We must have the world in our hearts and have a passion and vision for the world church. Furthermore, the NSD should lead the world mission. I think that we all felt this same need.

The mission commitment God has given us is clear. Now we have to encourage each other, share our ideas, look forward to our vision, and go forward to the promised land where God has told us to go. I believe this meeting provided such a motivation.

## ▲ Could you please tell us your final message for the church members of the NSD?

Thank you for all your cooperation for this IMC. Thank you very much for your prayers and support.

Now there is one thing that has been given to us. In order for Jesus to come quickly, the gospel must be preached to the ends of the earth. We must finish the mission of cities and villages. This cannot be done by pastors alone. All leaders and church members must go forward together. I'd like everyone, with the desire and strength for mission, to gather together and pray together.



1. Korean traditional dance with beautiful stage settings was introduced to IMC participants.
2. Ted Wilson, Adventist world church leader, and Kim SiYoung, NSD president
3. Various shows on the theme of God's love and His commission to Adventists touched the hearts of attendees.
4. A separate meeting for children helped parents to focus on the rally.
5. Volunteers were the driving force behind the success of the congress.
6. Dr. Ron Clouzet, NSD ministerial secretary, led a seminar on public evangelistic meetings.
7. Booth visitors were taught sign language at a mission booth for special ministries for the deaf.
- 8 & 9. Conferences, including GAiN and Teacher's Conference, were held simultaneously at KINTEX during the IMC.







1. World church leaders gathered together at the IMC.
2. Lacto-ovo vegetarian meals were served to attendees.
3. A baptismal ceremony was held on Sabbath afternoon.
4. Aside from main programs, participants were benefitted by various services such as tours, counseling, a prayer room, etc.
5. World-class artists, including cellist Yeo YoonSoo, demonstrated God's glory through music.
6. At the dedication ceremony, attendees cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, here I am. Send me," led by Pastor Han SukHee, associate coordinator of the IMC.
7. Attendees completed the rally determined to go forward to wherever God leads.







Dr. Peter Landless, GC health ministries director, was a guest speaker of the first International Medical Missionary Conference.

**M**edical Missionaries, Go Forward! The health ministries department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held the first International Medical Missionary Conference (IMMC) in conjunction with the health ministries department of the General Conference (GC) from August 9 to 10, 2018, during the second NSD International Mission Congress in Goyang, Korea. All

health ministries departments under the NSD worked in close cooperation in order to host this big event. As a result, a lot of people around the NSD territories came to participate in the IMMC program with great interest. The number of participants was beyond expectations. It is nothing but God's amazing blessing that 604 new medical missionaries of the NSD were born through this first IMMC.

Dr. Peter Landless, GC health ministries director, was invited as a guest speaker. He gave lectures titled "Unique Perspectives on Dietary Choices," and "The Grace-filled Health Message Entrusted to the Seventh-day Adventist Church: The Leader and the Health." As he shared Adventist health principles and philosophy, attendees were able to clearly understand the Adventist health messages and were deeply touched by this blessing God has given upon Adventists.

Moreover, there were six booths that were under various health-related themes: CELEBRATIONS (Adventists' 12 core health principles), Health Check Skills, Cooking Class, Massage, Addiction, and Good Food vs. Bad Food. The participants were able to learn practical health skills which will be useful in their services as medical missionaries at local churches.

# FIRST INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE CONCLUDES SUCCESSFULLY



**Choi YoungIl**  
NSD Health Ministries Director





Participants who obtained the Medical Missionary Level 1 certificate through attending Dr. Landless's lectures and participating in booths during this IMMC have an opportunity to later apply for the Level 2 certificate. They will be qualified for the Level 2 certificate after continuously working in their local church and community as a medical missionary in cooperation with the health ministries department of each conference/union/mission.

Among those medical missionaries who receive Level 2 certificates, a few carefully selected missionaries will receive an honorable certificate from the General Conference at the Global Health Conference, which will be held in 2019 at Loma Linda University.

On the evening of August 10, a meaningful dispatch ceremony was held with Ted Wilson, GC president. He stated that medical mission is the most powerful tool that will finish the evangelistic work; thus, we all need to be medical missionaries to hasten Jesus' second coming.

It is expected that more medical missionaries will be dispatched, and they will become frontrunners of evangelism to quickly finish the mission of spreading the gospel.



1. Hundreds of people stand in line to enroll in the International Medical Missionary Conference.
2. A medical team from Sahmyook Medical Center teaches health check skills at the booth.
3. Participants were given hand massage training.
4. Those who participated in one or two lectures and three or more of the six booths were given a medical missionary certificate.

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## Middle West Korean Conference Holds a Medical Missionary Training

The health ministries director of Middle West Korean Conference held a medical missionary training to improve the knowledge and skills of medical missionaries. Kim YongGun, who serves as director of a sanitarium in Korea, was invited as the speaker. He delivered a clear message that in his experiences and based on the Bible, true healing only comes from God. Medical missionaries only function as tools. God is the one who heals diseases, and He is healing us at this moment.

I hope the medical missionary training program of Middle West Korean Conference expands so that all churches become the center of medical evangelism. I am sure that all 50 trainees who finished the training will become effective tools in delivering Adventist messages to local churches and communities.



# Pre-Marriage Camp Held in Taiwan

**Lisa Clouzet & Celeste Sha**

Directors of NSD & TWC Children's Ministries



Celeste Sha, TWC family ministries director, was one of the speakers for TWC pre-marriage camp.

The Taiwan Conference (TWC) family ministries and youth ministries departments co-sponsored a pre-marriage camp for singles, held at San Yu Adventist College, from July 6 to 8, 2018. The theme for the camp was “It’s Worth Waiting For.” The goal was to equip the participants with pre-marital resources for their own lives, as well as to better guide other young adults in understanding the value of Christian dating, marriage, and family.

