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The 15th batch of Golden Angels held their annual concert on November 3, 2018, at the Sahmyook University auditorium in Seoul, Korea, under the theme of "Hope for All Nations."

Go Forward! Keep Moving Forward!!

The Northern-Asia Pacific Division (NSD) is the most challenging division in the world in terms of gospel mission. Most of the countries in our division, including China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Mongolia, and North Korea, have their own mission challenges and difficulties. Sometimes these difficulties come to us just as giant Goliath, or they stand in front of us as the great walls of Jericho. Our churches and workers are facing more difficulties in China, the biggest mission field in NSD, due to increasing religious restrictions. Our churches in other countries are experiencing various mission challenges as well.

However, we remember the shepherd boy David who was victorious over the giant Goliath and Joshua who conquered the city of Jericho with the power of God and faith in Him. We know that history will be repeated. There have always been enemies or obstacles in front of God's people who are moving forward to reach their God-given goals. The problem is whether we have faith in God to "go forward."

If we have strong faith that God is with us and continue to go forward to reach the goal, then we will be more than conquerors just like David and Joshua. Then God will be glorified and praised by our faith and actions.

The new year 2019 has come. We are expecting to have 2,019 evangelistic meetings in 2,019 sites in the NSD territories this year. Just as in the past year, the situation for mission work in each country is not easy, but we will go

forward with united spirit and faith in God. We truly appreciate your great support and prayers. May God richly bless the mission work in the NSD!

"Let us rejoice that a work which God can approve has been done in these fields. In the name of the Lord let us lift up our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the results of work abroad. And still our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us: 'Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.' Our watchword is to be: Onward, ever onward. The angels of God will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the 'regions beyond' can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord" (6T, 28-29).



NSD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to call all people within its territory to become disciples of Jesus Christ, to proclaim the everlasting gospel embraced by the three angels' messages (Revelation 14:6-12) and to prepare them for Christ's soon return.



Kim SiYoung, President
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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.



OVER STORY

GOLDEN ANGELS 15TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



The 15th batch of Golden Angels, the singing missionaries of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), held their annual concert on November 3, 2018, at the Sahmyook University auditorium in Seoul, Korea, under the theme of “Hope for All Nations.” Since this concert celebrated the 15th anniversary of Golden Angels ministries, all the members from the first batch to the 16th new group came up on stage and filled it with beautiful praises and testimonies.

The eight singing missionaries of the 15th batch moved the hearts of the audience with the songs “We Are Children of God,” “When God Comes to Me,” “Song of Praise,” “Seeking Faithfulness,” and “I’ve Got Joy.” They also sang “We Need Each Other” and “The Truth Is Marching On” with the 12th and 14th Golden Angels.

A video clip was shown that illustrated their mission work here and there in the NSD territories.

Each of the 15th Golden Angels members gratefully acknowledged the privilege of serving as a “singing missionary,” confessing God’s amazing providence that led them to this place. They had left their schools and workplaces, had been apart from their beloved families and hometowns, and had served one year in the vast territories of the NSD.

On the day of the concert, the NSD delivered a plaque of appreciation to the 15th Golden Angels members who led many people to Christ and helped them be prepared

for the Second Coming of Jesus. Part of the profit from the concert was donated to the North Korea mission fund.

NSD president Kim SiYoung introduced the Golden Angels as singing missionaries who use the beautiful talents received from God in order to testify of the gospel and to bring souls to Christ. He said, “It is because of the missionary spirit that we are touched by their music. Because their songs are the testimony that expresses the love and salvation of God, the music has the power to change souls.”

Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD music ministries director, said, “Those who are called to be singing missionaries personally experience the grace of God and the love of church members, and through these experiences, they can’t help but preach the love of Jesus Christ through their songs to new believers and lead them toward heaven.”

The Golden Angels singing missionaries was established in 2004 to support the mission work of the

Pioneer Missionary Movement, youth camp meeting, and church and school visits. Eight young volunteers are selected for Golden Angels ministry every year, and they use their musical talents by singing the gospel. They carry out not only singing but various other mission activities in a number of countries, including Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Mongolia, and China.





1. NSD president Kim SiYoung expressed his appreciation to Pastor Kim NakHyung and Pastor Cho DaeYeon, the NSD music ministries team.
2. Chamsori, children's choir of the ECKC, made a guest appearance.
3. Female members of Golden Angels 15.
4. To celebrate the 15th anniversary of Golden Angels ministries, all the members from the first batch to the 16th new group were on stage.
5. The NSD delivered a plaque of appreciation to members of Golden Angels 15th who dedicated one year to music ministry.

The Privilege of Being a Singing Missionary

- I have learned and have experienced the guidance of God through this one year as a Golden Angels singing missionary. God led me to join this ministry so that I could meet Him personally and know Him better. God was always listening to my prayer and was willing to bless me with the best. I am excited to see how He will lead in my life, and I know a life led by God will always be wonderful! (Lee JuEun, Golden Angels 15th)
- E. G. White commented, “No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer” (*The Great Controversy*, 530). Yes! During the Golden Angels ministry, a day without

prayer is a dangerous life. I pray that God will help me continually to understand more of His precious Word and make it as my armor whenever I face daily life struggles. (Airen Palarao, Golden Angels 15th)

- I grew up learning about being a pastor, and I know it is not easy. But God has led me to this Golden Angels ministry, and He has let me learn and realize many things in doing God’s work through the influence of the PMM pastors in each mission field we’ve been. PMM pastors sacrifice a lot for God’s ministry. And that’s the reason why I have decided to continue my study, and I will be a pastor someday. (Choi JunSik, Golden Angels 15th)

• First of all, I thank God for giving me the opportunity to join the missionary work. I will serve as a Golden Angels missionary for a year in 2019, and I will pray and try to make my team members happy missionaries. The moon reflects the sun's light and lights up the night. Please pray and support us so that we can reflect the love of God to the mission fields faster. Thank you. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19-20). (Jeong SoMin, Golden Angels 16th)

The Gospel Messengers

The NSD is the only division among the thirteen divisions in the world that has such a professional singing missionary team.

There is a reason for that. The NSD is the largest division in the world in terms of population. The various religions and cultures coexist. Each nation uses its own language, and there are mission challenges all over the cities and countryside because of the unique culture that each owns. There are still many regions to deliver the

gospel to where the people do not know Jesus.

The music ministry connects those regions with the Three Angels' Messages. There are not many people who refuse to listen to music. For those who have lost beloved family members or lost their possessions or have fallen into disappointment as well as patients who suffer from illness or an accident, and students who are exhausted by their work, the Golden Angels music can comfort them and give them hope.

The songs of the Golden Angels have strong power. It is not merely the power of song, but the power of praise that comes from the gospel. Their harmonies can be a message more powerful than any sermon, giving peace and rest to those who are in deep sorrow.

The Golden Angels singing missionaries have walked together in the wide field of evangelism, and will continue to walk in the way of the ministry until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Those who have worked hard, sacrificed and have carried the gospel in their music will be remembered as singing missionaries by many people in history.



Kim NakHyung
NSD Music Ministries Director



2018 NSD ANNUAL COUNCIL: NSD MISSION, GO FORWARD!



Song SungSub
NSD Associate Secretary

From November 8 to 12, 2018, the Annual Council of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) took place at the NSD office in Ilsan, Korea. In the presence of about 80 participants from the General Conference (GC) and each of the NSD mission territories, the presidents of Unions/TWC/MM as well as the Division president and departmental directors presented their reports of active mission work during 2018.

The Japan Union Conference did one of the most notable work in the NSD territory in 2018. All Japan 2018 Maranatha, the historic evangelistic meetings in Japan, took place at 161 sites. While Elder Ted Wilson, Adventist world church leader, preached the gospel at Amanuma Church on May 4, most of

the other 160 sites kicked off the evangelistic series on the same day. The duration of the evangelistic meetings varied by church, but most of the churches held meetings longer than two weeks.

The Chinese Union Mission put more effort into evangelistic meetings in spite of more difficulties than before. They hosted meetings at 331 sites in 2017, 640 sites in 2018, and they plan to hold meetings at 750 sites in 2019.

The Korean Union Conference worked steadfastly to fulfill the five goals of the “HOPE 2020” project with the Total Member Involvement (TMI) movement. In 2018, which was the third year of the project, they held a big city evangelism campaign in 220 locations to activate more mission work than before.

The Taiwan Conference boosted their mission activities with the “777 Mission Movement,” which signifies their goal to have 700 prayer warriors, train 700 Bible workers, and baptize 700 new members to bear more fruit to win souls.

The Mongolia Mission (MM) held intensive evangelistic meetings from 2016 to reach the highest baptism record with about 230 per year since 1998 when the Mongolia mission field joined the NSD. Recently the MM opened the Mongolia University Student Missionary Training Center to train young student missionaries to be sent to their respective universities, and it is highly anticipated that this will elevate campus mission work.

The reports culminated with the report of the 2018 NSD Mission Congress, which was held at the KINTEX in Korea from August 8 to 11, by bringing 5 thousand people from about 40 countries.

NSD president Kim SiYoung said, “The quinquennial goal of the NSD is to reach one million church membership by the year 2020. Through human eyes it seems like a great challenge, but as we go forward depending on the power of the Holy Spirit, God will bring us success.”



Attendees of the NSD Annual Council participated in the pin ceremony with prayers, for successful results of “TMI Evangelism 2019.”



Following the NSD Midyear Committee’s special action for “TMI Evangelism 2019,” which will take place at 2,019 sites in the NSD territory, the NSD EXCOM members and invitees participated in the pin ceremony with prayers,

led by GC vice president Geoffrey Mbwana, for successful results of the special project.

May God continue to bless all our church leaders and members! NSD Mission Go Forward! Maranatha!

Welcome to New NSD Treasurer

We would like to welcome Joel and Kellie Tompkins to our family of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). Joel will be the new treasurer of our Division, replacing Germán Lust. Germán and his wife Nilde left recently to work at the General Conference.

Mr. Tompkins comes to us with extensive experience in treasury and finance. For the last two years, he was the treasurer of the New Jersey Conference in North America. Before that, he worked for six years as the treasurer of the Southern New England Conference. From 2006 to 2011, the Tompkins were missionaries in Egypt, in charge of the field’s finances. And before that, Joel Tompkins was the associate treasurer, and then the vice president for finance of the Washington Conference, on the west coast of the United States. He has also worked as an auditor for the Adventist Church and as a controller for a county hospital. Brother Tompkins has a BS in business administration, and is a certified public accountant (CPA).

Kellie Tompkins earned a BA in journalism. She has worked as a journalism teacher and editor at schools. She has also written and edited about their life in Egypt. Her writings on the plight of



NSD president Kim SiYoung and his wife, new NSD treasurer Joel Tompkins and his wife Kellie, and NSD secretary Yutaka Inada

the Sudanese refugees generated funds to grant scholarships to Sudanese refugees. In addition, she has worked as a news reporter and a freelance writer. Mrs. Tompkins has spent many years working with children in school environments, and has also taught English as a second language (ESL). The Tompkins have two adult sons, Andrew and Daniel, living in the United States, who are married and have two children each.

We pray for the Lord’s richest blessings as they serve Him in our Division.



2018 Mongolia Mission Annual Council

The Mongolia Mission (MM) Annual Council 2018 was held on November 14, 2018, at Bayan Khair Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia. With the theme “Faithfulness to His Prophets, Reach the World,” we aimed to highlight the fact that as God’s remnant church we have received a global mission from our Lord, that in turn must be carried out putting the Holy Scriptures, as well as the Spirit of Prophecy, as our standard in terms of doctrine and praxis.

Around 30 attendees, including the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) leaders, Mongolia Mission (MM) committee members, departmental and institutional directors, and church pastors and lay members, actively participated in the meetings. Pastor Yutaka Inada, NSD executive secretary, shared a powerful message during the morning devotional which started the day. Elder Joel Tompkins, NSD treasurer, closed the program with a biblical reflection in the evening. Pastors Ron Clouzet and Han SukHee (NSD ministerial secretary and communication director, respectively) also gave us the honor of their presence during the Annual Council.

“Annual Council is a time to reflect on God’s blessings. I am reminded of rich blessings that have come from God and what has happened during the year, including the challenges we have faced. I want to praise God for all the grace and blessings He has showered upon us and hope all the glory and honor be attributed to Him,” said Pastor Bold Batsukh, MM executive secretary.

Pastor Han pointed out that all the programs at the MM Annual Council were well-organized and every department gave an impressive report from a “selection and concentration” aspect. “I was moved by President Kim YoHan’s excellent leadership and all the other directors and staff members’ spirit of unity,” he said.

It was exciting to listen to all the reports delivered during the session, presenting how God’s kingdom has been spread throughout the MM territory in 2018, by all means available, to reach as many people as possible, by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is totally in harmony with our Mission’s vision, namely, “Expanding God’s Kingdom through care groups, reaching 3000 memberships, 20 new congregations, doubling God’s storehouse by 2020.” May God continue to strengthen MM to carry out His mission in our territory and extend our borders to reach the world!



Yure Gramacho
MM Communication Director

MM president Kim YoHan spoke at the 2018 MM Annual Council.



Attendees received a badge indicating NSD’s new goal, “TMI Evangelism 2019.”



From November 25 to 27, 2018, we had the Japan Union Conference (JUC) Annual Council together with the visitors from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), including president Kim SiYoung, executive secretary Yutaka Inada, treasurer Joel Tomkins, and some of NSD departmental directors. The NSD leaders spoke for the worships during the annual council and helped to create a spiritual atmosphere throughout the meetings. At the annual council, each JUC department, local conference, and institution reflected upon God's leading during this past year and gave their evangelism report.

As members of the world church, in order to encourage unity and cooperate in evangelistic efforts, the JUC decided to adopt the revised mission statement voted in October 2018 at the General Conference Annual Council.

All Japan 2018 Maranatha

In Japan, 161 evangelistic meetings were conducted around the month of May 2018. This year's second quarter (April to June) had 120 baptisms, which is more than double the usual number of baptisms. We greatly appreciate the personnel support, financial support, and other support from the NSD office.

Last year, 17% of the baptized church members said that the time period from their first encounter to their baptism was less than 1 year. This year the number increased from 17% to 30%. The increase is perhaps due to the direct result of All Japan 18 Maranatha's evangelism cycle including seed sowing, nurturing, and harvesting being packaged into a one-year cycle. It was evident that evangelism is not an event but a process. We will continue to move forward with All Japan 2019 Maranatha and All Japan 2020 Maranatha. In 2019, we plan to encourage

2018 Japan Union Conference Annual Council

Toshio Shibata
JUC Executive Secretary





churches to conduct evangelistic meetings that last longer than eight days in the month of October.

Okinawa Mission President Elected

The term for the previous Okinawa Mission president came to an end. Therefore, in place of Pastor Tomihama Sougen, Yokohama Church pastor Ueda Hiroyuki was elected as the new Okinawa Mission president. Pastor Ueda served as the Saniku Junior High School chaplain, Saniku College chaplain, and currently serves as the Yokohama Saniku Kindergarten principal. With his rich experience in educational institutions, we look forward to seeing the evangelistic efforts of Okinawa Mission move forward under the leadership of the new president.

At the Japan Union Conference Annual Council, amidst the various business-like agenda items, we try to put our focus on evangelism and prayer. This past annual council, we once again focused on evangelism. In Japan, with the population of approximately 127 million, the Christian population is less than 1%, and the SDA population is only 15,000 people. Please join us in praying for the swift proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ to this country of Japan.



2018 AHCA Presidents' Council Meets in Sydney, Australia



Stanley Ng
NSD Publishing Ministries Director





The Adventist HealthCare Association (AHCA) is the umbrella organization over all the Adventist healthcare institutions within the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). The purpose of AHCA is to provide coordination, services, advice, and networking among the hospital administrators. Every year, all Adventist

hospital presidents meet together at the Presidents' Council for fellowship, reports, continuing education and networking.

The 2018 NSD Presidents' Council of AHCA was held from October 1 to 5, 2018, at Sydney Adventist Hospital, Australia. More than thirty-one Adventist hospital administrators, medical doctors, and department heads representing twelve member hospitals from the NSD participated in the council.

The guest speakers for this year's council were all executives from Sydney Adventist Hospital: Mr. Philip West, CFO, to cover the topic of hospital management and structure; Dr. Jeanette Conley, medical & clinical executive, to cover the topic of clinical governance and quality; Ms. Strykowski, marketing director, to cover the topic of marketing; and Ms. Clare Lumley, nursing and operations executive, on the topic of hospital operations.