Main speakers included Celeste Sha, director of TWC family ministries; Pastor Boaz Wu, director of TWC youth ministries; and Dr. Lisa Clouzet, director of the Northern Asia-Pacific family ministries. Topics for the weekend included “The Five Love Languages,” “The Differences Between Men & Women,” “Becoming and Finding Mr./Mrs. Right,” “Meaningful Dating,” and “Recognizing True Love.”

A total of 40 participants and other leaders enjoyed learning and socializing together throughout the weekend. Here are some of the responses from those who attended the program: “This topic is what we need”; “We learned lessons about love through solid Bible teachings”; “The atmosphere of the whole camp is full of joy, and I really enjoyed it”; “This was a lot of learning, and I got a lot of answers about love and marriage”; “I am getting a clearer picture about future choices to be made”; “I liked learning about the love languages and discovering my own love languages”; and “I am now equipped and want to share with others in my mission area.”

We pray that every young leader who attended the meeting will be encouraged and dedicated to God through the Holy Spirit. We also pray that the influence of this camp can be a significant help toward growth in various mission areas. Above all, we give thanks that “every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father” (James 1:17 NKJV).







HKMC president Heywood Cham (right) and HKMC Media Center associate director Panda Choi

## Four Major Directions of HKMC: Worship, Discipleship, Ministry and Service

Recently, Pastor Heywood Cham, president of the Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC), mentioned in an interview that from 2018 onward, there would be four major mission directions for HKMC, which were worship, discipleship, ministry and service. He said, “We aim to equip each member in our Adventist church. Let us all draw nearer to God and build a closer relationship with Him. May more lay members join us and fulfill the great commission.”

Pastor Cham stated that the Media Center in HKMC was established to promote these four areas and that it is fulfilling its mission. There will be more material added to equip members. Every morning, there is a daily devotional broadcast in three different languages (Mandarin, Cantonese and English). Every week, the guest speaker teaches Sabbath School through media. They also have the Cantonese version of *Amazing Facts*. With the help of mass media, more people will be involved in the mission of spreading the Gospel.

## Cohesion and Mission: 2018 HKMC Community Services Department Retreat

On May 22, 2018, the annual staff retreat of the community services department of Hong Kong-Macao Conference was held at the Mountain View Youth Service Center. There were 47 staff and 8 volunteers who attended. The theme for this year was “Cohesion and Mission.”

This time, we were honored to invite Juliana Lam, general manager of Kaiying Industry as well as a winner of China Top 100 Women Entrepreneur Awards 2012, to share her mission-oriented business. She has often been invited as a guest speaker and has shared her personal story in various activities in our church. Now she is the president of the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital’s Healthy Lifestyle Fund.

In such a competitive world, Juliana Lam’s perseverance and sincerity are truly valuable. God blesses us with wisdom and strength; what we need to do is rely on Him and be a good example to others. Her experience reminds us that no matter how hard life is, “[God] comforts us in all our tribulation” (2 Corinthians 1:4). Suffering and trials also help us grow stronger.

Many people were blessed by the retreat. May they apply what they have learned in their daily lives and become a blessing to the community.

Juliana Lam, a winner of China Top 100 Women Entrepreneur Awards 2012, was invited as a speaker.



# Sabbath School Teacher Seminar in Taiwan Conference

**Wu Yi-Tun**

TWC SS/PM Director



Songshan Church

On Sunday of April 1, a total of 38 church members participated in the seminar at Songshan Church. The seminar began after Pastor Fu gave a morning devotional. Another 38 Sabbath School teachers attended the seminar at Dawu Jiamu Church on April 8. During this meeting a group of young people were invited to share their views on how to renew the Sabbath School study. In Taichung, on April 15, thirteen attendees participated; eight of them were from the Fengyuan Church. The last of this series of seminars was held at the Guanshan Church in Taitung on April 22, attended by a total of 28 participants from Hualien, Taitung.

The purpose of the Sabbath School Teacher Seminar was to inform teachers of their responsibilities: 1) to teach the truths of the Bible, 2) to make Bible study more interesting so that church members like to participate in the Sabbath School, 3) to enable the trainees to acquire spiritual knowledge from the lesson, and 4) to invite people to repent and receive Jesus as their personal Savior

A pastor metaphorically used the “course of the meal” to describe the Sabbath, saying that Sabbath School should be the “main dish” and the divine service the side dishes or dessert. But now most churches have inverted the importance, paying more attention to divine service than to Sabbath School being the “heart of the church.”

The major concern that is affecting our churches in Taiwan is how to teach Sabbath School lessons in an interesting way and to create programs that will attract big attendance. For that reason, the Sabbath School department of Taiwan Conference (TWC) held a Sabbath School Teacher Seminar on April 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2018, in the North/Central/South/East District. Attendees from around TWC studied seriously and diligently, sharing and exchanging their teaching experiences. It seems that there is hope for the revival of Sabbath School.



Dawu Jiamu Church



Fengyuan Church



because of the Bible study lesson. In short, the ingathering of souls is the goal of Sabbath School.

Appreciations go to all the church members who participated in and made this event successful. A special recognition is given to Mrs. Wu (Lin Huijun) for her full assistance in all these seminars.

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# Spiritual Revival Meeting for Local Church Health Ministries Directors in Taiwan

**Ruth Yu**  
TWC Health Ministries Director

From April 9 to 11, 2018, the health ministries department of Taiwan Conference (TWC) held a spiritual revival meeting and training for health ministries directors in local churches and medical missionaries at Sanyu Health Center with around 40 participants.

Four speakers were invited for the meeting. Two of them are persons who run a health center. The first speaker, David Fam, is president of Aeon Health Care and Missionary Institute Malaysia. He was responsible for spiritual training at the meeting. Another speaker was James Wu, CEO of Sanyu Health Education Center. He led health-related classes. Also, Zhang Zhiqiang, who has more than 30 years of experience in healthy cooking, held a cooking class during the training. Ruth Yu, TWC health ministries director, delivered a series of lectures on natural remedies.

Based on research reports of modern natural medicine and the personal experience of many medical doctors, James Wu showed how reliable the health messages God has given to the Adventist Church are. In addition to sharing health knowledge, he also taught several kinds of exercises for stretching, muscular health, body balance, and aerobics. He emphasized that medical missionaries need to live a life of temperance and exercise to stay healthy both physically and mentally.

In Zhang's healthy cooking class, participants learned about healthy banquet dishes, including whole wheat pasta, vegetarian dim sums,



Above: James Wu gave a lecture on health.  
Below: Zhang Zhiqiang held a healthy cooking class.



Ruth Yu held natural remedy classes.



David Fam led a spiritual training session.

steamed stuffed buns and dumplings. The classes received a good response and strengthened participants' motivation to learn about healthy cooking.

Ruth Yu's natural remedy classes dealt with natural antibiotics, natural cough syrup, turmeric dressings, and other practical remedies. Participants were amazed that fruits and vegetables in the kitchen could become the most natural medicines without side effects.

The most anticipated course of all was spiritual training led by David Fam. He delivered a lecture full of passion and vitality. Based on the Bible and Ellen White's writings, he vividly explained that what we eat, what we are, and what we enjoy are

inseparable from the health condition of both body and soul. Through his own experience, he helped trainees to understand that a medical missionary should be a person who is in Jesus every day, a person who always seeks the Holy Spirit, a person who can understand pain, have sympathy, and help others, rather than being self-righteous and accusing others. The close relationship that was evident between Fam and God made every participant feel moved and led them to pursue a true, close relationship with God.

In the final dedication ceremony, the local church health ministry directors and missionaries signed their name on the commitment cards before God:

1. I will separate the beginning of each day as a time of prayer with God, reading the Bible, reading *the Spirit of Prophecy*, and family prayer.
2. I am ready to complete the reading plan of *Counsels on Diets and Foods* in the coming year to strengthen the mission as a medial missionary.
3. I am willing to obey God's moral law and natural law. I will try my best to implement the principles of healthy living and devote myself to maintaining a healthy life.
4. I will respond to a calling from God and say, "I am here. Please send me."
5. I am willing to be used by the Holy Spirit to reach out to others and share the message of salvation. In the next year, I will contact at least one person and keep in touch with and care for this person through visitations, massages, spas, natural remedies, dietary guidelines, prayers, and companionship. And I will give this person Bible study.
6. I will promote health ministry in my church this year and organize health improvement or health preaching activities to help build a healthy church.





# Asian Tri-Division Publishing Workshop Held in Hong Kong



More than sixty participants representing twenty-some countries and regions from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD), and Southern Asia Division (SUD) gathered together for the Regional Publishing House Managers and Publishing Directors Workshop at Panda Hotel, Hong Kong, from August 13 to 18, 2018.

The workshop was facilitated by the General Conference publishing department directors focusing on the following four publishing areas of emphasis:

1. Total Member Involvement in Missionary Literature
2. Full-time and Part-time Literature Evangelists
3. Student Literature Evangelists
4. Spiritual Nourishment of Church Members

The first two days focused on publishing house management and operation with attendance mainly comprised of the publishing

house managers and Division publishing directors. Major agenda items included Book Planning Committee—subscription and trade books, local church publishing coordinator as publishing house representative, the importance of financial statements, distribution system for trade books, Open House Day, websites, e-books, missionary book pre-orders, etc.

The next three days focused on publishing department agenda with additional attendees, the publishing directors from the Unions and Local Conferences/Mission publishing. Major discussion items included the above-mentioned four areas of publishing emphasis, their challenges and opportunities, their strengthening factors, etc. All publishing houses and Division/Union/Conference/Mission publishing departments gave their reports to the group. The reports were inspiring and encouraging.

On Sabbath, all participants joined the worship service at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Church with the sermon delivered by Elder Almir Marroni, GC publishing director. After lunch and a brief tour of hospital, the group moved to Abram La Rue's gravesite at Happy Valley to have a short closing, commitment ceremony to pay tribute and to follow the footsteps of the pioneer, the first literature evangelist and first Seventh-day Adventist in Asia.



**Stanley Ng**  
NSD Publishing Ministries Director



From April 29 to May 1, 2018, the first Single Youth Camp was held in Shenzhen, China. There were 54 people who attended the camp. Lianmin Zhang, associate director of family ministries in Chinese Union Mission, was invited as the guest speaker. During the camp, she talked to the young people about Christian marriage in a very simple but lively way. Everyone enjoyed the retreat.

With the theme of this camp being “Christian Value in Courtship and Marriage,” Mrs. Zhang mentioned that people tend to see love as some kind of magic power because two basic needs can be satisfied only through love: “Being the priority of the one we love” and “being accepted unconditionally by the one we love.” She added that people often think, “We love someone because we need that person,” but rather, the relationship between two persons should be “I love you because I need a channel to express my love.” What Mrs. Zhang shared was new to some young people, and they all had a clearer picture of love after the training.