During the Council, participants visited both a government public hospital and Sydney Adventist Hospital. This was a good learning experience as they exchanged ideas.

The presidents' council business session was conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. Nishino, the current AHCA president. All hospital presidents or representatives gave their annual report on the general picture and performance of each hospital. The business session discussed routine agenda items. One of the major decisions was to have more collaboration and sharing among the member hospitals in the areas of procurement, international marketing, leadership development and staff training, and international accreditation. The council also voted to hold 2019 AHCA Presidents' Council in Taipei, Taiwan.

On the last day of activities, the group visited some of the Adventist historic sites in Australia, including the Sanitarium Health & Well-being Company, Avondale College, and the Sunnyside House where Ellen G. White lived for some years during her missionary trip to Australia from 1891 to 1900.

Participants of the 2018 NSD Presidents' Council of AHCA visited the Sanitarium Health & Well-being Company in Australia.



Even a Small Group Near Hiroshima, Japan, Holds Evangelistic Meetings

Tadaomi Shinmyo
Former NSD Communication Director



Japan Union Conference (JUC) is now experiencing revival and evangelism in almost every territory since the time when the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and the General Conference leaders visited and encouraged the JUC workers. For example, Dr. Ron Clouzet, NSD ministerial secretary, conducted a field school and evangelism in Tokyo, proving that public evangelism is possible even now in Japan.

Here is one of the cases of evangelism in a local city near Hiroshima, in the southern part of Japan. Fukuyama Company, a small group composed of around 10 members, planned evangelistic meetings under the grand title of “Lectures and Mini Concert: Such Similarities Between Christianity and Buddhism.” The meetings were held on the Sabbath of October 6, 2018, at a conference room of a health food company. Tadaomi Shinmyo, former communication director of the NSD, was invited to be the speaker for this event. The church members prepared handbills for advertisement and distributed them to their friends and others whom they had contacted.

Mrs. Hisako Yamada, the group leader, wrote, “According to the weather forecast, as the 25th typhoon would be nearest to our area on this Sabbath, we church members and the preacher prayed earnestly with one heart, and prepared for the meetings. Then, the Lord responded to our prayers, and the weather that day became miraculously fine from the morning. We offered our thanks and praise to God.”

The program schedule was as follows: President’s greetings, opening prayer and preacher’s introduction by Mrs. Yamada at 9:15, first sermon “What Is Human Life? Suffering and Emptiness!” at 9:30, special music by Mr. Kai Harita at 10:40, second sermon “How to Be Saved? Saved by Self-reliance or Saved by Reliance upon Others” at 10:45, lunch at 11:45, mini piano recital by Mr. Hiroki



1. Pastor Tadaomi Shinmyo served as the speaker for a small group evangelistic meeting in Hiroshima.
2 & 3. Mr. Kai Harita and Mr. Hiroki Katayama shared their musical talents during the evangelistic meeting.

Katayama at 12:45, closing prayer and closing message by Mrs. Yamada at 13:15, then 13:30 dispersion.

The total number of attendants on the day was 26 and among them 16 people were visitors. Mrs. Yamada commented, “All participants were attracted by the preacher’s messages, some of them were reading his books, and one requested Bible study. We were healed by the sound of the piano, and the room was filled with our joy and thanks and the presence of the Lord.”



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Training for Bible Studies in Hong Kong

Ron Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Secretary

You are invited to make a real difference in people's lives through Bible study!


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October 19–20, 2018, Bible Auditorium Church
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Friday, Oct 19	18:00	Session 1: Foundations of Bible Study
	19:30	Session 2: How to study the Bible for Yourself
Sabbath, Oct 20	9:30	Session 3: How to Obtain Bible Studies
	11:00	Sermon: The Key to Every Encounter with Jesus
	14:00	Session 4: How to Give Personal Bible Studies
	15:30	Session 5: How to Study in Groups
	17:00	Session 6: How to Pray for Those Studying the Bible



Dr. Ron E. M. Clouzet is the Ministerial Secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. For 23 years he taught pastors and students in various universities. Before coming to Asia, he was the Director of the Evangelism Institute in North America, and trained thousands to reach out to others, to study the Bible, and to pray for the lost. He is currently directing a field school of evangelism in Hong Kong and Macao, which will culminate with evangelistic meetings in March 2019.

Do not miss this special opportunity to learn to lead others to faith!

The field school of evangelism in Hong Kong led by Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, continued with a training on how to give Bible studies to non-believers. Entitled “The Power of God’s Word,” the seminar offered seven different sessions, including a sermon that illustrated the rich experience available when one studies God’s Word with care.

The training not only taught how to obtain Bible study opportunities with people and how to give studies to them, but also how to study the Bible in a group setting and how to pray for those studying the Bible. Often, Bible studies seem unsuccessful because people study but do not make decisions to follow through with what they are learning. Prayer—earnest, promise-based prayer—is the key. In addition, Dr. Clouzet taught people how to study the Bible for themselves. It is the richness of personal Bible study that will fuel the energy and a greater ability to study the Bible with others.

The training was given at the Bible Auditorium Church, and it was aired live online to 16 other participating churches. A good number of members from every church signed a commitment to give Bible studies to seekers.



Church members indicate what prayer ministry they will join for evangelism.

Training for Evangelism Focuses on Two Basic Approaches

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, is leading a field school of evangelism with about 14 churches in Hong Kong and Macao. The process began July 2018 and will continue through March 2019. On August 31 and September 1, the first major evangelistic training took place for all participating churches. The focus was on personal evangelism and intercessory prayer for unbelievers.

Dr. Clouzet offered several biblical principles applicable to the personal outreach of family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Then, the film *The Window* was shown, demonstrating how an Adventist family reached out

to their unbelieving neighbors after tragedy struck their home. The film helped members visualize how they could reach out to others. A 12-step plan was then shared. This included focused daily prayers for the individuals members wished to reach, how to claim promises for them, how to relate to them in practical ways to be a blessing, how to do things together, how to listen carefully to know when God is opening a door of opportunity for spiritual things, and how to share with interest the difference Jesus is making in the soul winner.

The training on prayer intercession covered several wonderful lessons from Scripture on how to pray for others, and the film *War Room*. This is a Christian film showing the amazing transformation of a secular, self-centered husband who cared little for his family, and how he became a devoted family man thanks to the prayers of his promise-claiming wife. She had learned we're all in a spiritual warfare, and prayer is the answer.

Church members were given the opportunity to choose to join one of three prayer ministries. They could be prayer intercessors, prayer walkers, or prayer warriors. The first group would meet regularly with others at the church to pray for specific non-believers. The second group would determine to walk a section of the city, praying for anyone they saw, as well as for the people in buildings and apartments. The third group would dedicate serious time praying for neighbors, and after some weeks of praying, they would approach them personally, seeking to get acquainted with them, and asking them for their specific prayer requests.

The Chinese Union Mission media team taped each session, and transmitted it live online to the various participating churches. Many people expressed their thanks for the high quality and practical nature of the training. May the Lord use everyone to reach someone for Jesus in Hong Kong and Macao!



Ron Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Secretary

Many marriages and families are in crisis all over the world. To help combat this situation in China, 50 family ministries leaders from 18 different areas of China came together from November 12 to 14, 2018, to receive the second level of the Family Ministries Leadership Certification Program (FMLCP). This program was followed by the Prepare-Enrich (P/E) certification training on November 15 to help couples build, renew, or restore their relationship. Leading out the trainings were the General Conference (GC) Family Ministries (FM) directors and Family Life educators, Dr. Willie and Elaine Oliver; Dr. Lisa Clouzet, FM director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD); and Mrs. Min, FM director of the Chinese Union Conference.

In August 2018, the same leaders had also met for the first level of the FMLCP training, led out by Clouzet and Min. It was the first time such a group had come together for this training. At the end of Level I, the leaders were anxious to receive the Level II training, so plans were started to meet again in November for both Level II and P/E. In the meantime, those participants had to finish several additional hours of requirements to complete Level I.

Currently, in addition to completing their Level II and P/E requirements, the FM leaders are beginning FM small groups, holding marriage seminars, doing pre- and post-marital coaching, and planning to conduct a marriage camp. Recently, several small groups for non-Christians have been established in different areas, and they are studying a book on marriage together online. Plans are being made for additional trainings.