Mrs. Zhang also suggested that every person should learn to prepare themselves for the precious time of being single. A successful marriage is not just about finding a suitable spouse, but we should also be a good partner for the other person. At this camp, many people realized that they had never thought there was so much that should be carefully studied about relationship and marriage. This kind of study brought them more confidence, courage and wisdom. May more people, especially the youth, be blessed through fellowship, and may they also bring happiness to their existing family and/or their future family.

## The first Guangdong Single Youth Camp held in Shenzhen



Fifty-four young people joined the first Single Youth Camp, which was held in Shenzhen, China.



Scholars at the Bible Conference listen to Elder Ted Wilson's sermon.



# 4th International Bible Conference Held in Rome

**Ron Clouzet**

NSD Ministerial Association Director

The 4th International Bible Conference, organized by the General Conference (GC) Biblical Research Institute (BRI), was held in Rome from June 11 to 21, 2018. The theme for the conference was biblical eschatology. Some 500 scholars and theologians from most of our Adventist seminaries and universities, along with Division and GC leaders from around the world, met at plenary and breakout sessions that dealt with a large number of relevant topics.

Some of the most significant plenary sessions included “What Is SDA Eschatology?” “Historicism and Eschatology,” “Israel in Prophecy from a New Testament Perspective,” and “The Theological Necessity of the Pre-Advent Judgment.” Participants were given the opportunity to choose from 102 breakout sessions, dealing with topics such as “A Calculated Exegesis of the Cryptographic Number of the Beast,” “A Prophetic History of Daniel 11 for Today,” “Charles Darwin and the Three Angels’ Messages,” and “Eschatology, the Great Controversy, and Missions in Animistic and Secular Societies.” Some of these were so popular that standing-room only was possible.

The conference included a number of day trips in and around Rome to see places relevant to the Bible or to last-day events, such as The Vatican City (seat of the Papacy), the Mamertine Prison (where both Paul and Peter spent

their last days before their execution), the Appian Way (mentioned in Acts, where believers met Paul), and the Catacombs (where so many Christians were buried in the early centuries).

A correct interpretation of biblical eschatology is very important to our belief system since it is founded on the biblical concept of the Great Controversy. Fifteen delegates from different schools and the division office represented our territory. Several of our scholars also gave breakout presentations.

Partial group of scholars and leaders from the NSD.





Hiroshima Saniku Gakuin School and its neighborhood are recovering through the hard efforts of school faculty and the people in the local community.



# Torrential Rain Fall of West Japan



**Hiroshi Tabuchi**  
Principal of Hiroshima Saniku Gakuin



**D**riving rain fell that night as if an ocean had fallen from the sky. Sudden heavy rainfall at times can change roads into a river; however, this downpour lasted for more than ten hours. There was tension in the air as the emergency warning system sounded loudly on Friday night, July 6, 2018, during Vespers. We hoped and prayed diligently for the safety of the campus hoping for minimal damage.

Early Sabbath morning, a huge landslide occurred midway on the main road to the campus, cutting off electricity and deserting us from lifeline. Leaving only one road accessible, the community of approximately 400 people including students, faculty and their families were isolated as a result of the landslide.

Decisions were made on Sunday morning to send students back home as soon as possible, cancelling all the activities and programs planned before summer break. Finding available routes to the train station and airports was not easy with approximately 70 landslides that affected the roads nearby. Despite the difficult road conditions, we managed to send all the students home. If the timing were off, it could have been far worse, for the last route to the airport collapsed later that same day.





Despite the disasters from landslides, the campus remained undamaged and intact. Seeing the devastating damage affecting the clement slopes in the community, there is no doubt that our school was sheltered within the hands of God the night of the torrential rain.

A few days followed with no electricity and water supply. However, the inconveniences experienced made us aware of the things we take for granted in everyday life. After four days, lifeline was temporarily restored.

Living conditions stabilized once again as electricity and running water were recovered. Giving thanks to God for a

speedy recovery of our lifeline, we began to shift our attention to assisting local communities for recovery. Despite the busy schedule of preparing for end of quarter transcripts, teachers and faculty members volunteered every day to help at the local disaster areas. We were able to provide water, Saniku Foods, and a place to bathe for those in need. The damage done in the local areas was devastatingly severe. Assisting hands could not reverse the damage. However, despite the hot temperature of 38 degrees Celsius, disaster recovery activities continue as we work together with the people in the local community in hopes for a quick recovery.

Hiroshima Saniku Gakuin was protected and supported through many prayers. In addition, our school was given the opportunity to participate in the disaster recovery, and we were able to identify and reconfirm the reason for our existence in this community.

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## Anti-Smoking Campaign in Gwangju, Korea

Some studies indicate that the younger the trainees are, the more effective the anti-smoking education. On June 15, 2018, Gwangju Adventist Elementary School students held an anti-smoking campaign in downtown Gwangju City. With the lead of Lee OkJae, health ministries director of Southwest Korean Conference, 200 students holding No Smoking signs marched down the streets of the city. This caught the attention of many people and made them consider not smoking any longer. Some of them expressed gratitude to the school for having such a desirable event.





# Mongolia Mission Holds Sabbath School Seminar During Bible Camp



**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD SS/PM Director

The Sabbath School Enhancement Seminar was one of eight parallel sessions during the Mongolia Mission Bible Camp from July 19 to 22, 2018. About 30 participants composed of Sabbath School leaders and teachers attended all the Sabbath School Enhancement Seminar classes. The topics included innovative Sabbath School programs, small group and church growth, and how to teach Sabbath School lessons. Pastor Nyamsuren, director of Sabbath School & Personal Ministries (SS/PM) of the Mongolia Mission (MM), translated all the seminars presented by Pastor Richard Sabuin, NSD SS/PM director.

The purpose of the seminar was to make Sabbath School a prime program of each local church. To make this happen, there should be dynamic and innovative Sabbath School programs before the lesson discussion.

These may include giving a Sabbath School quiz, small group mission stories, reciting memory verses, involving children in adult Sabbath School, and many others. These are to be done by the small groups as the basis for all Sabbath School activities.

Small groups play an important role for the growth of the local church. Each small group should operate as if it is a local church itself, having mission strategic plans, including a target of baptism. In fact, the soul-winning target of a local church is to be distributed to all small groups as their target. Small groups can do many things for Sabbath School and the church. Take one example: in addition to world mission reports, it is recommendable to schedule the small groups to present their mission stories. For sure, without mission initiatives, they can never have good mission stories.

About 350 people attended the 2018 Mongolia Mission Bible Camp Meeting.





Thus, they will be encouraged to be active in missions. Pastor Bold Batsukh, MM executive secretary, presented a Bible study series focusing on the mission of the last remnant. He challenged the participants to be unique in their lifestyles and to be faithful to the teachings of the Bible, especially the distinctive beliefs of the remnant church. All participants were blessed.

The MM has conducted Bible camps annually, the last two being at the Youth Training Center located about 50 kilometers outside of Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia. There is a plan to develop this facility into a boarding school, since the only Adventist school in Mongolia is very limited in receiving new high school students.

It was amazing to see that most of the 350 participants attending the Bible camp were young people. Pastor Kim YoHan, MM president, believes that based on the enthusiasm of our young people, the church in Mongolia Mission will experience tremendous growth.



Participants of Sabbath School Seminar



# News From Tusgal: Break the Walls, No Limit for Growth!

**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD Education Director

A short visit to Tusgal Adventist School in Mongolia on July 18, 2018, has impressed me of how it has been growing. The school has the capacity to receive 150 students, and yet, 32 students are still on the waiting list for this school year. For this reason, the school administration with the support of the Mongolia Mission (MM) decided to remodel the school rooms, providing more classrooms and seat capacity to accept more students. Summer (June to September) is the best time slot to do construction. The target is to provide enough seats for 250 students.

The renovation is being done by faith, believing that budget should not be a problem because God provides.



2018 graduating class of Tusgal Adventist School

In September 2018, the school principal Mrs. Otgontuya Tserenpil and the vice-principal Pastor Diogo Santos will endeavor to raise funds in many ways.

In addition to the physical construction, a plan for human resource development is now being made. There is a need to expose our teachers to Adventist education and upgrade their skills. The MM education

director, Joanne Kim, is working together with the school administration in preparing a proposal to invite an Adventist higher education institution to open a Distance Learning Center, offering an MA in Education program. There should not be a limit for growth. May God bless this plan!

Volunteers are working for local churches in Taiwan. They are faithful to the Lord's will. They have dedicated their time and money to evangelistic work. I respect and admire all of them, regardless of their background. They are willing to serve the Lord "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

Volunteers are warriors who respond to the call of God, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:8). However, these warriors might sometimes be weak and helpless. To encourage them in person, to help them become familiar with one another, to let them share their working experience, and enrich their working skills, the Taiwan Conference (TWC) held a volunteers' seminar from May 18 to 20, 2018.

Here are the six volunteers we invited this time:

1. Mr. Chen Ze-Yuan, who is responsible for Keelung Church, the northernmost church in Taiwan
2. Mrs. Anjanet Wang, a woman from the Philippines married to a Taiwanese and assists Taichung English Church
3. Elder Gu Ming-Ji from Nantong Zhongzheng Church, who supports the mission work of Songlin company
4. Mrs. He Shu-Mei from Jiayi Church in Pingtung Paiwan mission district, who supports the mission of Wanan School
5. Mrs. Tu Jin-Lian from Pingtung Wenle Church, who supports the mission work of Wangjia Village (neighborhood of Wenle Church)
6. Elder Lu Sheng-Xiong, who supports the mission work of Jiuqutang Gospel Center

The volunteers' meeting was held at the TWC office. The pastor at Taichung Church, Tom Sun, and his wife

provided a kitchen and an auxiliary hall of the church. Mrs. Kathy Lin and Mrs. Ruan Mei-Ying prepared meals for the attendees.

On Sabbath of May 19, 2018, the volunteers went to the Dali Gospel Center and had a Mother's Day program. In the afternoon, volunteers shared their Bible study methods and experiences at a local church.

Pastor Mark Tseng, TWC secretary, shared with the attendees how to visit church members. He stated that this is one of the best ways to retain church members and that church can be revitalized by house visits. Earlier this year, I visited a retired pastor; he said that there is nothing bad about visiting church members. It was his knowledge that if a pastor visits church members more frequently, the members will love the church more, will love God more, and will dedicate themselves to the church more. "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good" (*The Ministry of Healing*, 143). "The work of Christ was largely made up of personal interviews. He had a faithful regard for the one-soul audience" (6T, 115). It can be said that the work of door-to-door visits is the most basic work which should be done.

On May 20, Pastor Tseng delivered a sermon, referencing 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." He pointed out three concerns which Paul addressed: 1) Do not be tempted and do not be bewildered by miraculous signs; 2) Have a strong confidence and perseverance to stand tests; 3) Be cautious and normative.

# Taiwan Volunteers' Meeting

**Wu Yi-Tun**  
TWC Ministerial Association Director





In the time of friendship, volunteers and other attendees exchanged ideas, experiences, and testimonies. Mrs. Tu Jin-Lian shared her witness of God's power and testimony of prayer. Mrs. He Shu-Mei shared her experience in medical care service and how she was accepted by patients' family members. Elder Gu Ming-Ji told us a story of a 30-year-old young man whose life was threatened by stroke. The young man changed his lifestyle, including diet and habits, and he is now fully rehabilitated and exercises freely. People were amazed and praised God for the miracle.