For more information on Family Ministries, please visit the GC website at <https://family.adventist.org> or the NSD webpage at <http://www.nsdadventist.org>. Please continue praying for the families of the NSD and all around the world.

Discipling Family Ministries Leaders



Lisa Clouzet
NSD Family Ministries Director



TWC Ministerial Spouses' Association Goes on a Retreat

Yi Tun Wu
TWC Ministerial Secretary



The Ministerial Spouses' Association of the Taiwan Conference held a retreat from September 16 to 18, 2018, at a B&B in Miaoli County, Nan Zhuang, Taiwan. Around 30 women gathered together to experience spiritual revival in the picturesque venue surrounded by creatures of God, including birds, flowers, and purple butterflies.

During the retreat, participants started each day with morning exercise and had time to praise God for the beautiful nature. Spiritual messages were also shared after the morning exercise.

A psychology specialist Ms. Yang Jie Yu served as the guest speaker. She not only presented lectures which

helped participants better understand themselves, but she also provided individual counseling sessions for those who wanted them.

Moreover, beauticians from Shiseido, a world-famous cosmetic company, had been invited to teach participants skills for skin care and makeup. Also, several professional cooks held a cooking class on how to make Ma-Gao soup.

The retreat finished with a dedication ceremony. Pastor Yi Tun Wu, TWC ministerial secretary, delivered a message titled, "The Longer I Serve Him, The Sweeter He Grows." The title is taken from the lyrics of a song. The lyrics of the song touched everyone's hearts, and it reminded them that although they might have obstacles and frustrations while serving God, the joy and blessings they gain are far greater.

The following passages were shared by the ministerial spouses who participated in the retreat:

- This was my first time to join the retreat. I was looking forward to gaining a different experience, but at the same time, I was worried that I might be too young to relate to many aspects of the other experienced spouses. But I'm glad that I had the opportunity to attend and meet many other ministerial spouses from all over Taiwan. Their knowledge and experiences are truly inspiring and encouraging. I am sure that their encouragements will enable me to face many challenges in the future, knowing that I'm not alone and there are many others like me who serve God together. Although I'm young and inexperienced, I know that "the longer I



A beauty class, taught by Shiseido, received a good response from participants. They anticipate that this will be a tool for attracting women to church.



During the retreat, ministerial spouses of TWC shared their experiences and thoughts on ministry, talked about their difficulties, and encouraged each other.



Participants of the retreat enjoyed a cooking class led by professional cooks.

serve Him, the sweeter He grows.” We carry the same mission on our shoulder. We may feel discouraged and lost at times, but everything will be alright whenever we think about God’s grace. I want to thank the leaders for their hard work and for this wonderful opportunity at this beautiful place. If there is another retreat, I definitely will look forward to participating again, and I know that there will be different lessons to share and learn that time. (Mrs. Tu Ya Ting from Sandi Church)

- Thank you, team. The activities that we participated in allowed us to gain more knowledge and helped to enhance our roles in the church. Furthermore, it also provided the opportunity for interaction and communication among pastoral spouses. (Mrs. Zhang Qiao Juan from Chiayi Church)
- In February 2018, my husband and I relocated to Taiwan from South Korea. Therefore, this was my first time to attend a Ministerial Spouses’ Association retreat. At first, I was a little uneasy, but after we had dinner and did activities together, I felt much relieved. Even though I can’t speak much Chinese, I could still deeply feel the love of Jesus. Much thank you to the leaders for giving us such a wonderful moment. (Mrs. Shin Sarah from Hsinchu Church)
- When I decided to attend the retreat, I was happy to meet with other ministerial spouses from Korea, but also I was worried about not knowing how to interact with most of the spouses from Taiwan due to the language barrier. However, after the program started, I

realized that all my worries were unnecessary. During the psychology lecture, I learned that we all have different talents and characteristics and that God knows all our strengths and weaknesses and has placed each individual at the most suitable position to serve Him better. (Mrs. Kim ChunRen from Xindian Church)

- Although I had the chance to stay for only one night, I enjoyed the retreat and was moved by the warm welcome from all participants. I appreciate those who prepared meals for us so that we were able to enjoy healthy and delicious meals. There were also spouses who shared testimonies that deeply touched my heart. Their testimonies reminded me of my dreams and mission. Other than that, the beauty class was also interesting and helpful. A beauty class might be a good way to attract more women to evangelistic meetings in a local church. (Mrs. Li Zhou Yan from Shalu Church)
- Thank You, Lord! I received a lot of encouragement from attending this event. I had felt inadequate compared to others, but I learned that it is most important to rely on God’s power. I was touched by Mrs. Zeng Hui Yi’s evening spiritual message that she kindly shared with the title, “How can you be sweeter and sweeter?” I still have a lot to learn. Let’s work hard together! (Mrs. Wei Kai Ni from Dawu Church)

The Role of Adventist Accrediting Association in the Retention of Young People



Richard Sabuin
NSD Education Director

Does school accreditation have something to do with retention of our young people in the church? If this question is addressed to the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA), then the answer is a big yes. Being the only accrediting body of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, AAA aims to make sure that all schools maintain and uplift the identity, philosophy and mission of the church. For the tertiary education institution, there are 12 areas for review, and for secondary schools there are 10 areas of review. Some of these areas deal directly with what a school does to introduce, to cultivate, and to strengthen the faith of students. These areas include **Mission, Philosophy, and Objectives** (Area 1); **Spiritual Emphases** (Area 2); and **Quality Educational Program** (Area #6).

Area 1: **Mission, Philosophy, and Objectives** emphasizes the importance of uplifting the philosophy of Adventist education, namely, to prepare students for the joy of service in this world and for a higher joy and wider service in the world to come. Thus, it focuses on holistic education, emphasizing the balance between academic achievement, physical development, and spiritual life of the students.

Area 2: **Spiritual Emphases** requires Adventist schools to have a good spiritual master plan, involving students in missions and various ministries, both inside the campus and off-campus. It also emphasizes efforts done by the schools in bringing students to Christ and leading them to make decision for Him.

Areas 6: **Quality Educational Program** not only stresses the importance of academic excellence, but it seeks to see what the schools do to integrate faith and learning, to safeguard the students from non-biblical perspectives, such as evolutionism, and to connect all taught subjects with faith-related concepts.

Although indirectly, all other areas for review are also related to and aligned with the philosophy of Adventist education. Hence, AAA contributes to the efforts of retaining our young people in the church through Adventist education.

In 2018, NSD commission on accreditation conducted accreditation of 11 schools and colleges in the Division territory, both regular visits and interim visits. This is a contribution of the Adventist education to the retention of our young people.



AAA team with Taiwan Adventist American School administrators, teachers, and staff



AAA team with JUC leaders, administrators of Hiroshima Saniku Gakuin Academy, and some teachers

About AAA Visit

Normally an AAA visit takes place for three days. The visit consists of doing direct observation of the school activities and facilities, and conducting interviews with administration, board members, faculty and staff, as well as with students.

Each member of the team is given responsibility to coordinate one or two areas of evaluation. For high schools, there are 10 areas of evaluation.

1. Mission, Philosophy, and Objectives
2. Spiritual Emphases
3. Leadership and Administration
4. Business Management and Finances
5. Personal Relationships and Attitudes
6. Quality Educational Program
7. School Environment, Physical Plant and Safety
8. Student Services and Industries
9. Extra-Curricular Activities and Work Education
10. Alumni

AAA team visited Seoul Sahmyook High School.



At the end of the visit, the team makes a recommendation to the Division Commission on Accreditation and AAA board, on the term of accreditation for the visited school. An exit report is given to the school administration, faculty, and staff.

HKMC Conducts a Spiritual Retreat for Teachers

Richard Sabuin
NSD Education Director

A spiritual retreat for school teachers in Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) was conducted on the campus of Hong Kong Adventist Academy (HKAA) on September 1, 2018. About 250 teachers gathered together on that Sabbath day for worship, discipleship and fellowship. The attendance included non-Adventist teachers.

The speaker for the retreat was Pastor Tom Decker, the newly appointed principal of HKAA. He emphasized the important role of teachers in Adventist education.

The topic was very important considering that more than half of the teachers in our schools at HKMC are non-Adventists. In the afternoon, in addition to listening to more lectures, the teachers had a fellowship program, emphasizing teamwork spirit in teaching ministry.