Mr. Chen Ze-Yuan, volunteer at the Keelung Church, introduced the mission work at his church, which has around 30 attendees on average. He stressed the necessity of Bible study materials to train Bible teachers in the Adventist church. The gathering finished with a time of dedication led by Pastor Noah Lai, TWC president.

Please pray for church volunteers in Taiwan so that they regain energy every day to carry out their mission as God's workers.

## 2018 Central Hong Kong Combined Youth Camp

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” (1 John 3:16).

Adventist youth should not only focus on friendship or study but should fix their eyes on Christ. Being led by this conviction, a group of youth from three different churches came together and organized a combined camp.

From June 29 to July 1, 2018, the camp was held in the Mount Davis Youth Hostel. The theme of the camp was “By This We Know...” Through this camp, 38 young people experienced spiritual revival. They also learned how to have a personal relationship with God. The camp was full of worship, singing, devotion, prayer and testimony. Everyone enjoyed the Sabbath together. They learned how to pray and how to use the Bible for personal devotion. Many were blessed by the spiritual revival and willing to let God take control of their lives.





# 2018 GREAT CONTROVERSY TOUR A GREAT BLESSING

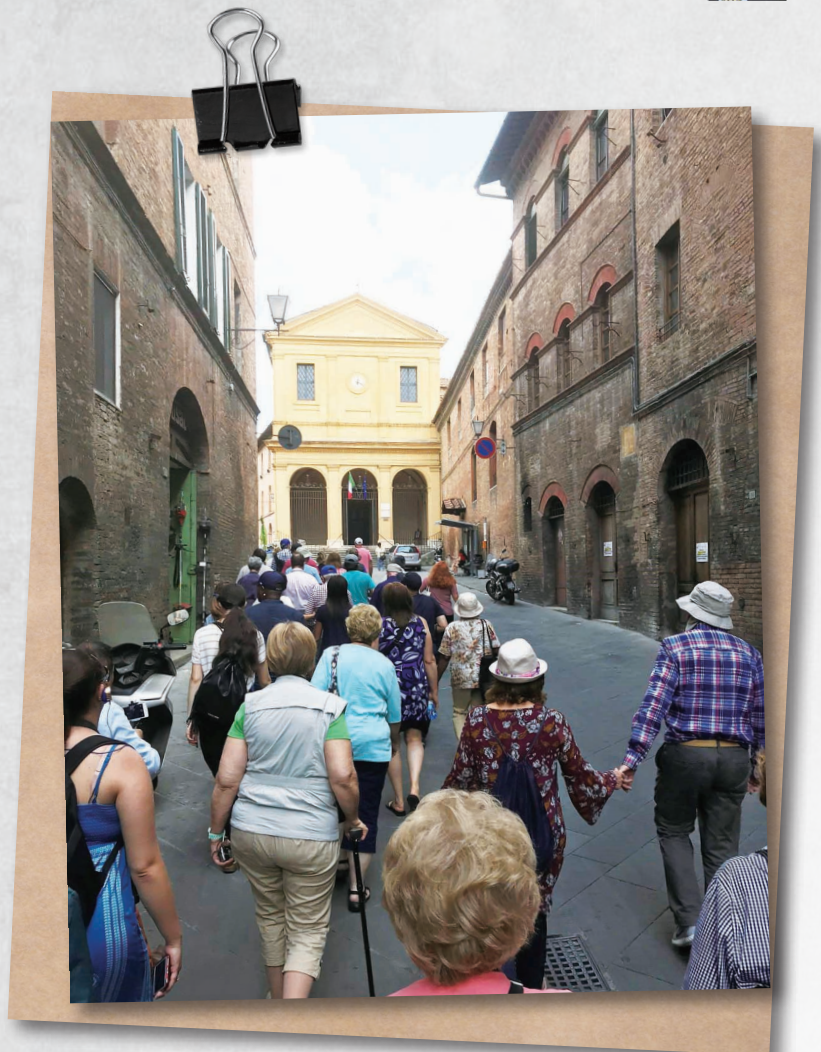


**Ron Clouzet**  
NSD Ministerial Association Director

Dr. Daniel Chuah and his wife and Dr. Lisa Clouzet and I were members of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division who, in late June, participated in the 2018 Great Controversy Tour. The Great Controversy Tour has been led by Dr. Gerard Damsteegt, retired professor of church history at the Seminary in Andrews University, for more than 20 years, and 53 leaders, professors, and church workers joined the tour from several Divisions and from the General Conference.

The tour began in Rome, where we could visit the Mamertine Prison, a humid dungeon below ground, where both the apostle Peter and the apostle Paul were held before they were executed for the Gospel. The most famous structure in Rome is the Colosseum, built by Roman emperors only 50 years after Christ walked among men. The amphitheater could hold up to 80,000 people, and some early Christians were martyred there. Very close to the Colosseum is the Arch of Titus, erected in memory of the Roman general that sieged and destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70, as Jesus had predicted in Matthew 24. The monument even shows how the Romans carried away the Menorah and other articles from the Jewish temple.

Of course, no trip to Rome would exclude Vatican City. Tour members could see the impressive artwork from the various Vatican museums—the riches of the church, the Sistine Chapel, where cardinals gather



Fifty-three leaders, professors, and church workers joined the 2018 Great Controversy Tour, led by Dr. Gerard Damsteegt, retired professor of church history at the Seminary in Andrews University.



to select a new pope, and the vast St. Peter's Basilica with its mixture of holy and pagan symbols. Perhaps one of the smallest, yet significant sights in Rome was the Via Appia, the cobblestone road that existed at the time of the apostles between the sea port and the city. One could imagine these men of God walking on that road in the first century.