HKAC regularly organizes spiritual retreats for teachers at the beginning of fall semesters every year. This sets the atmosphere of service and mission for the teachers. Dr. Frank Tam, HKMC education director, has scheduled the next spiritual retreat for August 31, 2019. Well done!



Above: About 250 teachers participated in the teachers' retreat.

Right: Pastor Tom Decker served as the main speaker, and Dr. Barbara Choi translated.



Mongolia University Student Missionary Training Center



After renovating the dormitories, which are in the same building as the Mongolia Mission (MM) Headquarters, the place was converted to a Mongolia University Student Missionary Training Center, which was inaugurated on September 1, 2018.

Under the new leadership of Pioneer Mission Movement Pastor Yang EuiSik, 20 new students who are accommodated in the new facilities have agreed to study the Bible every morning and evening at 5:00 o'clock and to be trained and serve for one year as student missionaries in their respective universities while they are at the same time registered as students in various universities in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar.

Aside from six members from Bayankhair Church and a member from Amgalan Church in the Ulaanbaatar area, most of these students are youth members of different Adventist churches from the countryside of Khenti, Bulgan, Dornod and Zamin Uud, who moved in to the main city to pursue their chosen university degrees.

It was so inspiring to see how young people with unmeasurable determination and dedication have committed themselves to God to be His faithful stewards in sharing the good news of salvation.

Pastor Kim YoHan, MM president, in his inaugural address challenged them to reach forward and spread the gospel to other young people in different universities in Mongolia.

This project is only one of many other plans and programs Pastor Yang is involved with as he ministers to the young people of Mongolia.

We solicit your prayers for the success of this mission program.



Twenty students from different areas in Mongolia moved to a newly launched missionary training center in Ulaanbaatar to serve for one year as student missionaries.



AIAS Celebrates the Inauguration of Tower R

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To accommodate the increasing number of student housing needs, Tower R, the 18th student tower on the campus of Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) was inaugurated.

On October 1, 2018, AIAS administrators, students, faculty, and staff gathered to celebrate and appreciate those who had contributed to the newly constructed addition on campus.

The new tower has 16 three-bedroom units. Each unit has two bathrooms, a granite kitchen countertop, and a built-in study desk. Tower R will provide on-campus accommodations for students who have come to AIAS with their families.

Student Association 2018-2019 president Sanned Lubani remarked, “First, the construction of this tower confirms AIAS administration’s commitment to the

provision of decent accommodation for its students and their families. Second, the tower is also a confirmation of the selfless leadership God has given to AIAS. Let us show how much we appreciate this favor by taking care of the apartments by being responsible.”

The tower’s construction began in June 2017 through the commitment of the AIAS Board and Administration to provide safe and comfortable accommodations for the students and through the generous donations from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Southern Asia-Pacific Division, family, friends, anonymous donors, and from the AIAS Plant Fund.

“We give glory to God because it is He who has willed and made this possible. God provided this new tower so that workers in His cause would be trained and prepared to go out and to serve Him,” said AIAS president,



Above: Stephen Guptill, AIIAS president, gives his acknowledgment speech. Below: (From left) Ellen Brofas, AIIAS chief accountant; Augie De La Paz, architect; Stephen Guptill, AIIAS president; Sanned Lubani, SA president 2018-2019; Elmer Brofas, physical plant director



Dr. Stephen Guptill, during his acknowledgement speech.

The AIIAS Administration thanks the donors and the combined efforts of Architect Augie De La Paz and his labor force; Mr. Elmer Brofas, AIIAS physical plant director and his team; the Information Technology staff directed by Mr. Miguel Taibe; and many others who contributed to the construction of the new tower.

AIIAS is a graduate school in Silang, Cavite, Philippines, that offers master's and doctorate degrees in four main areas: business, education, public health, and religion. It is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters.



Mongolia Mission Goes Forward Toward Faithfulness

Angelina Pagarigan, MM Treasurer &
Yure Gramacho, MM Communication Director

Go, Grow, Glow in Faithfulness! This was the theme of the Mongolia Mission (MM) stewardship seminar and training workshop for five days which inspired local church pastors, treasurers, and members to embrace the context of the verse in 1 Corinthians 4:2 "...it is required of stewards that a man should be found faithful."

Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, stewardship director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was the main speaker during the training. He shared the stewardship strategy of the NSD, which was the highlight of his presentation. He aptly stated that stewardship is a spiritual revival, and its base is love!

With long years and varied experience in the ministry, he was able to encourage the young leaders of the churches in Mongolia to grow spiritually and take the lead in sowing the seed of faithfulness from home. He stressed that young children should be in the front pews of the church every Sabbath to give them the opportunity to have the knowledge of God in the early stages of their lives so that they will get the wisdom they need to be strong pillars of the growing church.



Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, stewardship director of the NSD, served as the main speaker of the MM stewardship seminar.

Compared to other countries in the NSD territory, Mongolia has a younger generation of Seventh-day Adventists. It has the strength to equip the members of the church with the armor of God through spiritual revival, Total Member Involvement in evangelism programs, and innovative ways to retain active members and to reclaim inactive church members, young and old.

There was good interaction between church members and leaders who attended the training. Team-building activities on appreciating time, talents and resources were also facilitated by the other departmental directors in attendance. Pastor Yang EuiSik shared his personal experience of practical stewardship of time. Angelina Pagarigan, MM stewardship director, presented Jesus' time management, based on John 11, indicating that Adventists should emulate this model. It was followed by the presentation of Pastor Nyamsuren Myagmar, MM Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director, who talked about talents every individual received as a gift from God, which in return must be used mainly for God's glory and His glory alone.

Joanne Kim, MM education director and one of the pioneer missionaries to Mongolia in the early 1990s, shared about her experiences during the tough early years and how she used what meager resources she had to care for the young church members. She told of how God repeatedly provided for all her needs and particularly about the miraculous story of a widow's small gift that fed her entire home church when she was completely out of funds. She also shared about the efforts of the small youth group at the Guam Korean Church and how they raised thousands of dollars to get an indoor bathroom for one of the churches in Ulaanbaatar. Her emphasis was that no gift is too small for the Lord to use and no one is too young (or too poor) to be active stewards of God's resources.

Let God be God! This basic stewardship principle was presented by Pastor Bold Batsukh, MM executive secretary, as a reminder that if we let God be God in our lives, and maintain a close relationship to our God, it will strengthen the foundation of young churches in Mongolia. God does not want us to be slaves; rather, He wants us to be His children and more so partners. Every Christian is called to be a steward. This is one aspect of being a Christian and one way of describing our relationship with God. As stewards we are called to resemble Him, to adopt His purpose.

The Combined Offering Plan was also presented by Pastor Kwon followed by questions and answers from members and pastors on promoting this offering plan as



1. A small group discussion during the stewardship seminar and training workshop
2. Angelina Pagarigan, MM treasurer, gave a presentation on Jesus' time management.
3. It is noticeable that the majority of Adventist church members in Mongolia is composed of children and young people.

Mongolia Mission is determined to begin with the new plan by January 2019.

The training ended with the Lord's Supper as a celebration of humility and forgiveness in remembrance of the body and blood of Jesus that redeemed all His stewards through His death on the cross. We believe that this is a new beginning for the Mongolia Mission leaders, pastors and members with renewed hearts and revived spirits to face the challenges of 2019.



Midterm Missionary Retreat: Pleading to Have the Heart of Jesus

Lea Jane Villanueva
Chosen Vessel Missionary

Foreign missionaries of the East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) had their annual midterm retreat from September 21 to 23, 2018, at the Korean Union Conference

(KUC) Youth Vision Center, South Korea, with the theme, “Pleading to Have the Heart of Jesus.”

Twenty-three missionary attendees from thirteen different mission fields

joined in the missionary retreat. When the program started on Friday afternoon, the missionaries were welcomed to the vespers worship by Journette Vernadawn Dando, president of Chosen Vessel (CV), the official organization of the missionaries in Korea.

Pastor Han SukHee, communication director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) as well as one of the pioneers of 1000 Missionary Movement, was invited to be the speaker. Also, Pastor Hong ByungGil, ECKC youth ministries director, led out the retreat as a coordinator for ECKC foreign missionaries.

During the vespers meeting, Pastor Han gave a message about the life of David, who was called “the man after God’s own heart.” He ended his message with a quote saying, “God said in public, ‘I have found the people who are after my own heart, and they are the foreign missionaries who are living in Korea. They will do my will that I want them to do for the gospel ministry of spreading Jesus and winning souls.’”

Missionaries began their early Sabbath morning with special devotional time in their respective groups, and the Sabbath School





Twenty-three missionary of the ECKC participated in their annual missionary retreat, with the theme of "Pleading to Have the Heart of Jesus."

program started at 8:30 a.m. A group of missionaries presented a special feature entitled "Hang Man" during Sabbath School. They touched the hearts of the audience as they shared the story of Jesus who sacrificed His life for sinners. Then there was a lesson discussion by groups, and the missionaries got a chance to share their thoughts and reflections regarding the lesson.

During the divine service, Pastor Han gave his dedicatory message to the missionaries as he talked about his missionary journey in his mission field in the Philippines. As he preached a message centered on the life of Elijah, who was known as "a man of large faith," he emphasized how powerful and effective is the prayer of the righteous man, and how missionaries could live with faith like Elijah. He quoted from Ellen White's *Patriarchs and Kings*: "Faith such as this is needed in the world today—faith that will lay hold on the promises of God's word and refuse to let go until Heaven

hears. Faith such as this connects us closely with Heaven, and brings us strength for coping with the powers of darkness."

Sheryl Maghuyop, one of the missionaries, remarked, "The messages that were given by Pastor Han was a reminder for us to study God's word daily and to pray more. As His servants, we need to have the heart of Jesus so we can carry the light further and be a blessing to the people around us."

In the afternoon, the missionaries had a farewell program for the outgoing missionaries who will soon be going back home to the Philippines, and farewell messages were given through video presentations. In the evening, the missionaries had a special program entitled, "In the Heart of Jesus." Dawn Aia Lepon, one of the missionaries, said, "We expressed our thanksgivings and our heartfelt apologies to each other. We closed with a prayer to our God who allowed us to have these blessed

memories and fellowship together as we are one in His mission."

The retreat successfully ended the following day. CV president Vernadawn Dando said, "The midterm retreat has been a great blessing for me personally. It's one of the best programs I always look forward to each year. It brought us missionaries together to have a wonderful and meaningful time, not only the neighboring missionaries here in Seoul but also our fellow missionaries assigned in Gangwondo Province. This retreat really helps us become spiritually revived and happy at the same time because of how blessed we have been by the messages we have heard from our speaker and the time we have spent during the whole program."

Another missionary added, "Our midterm retreat is, indeed, a great help uplifting the spiritual growth of the missionaries as we continue our walk as missionaries here in Korea."

Vegetarian Food Festival in Hong Kong

Miranda Wong & Nickey Shum
HKMC Health Ministries



The 2018 Hong Kong Vegfest was held on October 17, 2018, on the campus of Hong Kong Adventist College in Clear Water Bay. Since 2013, the Hong Kong Macao Conference (HKMC) health ministries department has been working with non-government organizations in Hong Kong to run this vegetarian food festival to promote vegetarianism to the people of Hong Kong.

The weather broadcast had predicted rain on the day of the event, and we had been praying about the weather for the success of the event.

Booth exhibitors and volunteers arrived at 9 a.m. to set up the booths to be ready by 10 a.m. This year, ADRA, Adventist Hospital, the health education department of the college, and one local church Pathfinder club joined Vegfest to provide healthy food and service for the festival participants. Furthermore, four directors of health ministries from the Korean Adventist church, Pastor Im JongMin, Pastor Kim ChangHyun, Pastor Gum EunDong, and Pastor Lee OkJe, joined this year's festival.

About 70 booths with 60 in the open area and 10 indoors were set up on campus to display healthy products and foods. The event opened at 11:45 a.m. with a simple opening ceremony, followed by singing from Adventist Health Society, drama by children and youth, vegetarian runners, cultural dance, vegetarian pet owners, etc.

Hong Kong Adventist Hospital at Stubbs Road offered, with written consent, a diet and lifestyle habits score based on a self-rated survey activity and an eating pattern rating in terms of risks of ill health, such as hypertension, diabetes and high blood cholesterol, with advice of healthy dietary intake.

In the seminar hall, Dr. Barbara Choi kicked off the first lecture, sharing how to lower cancer risk with nutrition. Other speakers delivered lectures on ultimate health with vegetarian diet, vegan diet as medicine for patients, and a testimony on how to treat eczema with a pure vegetarian diet.



During Dr. Choi's lecture, a few copies of *Health and Wellness* by Mark Finley and Peter Landless, two Adventist world church leaders, were handed out. Also, 500 fliers of "Joyful Monday" healthy lunch were given out during the seminar session.

In addition, the festival provided a workshop area where people were able to learn more about environmental protection. There was a pure vegetarian cooking demonstration area, environmental protection cosmetics workshop and animal protection movie shows, and a fitness workshop area where pure vegetarian trainers taught exercise class.



1. The 2018 Hong Kong Vegfest was held on the campus of Hong Kong Adventist College in Clear Water Bay, with approximately 4,000 participants.
2. About 70 booths were set up on campus to introduce healthy products and foods.
3. Dr. Barbara Choi gave lectures during the festival.
4. Vegetarian trainers led a fitness workshop.

Also, our prayers were answered! Praise the Lord that all the attendees enjoyed good weather in the morning, and there were just two showers in the afternoon when most of the stage programs had finished and food was being sold out. The 2018 Hong Kong Vegfest ended with abundant blessings from heaven! May the message of health and happiness together with God's love be delivered to the nearly 4,000 participants in God's ways.

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Ron Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Secretary

Hope Channel Partnership Weekend

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, was the speaker for the Hope Channel Partnership Weekend held in Palm Springs, California, USA, from September 28 to 30, 2018. Hope Channel began broadcasting in 2003 and now has close to 50 channels in Asia, Africa, North America, South America, and the Pacific islands in at least a dozen different languages.

The weekend, called "Celebration of Hope," focused on testimonies of many around the world who came to know Christ and joined the Adventist Church thanks to viewing Hope Channel. Dr. Clouzet is known to viewers from his 28 evangelistic programs called *Prophecies Decoded*, and his 16 apologetic shows called *F.A.Q. or Frequently Asked Questions*.



Dr. Derek Morris, president of Hope Channel, and his wife Bodil, with Drs. Ron & Lisa Clouzet

Ministerial Spouses Prayer Retreat of Eastern Japan Conference

Lisa Clouzet

NSD Women's Ministries Director



The Amagi Retreat Center, near Mt. Fuji, Japan, provided a peaceful fall setting for the East Japan Conference's Ministerial Spouses Association (MSA) prayer retreat weekend November 30 to December 2, 2018. Twenty-six attendees traveled from all over the conference to take part in this special weekend. Janet Page, General Conference (GC) MSA director, was the featured speaker. Also participating were Akemi Duarte, Japan Union Conference (JUC)'s women's/family ministries director, and Lisa Clouzet, Northern Asia-Pacific Division's MSA coordinator.

Sachiko Obara and her husband, Pastor Nozomu Obara, East Japan Conference's president, had been praying for quite some time about how to encourage the ministerial spouses in their conference. The idea came to them to have a special weekend focusing on prayer and fellowship for the wives. After continued prayer and planning, the retreat became a reality.

Upon arriving at the retreat center, each attendee was greeted with a devotional bag containing items (such as a special book and journal) to use throughout the weekend. The retreat schedule was planned to allow time for personal prayer between presentations, small group prayers, meals, and fellowship. Saturday night

included group activities to help the wives learn from each other and get better acquainted.

Through the Holy Spirit's presence, the retreat was an inspiration to those in attendance. Comments from the participants included the following:

"I would like to have a special time daily to praise God. The retreat was so nice!"

"Thank you so much for Mrs. Janet Page. There has never been a time like this retreat."

"It was an awesome and real Sabbath, and I felt healing."

"I experienced God and got an insight that continuing prayer is very significant."

"I now recognize how come God allows challenges in my church!"

"It empowered me for the next 12 months!"

At the beginning of another new year, may each of us "rejoice evermore; pray without ceasing; and in everything give thanks. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

The Children and Youth Vision Center of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) was crowded all day long on October 25, 2018. The Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) and the KUC family ministries jointly held an "Eum Charity Sale" in the front yard of the center building. Eum is a project to nurture children as Adventists with the collaborative support of a family, a local church, and a local conference. This charity sale was held in order to promote and support the Eum project.