From Rome, the tour went north to an inquisition museum in Sienna. This showed the terrible tortures the Medieval Church inflicted on those they considered heretics during the 1,260 years of tribulation predicted by Daniel and the Book of Revelation. Not too far from there is the Canossa Castle, famous for the story of the power struggle between the Holy Roman emperor Henry IV, and Pope Gregory VII, in 1077. The Pope was so powerful that he made the emperor stay outside the castle for three days, barefoot, in the snow, before he would allow him in to ask for forgiveness.



1. The Colosseum, the most famous structure in Rome, was included in tour sites.
2. Dr. Ron and Dr. Lisa Clouzet and Dr. Daniel Chuah and his wife.
3. The Mamertine Prison, where both the apostle Peter and the apostle Paul were held before they were executed for the Gospel.



In northwestern Italy, tour members spent the Sabbath on the beautiful Waldensian valleys. This is the place where some Christians, in the 13th century, took refuge among the mountains, to continue to read, study, and write copies of the Scriptures. From there, they would risk their lives by sharing God's Word with others at a time when the Church strictly forbade the use of the Bible. Often, they were forced to meet in dark caves to worship God and hear God's Word. We saw some of those caves. Ellen White has a wonderful chapter about this in her book *The Great Controversy*.

From Italy, the tour proceeded to Switzerland and Germany. In Geneva, tour members saw the famous Reformation Monument and the Reformation Museum. Geneva became, in the 16th century, the center of the Reformation, led by John Calvin. Pastors and leaders from all of Europe came to the city to learn more about beliefs based on *Sola Scriptura* rather than on mere religion traditions. In Zurich, we visited sites related to Ulrich Zwingli, who, after Martin Luther and John Calvin, was the most influential of the Reformers. But even though the Protestant Reformation was a Spirit-led movement, leaders still made mistakes. We saw the place where Anabaptists were drowned by Protestants for believing in believer's baptism by immersion.



In Constance, Germany, we saw the house where Jan Hus stayed during his trial, and the convent where he was held captive, in 1414. Hus was condemned as a heretic for preaching the Bible, and so was his friend Jerome, a year later. Both were burnt at the stake for their faith. A short trek north is Spires, a city made famous by the German princes who sided with the Reformation, *protesting* against the Roman Catholic Church. Thus, the Protestant Reformation. And less than an hour away is the city of Worms, where the great Martin Luther was tried for his teachings. When asked to recant, he answered, “Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason—I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other—my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant

anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen.”

The tour finished with a visit to the Cathedral of Rheims, where the French pagan king Clovis was baptized as a Catholic, helping consolidate the Church’s power in the Middle Ages, and to the Notre Dame Cathedral, in Paris. This was the target of the French Revolution, in a secular atheistic revolt to the abuses of the Church for so many years.

The 2018 Great Controversy Tour was very instructive and inspirational. It helped us all recognize vividly the conflict between good and evil in the church, and how those who remain faithful to God’s Word will have their reward, if not on Earth, then in heaven.



1. The Waldensian Church in Torre Pellice, which is no longer used regularly.
2. Chanforan, where the Barbes and the people had a six-day conference, acknowledging the Waldensians were in line with the Reformation, and decided to make their first complete translation of the Bible in September 1532.
3. Calvin’s church in Geneva.
4. A house where John Hus stayed during his trial in 1414, and the Jan Hus (John Huss) Museum.







# Final Session for CLAP 4 Group: Transformed by the Spirit to Reach the World



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The fourth group of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division's (NSD) Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) culminated its activities in July 2018 after two years of activities. The last of four intensive training sessions was held between June 25 and July 8, 2018. A group of 22 participants, coming from China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia and Taiwan, gathered for the last time at the NSD Leadership Training Center (LTC) on Jeju Island, South Korea. The participants concluded the session with mixed emotions, happy because of their achievements, learning, growth, new friends and new experiences, and sad that it had come to an end and that it was time to say good-bye.

Since its beginning in 2008, CLAP has established as its goal to stimulate, encourage and motivate young, potential leaders to understand the importance of

learning English and the development of their leadership skills. Four cohorts, with approximately 130 leaders, have gone through CLAP training in the last 10 years. This last group, CLAP 4, carried out its training for the last two years, from 2016 to 2018, with four intensive sessions and three in-between session periods of independent study.

The last of the four intensive sessions was designed to provide additional opportunities to practice and improve their English and leadership skills. Every activity and event was planned and selected to provide experiences that promoted interaction and growth in an environment of trust, encouragement, and challenge. Thus, the session contributed with opportunities for increased responsibilities, dependence on God, service, improved communications, teamwork, and character building,





1. After decorating a hall together to develop creativity, one of the CLAP members shares ideas for Sabbath reception.
2. Through outdoor work, members could improve their brain and mind functions.
3. CLAP members had an opportunity to learn how to cooperate.
- 4 & 5. This CLAP program concluded with a special Communion Service including a foot-washing ceremony.

as well as encouragement for a continual learning and growth mindset.

Each day the activities started early in the morning and went on until the evening. The session's theme, "Transformed by the Spirit," was a daily group prayer request as part of the program and objectives. Exercises, such as walking or jogging, were also part of the program to enhance the physical condition, preparing the mind, body and spirit to face the day's challenges and demands. Healthy meals were provided by skilled cooks from NSD LTC. Eating together proved to be a wonderful opportunity to mingle with those from different countries, encouraging English-speaking practice as well as learning from and about others, understanding each other better.