The major target of the charity sale was mothers, especially those who are raising children. A variety of products related to childcare, childbirth, and health were displayed at the charity sale. Visitors carefully looked through ingredients and production methods of products.

There was a small class that taught how to make organic baby food and how to eat healthy. The class received a good response from new moms. One of the class attendees said, "I've been under a lot of stress about making baby food since my baby doesn't like to eat what I've made. The class helped me to learn how to make good baby food and to consider the eating habits of my family. Thanks to the class, I made up my mind again that I will give my best, including food, to my baby."

Not only Adventists but local people around the center visited



KUC Family Ministries Holds a Charity Sale

the charity sale. One of the women visited the place with her mother. She and her mother both found themselves satisfied with the products and the free classes at the charity sale, such as the natural soap-making class. She suggested, "It might be better to attract visitors if there were classes for pregnant women or prospective parents."

Some of the products in the charity sale were donated by companies. Sijosa, the Korean Adventist publishing house, donated children's books, such as *Wisdom from the Bible* and *My Bible Storybook*. Other companies donated their products, including organic baby food and baby goods. Deaconess Lee

SahmSook, director of KAWA in the West Central Korean Conference, gave honey and propolis to the host.

Ahn JaeSoon, KUC family ministries director, said, "I hope God blesses the Eum project so that it will bear much fruit and will ultimately bring prosperity to the Korean Adventist Church. I sincerely appreciated the volunteers who helped with this sale as well as all the visitors."





Eleven Youth Participate in ADRA Household Biogas Project

At the end of July 2018, eleven youth from the Mountain View Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong, participated in an ADRA Connections volunteer trip to visit the Household Biogas Project in Sichuan. The young church members worked on fundraising throughout the year holding bake sales, holding programs at different churches and even writing, recording, and producing their own original music CD. Not only did they raise enough to cover the entire cost of their trip, but they were also able to donate three whole household biogas systems!

In the countryside of Mianyang, Sichuan, the volunteers were able

to see the biogas project firsthand, meet the local community, and get their hands dirty with some construction work. They started by digging the foundation for the biogas systems and laying down bricks for the biogas digestion chambers. Digging was no easy task as there were many obstacles in the way. Ground water from under the earth kept filling up the freshly dug hole resulting in a muddy mess, and the hot Sichuan summer was in full effect, but the volunteers were undeterred and determined to finish the task at hand. The Mountain View team spent three days tirelessly digging, hauling, and brick-laying—preparing the foundations for the biogas systems to help give families

in rural Sichuan access to a clean renewable source of fuel.

After working on the biogas systems for three days, the volunteers were also able to connect with the locals as they hosted a fun-filled program for the children in the community, teaching them songs, playing games, and doing arts and crafts. The children were excited to play with their new friends from Hong Kong and even got to decorate and fly their very own kites.

The volunteers were also able to meet Tu Zhao Lun and his wife, previous beneficiaries of ADRA China's Household Biogas Project. The volunteers were able to hear stories from Tu Zhao Lun and do some community service around



Youth volunteers spent time with children in Mianyang, Sichuan, after the biogas project.

his house, such as de-kernelling corn and sweeping up around his house. After their days of service, the volunteer group was able to enjoy the sights and spicy tastes of Sichuan as they relaxed and reflected on their trip.

Acts of service take many shapes and forms, and it's so great to see the future generation leading the forefront in service.

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Papua New Guinea Earthquake

“I thought it was the second coming of Jesus!” Samoga Tsays. “The house was shaking so much all I could do was grab onto the closest family member and run outside.” Samoga, a widow, lives with her grandson Nathan in the Haibas Village. When the 7.5 magnitude earthquake hit in February 2018, it was a terror that the people of the Southern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea had never experienced before.

The earthquake destroyed Samoga’s village and greatly damaged the surrounding landscape. Vegetable gardens were uprooted and hillsides collapsed, scaring away animals and diverting rivers. With their homes and gardens destroyed, the villagers had no choice but to walk hours through the untracked wilderness in the jungle to seek refuge at the nearest care center in Walagu Village.

Samoga and Nathan are just some of the estimated 554,000 people in five provinces who have been affected by this tragedy. Although it has been months since the disaster, many people, such as Samoga and Nathan, continue to live in temporary shelters. “Our village was destroyed. There’s nothing left to go back to,” Samoga says. Even if they look to establish a more permanent life away from their village, it isn’t easy. Traditional land ownership is complex, and there simply aren’t enough farms and hunting areas to go around, meaning many families still find themselves in need.

Thanks to a grant from the Hong Kong Government Disaster Relief Fund, ADRA has been providing victims



of the earthquake with food and hygiene packages. Due to the remote location of the villages the only way to transport relief items is by small airplane. Thankfully, Adventist Aviation Services was able to provide the needed transport and help ensure that all supplies were delivered safely and on time.

Your donations help people all over the world. You can help give disaster victims, such as Samoga and Nathan, the strength to take the first steps in rebuilding their lives. Donate now to the “Disaster Relief Fund” at www.adrachina.org/donate

MOU Agreement between Sijosa and Philippines Publishing House

Sijosa, the Adventist publishing house in Korea, signed a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Philippines Publishing House and pledged to work closely together for Adventist world mission. According to the agreement, Sijosa will provide English versions of several books, including *Fifty-Eight Natural Remedies*, *Warfare Between Angels*, and *Wisdom from the Bible, vol. 1-6*, and allow the Philippines Publishing House to have the copyrights of these English versions and print them. Both companies also promised to promote these books in third world countries.

To sign the MOU, delegates from the Philippines Publishing House visited Korea on October 25, 2018. Florante Ty, president of the company, expressed his gratitude for Sijosa's warm welcome. He said, "Books, magazines, and the other contents made by Sijosa are world-class. I expect that our publishing house will grow through learning from Sijosa and sharing great content. I hope, ultimately, we both will give glory to God through our mission work."



Florante Ty, president of the Philippines Publishing House, and Um KilSoo, president of Sijosa

There are more than one million Adventists in the Philippines and 4,000 are engaged in publishing evangelism. It is anticipated that Sijosa's publications will play an important role in the gospel work all over the Philippines. Also, Sijosa plans to enter publishing markets in other southeast countries to preach the gospel to people there.



Dr. P. D. Chun, principal of the Missionary Training Academy, gives a missionary certificate to a student.

The Missionary Training Academy had their fourth graduation, which took place at Deer Mountain Training Center on September 15, 2018. After the Korean Self-supporting Association evaluated the missionary skills, community service, and attendance rates, a total of 34 students qualified for graduation. The graduates received qualification to do mission work at home and abroad as well as a certification.

Since the course kicked off in September 2017, they have attended 84 hours of classes, usually held every first and third Sundays. The classes included "Basic Courses of the Old and New Testaments," "The Holy Spirit," "Relationship-based Evangelism," "Church Administration,"

Fourth Graduation at Missionary Training Academy

and others. Pastor Shin YangHee, executive secretary of the Korean Union Conference (KUC), Pastor Um KilSoo, president of Sijosa, the Adventist publishing house in Korea, three directors of the Sabbath School & Personal Ministries departments in KUC and local Conferences, and other mission work specialists served as instructors.

"Jesus told His disciples to go to the world. The life of a Christian must have a balance between going into the world and going out from the world. As you start to go into the world to preach the gospel, the Lord will bless you to achieve true success in your mission work as you follow the way of Jesus," said Dr. P. D. Chun, principal of the academy.

"I would like to congratulate all of you on completion of the course. Even last summer, with record-breaking hot weather, our students enthusiastically participated in classes and practice. We are all agents of God's mission. I hope what you learned in this academy will be a great help in your soul-winning ministry," said Elder Kim YoungYeon, president of the Korean Self-supporting Association.

To Serve and Not to Be Served: BTY and 1000MM Missionaries Offer Dental Services



From October 14 to 18, 2018, the Better Than Yesterday (BTY) dental team from Alaska, headed by Joshua Jeon, rendered a temporary dental clinic with the assistance of 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionaries. The clinic, which was set up in one place and another around Cavite, Philippines, offered free dental services and blood pressure checkup. Along with the clinic, the 1000MM also held a free concert with its official singing group, HISM, while other missionaries assisted the dentists.

The clinic was packed with visitors from the first day. Several difficult oral cases made dentists spend more time in alleviating patients' pain. The number of assistants were limited, but the dentists were patient and persevered in providing quality dental care.

On the first day of the mission, BTY and the missionaries arrived at an empty outdoor space with a roof. It was already hot and stuffy. The BTY team quickly started to plan a flow of patients from registration to discharge. After assembling two borrowed tables and rapidly transforming them with large sterile drapes, they set to work organizing and coaching the volunteer missionaries on setup, cross infection control, contamination risks, oral health education, etc.

Three clinical points were set up with three chairs along the table. Two people assisted each dentist. After receiving treatment, patients moved along to the post-operative station where they were given verbal instructions in Tagalog and waited to be checked and discharged with antibiotics and analgesics as required.

Wherever the clinic was set up, it seemed like a "big event" for local people there. They have seldom had any access to dental care

due to their scarcity of dental budget. The days were tough for BTY and volunteers, but the clinic was a great success. Hundreds of oral troubles and diseases were treated.

Mr. Jeon and his team have been visiting the Philippines twice every year for mission work through dental care. BTY, also known as "Better Than Yesterday," is a slogan for his life. "People's life should always get better each day" regardless of how hard the situation is.

Matthew 20:28 illustrates that we should be partakers of God's work. "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus, the Holy King, chose to live on this earth to have an intimate relationship among His people. He reached out to them with His hands and performed miraculous deeds for them. He was there "to serve and not to be served."



“For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us” (Ephesians 2:14, KJV). What is the biblical way of communication? What is the leadership that Jesus showed in His earthly ministry? These were questions I had when I was appointed to be the Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) coordinator two months ago. Jesus was a wonderful leader. He not only taught in words, but also showed in action, so that He was called the Word who became flesh (John 1:14). Jesus broke down the walls which divided us from God. He also became a reconciler between people. Jesus was a good leader because He was an excellent communicator.

I concluded that the communication skill in Jesus’ leadership was essential and important.

Northern Asia-Pacific Division started CLAP in 2008. In our division, we have five countries with four different languages: Chinese, Japanese, Mongolian, and Korean. It is interesting to see that we use English in all NSD official meetings although none of the NSD countries uses English even as their second language. This being so, communication skills are essential and important for leaders, especially in this division area.

In November 18, 2018, twenty-six CLAP participants arrived at SDA Language Center located in Silang Cavite, Philippines: Three from Mongolia, four from

CLAP 2018-2020 Kicks Off



Kim SunHwan
NSD CLAP Coordinator





Left: CLAP participants had the opportunity to develop their English-speaking skills with the help of tutors and teachers. Right: Participants enjoyed fellowship as well as delicious food during meal time.



Every morning and evening, each team took turns leading out in worship. Through this assignment, participants were able to enhance their ability to pray and talk about spiritual topics in English.

Japan, five from China, and fourteen from Korea. The catch phrase of this CLAP session was “Go Ye Therefore” quoted from Matthew 28:19. It reminded the participants of why we need to be good leaders and efficient communicators. For twenty-six participants, we had fourteen English tutors with whom every CLAP member had two one-on-one conversation times and two one-on-two tutoring classes every day. We also had two main English native teachers, Erica Hole from the UK and Kellie Tompkins from the USA, who were teaching grammar and reading comprehension to four different levels of small groups. And we had four leadership class facilitators. Since their teaching style was not lecturing, they didn’t want to be called “lecturers.” They led eighteen leadership classes in two weeks. From 8 o’clock in the morning until 5:30 in the afternoon, CLAP participants had eight hours of total immersion English and leadership classes a day.

Their daily routine began and ended with worship services. Two members who were assigned as the leaders of the day led the worship services. Almost all members had chances to preach in English, which was to some the first experience in their lifetime. After several rounds of jogging was Bible verse memorization time. Filipino teachers helped the CLAP members with the correct pronunciation. Only after memorizing at least one Bible verse perfectly were they allowed to enter the cafeteria for breakfast. The dining table was a good place for students to put what they learned from their classes into practice. It was recommended that they be seated with the members of their assigned family group, which consisted of mixed nationalities and genders with several Filipino tutors. It seemed that all enjoyed delicious food and joyful fellowship with one another.

The family system was helpful not only for meal times, but it was also used for most of the out-of-class activities.

For the team building activities, and also for the Fun Night program, each family became one team and competed with each other. One Sabbath afternoon, each family visited a local church and held an outreach program for children. We prepared a lot of things to teach them and to give to them. However, we received more blessings than the gifts that we gave them. What united the family members the most was a drama skit. Each family presented a twenty-minute English drama skit for the Friday vespers and Sabbath School program. In the course of these family activities, family members became closer to one another.

Sunday tours were also unforgettable experiences. Taal Volcano is a world-famous tour site. It was a special adventure to ride a horse and climb up an active volcano. The other trip was to a beach. The CLAP participants were able to enjoy a high mountain as well as the world under the sea. They learned a lot, and their English improved while they enjoyed their time together.

I have a clear goal for this 5th batch of CLAP to achieve. I want all the CLAP participants of this batch to be able to preach and teach in English for the gospel work. We will have actual evangelistic meetings during the fourth session in 2020. However, I have come to realize that language is not the only tool for efficient communication. I have come to know that we can still communicate and share our thoughts and emotions even when we cannot find the proper words to express what we want to say. I believe that better communication tools than language itself are love and understanding. I hope that through these CLAP sessions we may learn how to genuinely communicate and how to be true leaders.



Learning and Praying Together

United by a Humble Bow

Kellie Tompkins
CLAP English Teacher

In the heat of Manila's noonday sun, Pastor Kim SunHwan turned to those of us sitting in the van and said, "We are headed to our first CLAP session, and starting now, we will talk in English since this time will be spent learning English." Slowly the Korean pastors and church workers in the van began speaking, searching for the words, trying to recall the correct way to form their sentences. And as the van passed this mega city's houses and businesses, climbing to the cooler elevations away from Manila, we started to warm to one another.

Korea had just become my new home country—three weeks before. Pastor Kim had asked me if I would be willing to teach English to pastors and church workers from all over the NSD in this two-week intensive program that sandwiched leadership seminars

between English classes. It would be conducted at the Seventh-day Adventist Learning Center (SDALC) about an hour outside of Manila, Philippines. It was my first time to visit the Philippines, and my first time to experience the uplifting and confidence-building CLAP program under the thoughtful and sympathetic leadership of Pastor Kim. I served with one other English teacher, Erica Hole, a 10-year veteran of CLAP from England who guided me through any questions I had. We became good friends from the start.

Although my teaching schedule was busy, it did not compare to the intense and constant opportunities presented to the participants to learn English. Tutors from the Philippines at SDALC provided structured conversation time throughout the day for each student. They were immersed in English from 6:00 in the morning to 9:30 at night. Those first days of classes were torturous for the students, their English rusty or barely existent. But three days into the program, I watched one student patiently explain words and meanings for a struggling classmate, and the lights flickered on. Side by side they advanced, praying, eating and working together. Erica and I joined them at mealtime, getting to know them away from the pressures of the classroom. They shared their joys, their work struggles, and their frustrations with learning English. By the second week, the fear of making a mistake had given way to the determination to try.

Each day a team of two led out in the worship time, morning and evening—all in English. Praying and talking about spiritual topics is a personal part of us, so to pray and preach in English was stressful, but they stepped forward with a bravery that humbled me. The quiet and peaceful atmosphere at the learning compound allowed each of us to take time off of other burdens and focus on the work in front of us. I learned alongside my students—their acting talents, their clever descriptions summed up in a few chosen English words. And I learned about their humorous side—roaring with laughter as they offered comic relief. But when they shared their spiritual journeys, I paused and thought about how God was using each of them.

The final night of the CLAP session revealed to me God’s power through the program. A young woman whose English was limited when she arrived, stood up to say a few words. She turned to face her fellow classmates and teachers, and silently she communicated her

recognition of gratitude and love to each of us in a slow, deep bow. And with great strength of character, she searched and found the words to express her wonder and thankfulness at what she had experienced there. We sat, tears streaming down our faces, as we mutely cheered for her. She finished with another solemn bow, the rest of us erupting in applause and support and our own gratitude for her. The journey was just beginning.

1. Mrs. Kellie Tompkins received a letter of appreciation for her service as a CLAP English teacher.
2. One-on-one conversation times with English tutors helped CLAP participants to improve their English.
3. On Sundays, CLAP members had a chance to enjoy the beautiful nature of the Philippines.



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