During the major part of the day, participants were busy with English and leadership classes and conversation time with tutors, for speaking practice was one of the most requested activities. At other times, planned activities and events, such as worships and service time, also contributed toward the goals of CLAP. The Leader of the Day plan challenged the participant's public speaking skills (in English), leadership administrative skills such as decision-making and conflict solving, and other essential skills

for leaders (vision, faith, empowering others, considering cultural perspectives and opinions, and others).

The program concluded with a special Communion Service (Lord's Supper). It was a meaningful "agape" experience among CLAP participants, staff and teachers, and some of the union leaders that attended. All the preparation and the program itself was done by CLAP members in English, working together with the teachers and staff. Sabbath was also special from morning to evening. It started with a Sabbath School led in small groups by teachers and Union leaders, and the sermon was given by NSD president, Dr. Kim SiYoung. Afternoon time was spent immersing in small group discussions on practical ways to "Reach the World" with God's message. The closing event for the Completion ceremony included a sundown worship, testimonies by participants, a summary video of CLAP 4 and the awarding of a certification plaque to each participant by leaders and administrators from Mongolia Mission (Kim YoHan, president), Japan Union Conference (Masumi Shimada, president), Korean Union Conference (Nam, SooMyung, associate secretary), and NSD administrators (Kim SiYoung, president, and Yutaka Inada, secretary).



## CLAP Members' Comments on CLAP Program

"My priorities have changed."

"It has broadened my way of looking at things."

"I have a bigger vision... It has enlarged my world vision and dreams."

"[The program] has been practical and confidence-building."

"I have a strong motivation that I should learn more English because this is the global language. If I want to become a leader, English is an essential element."

"I learned to communicate with people from other countries while eating and praying together."

"I gained more confidence to talk with foreigners. I am not afraid to talk with foreigners."

"I am able to read books in English, which is very useful for personal devotion and work."

"I have more desire to learn English and now I'm interested in continuing education overseas."

"I have healthier practices in my life."

"CLAP taught me how to be a servant leader."

"[It is a] miracle I am able to speak this session."

During this last intensive session, the level of trust and confidence in speaking in English was more noticeable and evident than during previous sessions. This allowed participants to communicate more, to do it more freely, to be more comfortable than in the past, and in most cases particularly fluent with others.

In conclusion, improving personal skills for service to God and others is a personal choice. However, CLAP has proven to be a unique and successful program of leadership development.

Pastor Kim SiYoung, NSD president, participated in group discussion.



NSD leaders and CLAP 4 group members with a certificate after the Completion ceremony.



The 15th batch of Golden Angels supported a youth camp meeting and an evangelistic series at Nalaikh Church in Mongolia from June 13 to 27, 2018. The enthusiastic and lively atmosphere in Mongolia made this short trip meaningful and memorable.

“Wow! It looks just like Mongolia!” all of the members shouted as we saw the horses, sheep, cows and goats on the green meadow. Everything we saw was new and special. Our mission trip in Mongolia started with great excitement and expectation.

As soon as we arrived, we headed to the youth training center to have a special youth camp meeting with the theme “Pass It On.” The youth department of Mongolia Mission had prepared a three-night, four-day camp for the youth in Mongolia. About 200 young people attended and were trained as faithful Adventist youth members. As we participated in this meeting, we were also reminded of our commission to share what God has given us. We are

asked not to hold the truth that we have, but to pass it on to those who are in need.

On Sunday afternoon, after we arrived at Nalaikh Church, we had a mini-street concert at the municipality of Nalaikh District to invite people to attend the meetings. Most of the Nalaikh church members are youth; however, even at their young age, they were mature enough to handle and to participate in the evangelistic program. Everyone was involved! Every afternoon we had two special classes. One was for mothers, and the other was for the children. The mothers’ class was led by Elder Lee SunGun and his wife. They taught the participants how to make kimchi, natural soap and shampoo. Children’s class was handled by the Nalaikh church members.

At our first meeting, there were 64 newcomers, and throughout the whole week, an average of 70 newcomers were able to hear the Gospel. Pastor Kim NakHyung, youth director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division

# Golden Angels 15: Mongolia Mission Trip

**Lee JuEun**  
Golden Angels 15







1. Golden Angels visited a church member's house, which was a Mongolian traditional house Ger, and sang a song for the member's family.
2. Golden Angels had a concert during the special youth camp meeting with the theme "Pass It On," held in the youth training center.
3. Members of Nalaikh Church and the Golden Angels went to the tent camp meeting to hold a baptismal ceremony in beautiful nature.



(NSD), was the main speaker. He powerfully imparted the Gospel with the theme "You are the one."

On Friday afternoon, everyone packed up including the baptismal candidates, and we left the church for the tent camp meeting. We were all blessed by the message and the beautiful nature God has given us. We were also excited about the weather condition, for we had been informed that the weather would be very wet on that weekend. However, the rain stopped whenever we had an activity. Maybe God would not allow His children to be wet! We were assured that rain is a blessing from God, the Holy Spirit that was poured upon us in the form of rain.

On that Sabbath afternoon, 18 souls gathered and willingly submitted themselves to the Lord. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will continually pray for these souls who have just decided to follow Jesus and His example.



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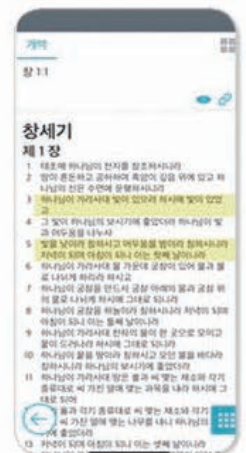
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