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The first NSD Youth-Children-Education (YCE) Summit was held with about 100 delegates at Sky Bay Hotel, Gangneung, South Korea, from January 13 to 16, 2019.

“But...”

“**But** the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God” (2 Peter 3:10-12).

This Bible verse starts with the word “**But**.” The word “**But**” usually has a close relationship with the previous sentences. What is the meaning of “**But**” here? It means as follows: People will think that “all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation” (2 Peter 3:4) and that the Gospel cannot possibly be preached throughout the whole world and that Jesus is not coming to this earth in our lifetime, “**But**...”

Jesus will surely come again. Even though people may think that there will be no second coming of Jesus, the Lord will come as a thief in the night. When no one is expecting, “the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God” (1 Thess. 4:16).

Just as all the Bible prophecies are proven right, the climax of the Bible prophecies, the second coming of Jesus Christ, will surely be fulfilled. Seventh-day Adventists are the people of God who recognize this word “**But**” as the word of God. They are the remnant of God who wait for His coming just as “By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark” (Hebrews 11:7).

Without any doubt, the day is surely coming soon.

The apostle Peter did not try to explain the “event.” But based upon

the fact of Jesus’ coming, Peter is emphasizing the lifestyle of His people. How should we live as God’s remnant people? It is not only about waiting. After the resurrection, Jesus went up to heaven to prepare a place for us. And when He finishes the preparation, He will come back to take us to heaven. He is still working hard to come back to us. Therefore, we should not wait for Him in an idle manner. Jesus said, “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14). It is our great privilege to hasten the coming of our Lord by spreading the gospel message around the whole world.

He does not say that all the world will be converted, but that “this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” “By giving the gospel to the world it is in our power to hasten our Lord’s return. We are not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God. 2 Peter 3:12, margin. Had the church of Christ done her appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned, and the Lord Jesus would have come to our earth in power and great glory” (*The Desire of Ages*, 633).



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

Northern Asia-Pacific Division

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Mission First in All Activities to Reach the World

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 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.



NSD's First Youth, Children, Education Summit



The first summit ever of its kind: Youth-Children-Education (YCE) Summit! About 100 delegates attended the YCE Summit, organized by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), at Sky Bay Hotel, Gangneung, South Korea, from January 13 to 16, 2019. The delegates were comprised of the directors of children's ministries, youth ministries, and education departments of all Unions/Conferences/Mission under the NSD. In addition, all school principals and college/university presidents also participated.

With the theme of "Making the Church Young," the speakers presented topics on how to attract young

people and to disciple them to be active and faithful in the church. The speakers were departmental leaders of the General Conference (GC): Dr. Linda Koh, children's ministries director; Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, education director; Pastor Pako Edson Mokgwane, youth ministries associate director; and Dr. Jiwan Moon, Public Campus Ministries (PCM) director.

Delegates from all over the NSD participated in group discussions, inter-departmental as well as by department. Collaborative works among the three departments were discussed. Schools and local churches are to work together, to make sure that all efforts are systematically done to retain our young people in the church.

The result of the discussions was coming together to serve as the basis for establishing an effective strategic plan, not only for this quinquennium but also beyond. Among the agreed efforts are connecting local churches and Adventist schools by involving church pastors, teachers, and parents, in spiritual activities of the school; empowering young people to be part of church leadership; making sure all spiritual activities at schools are evangelistic in nature; encouraging young people to be missionaries wherever they are; and recruiting as many Adventist children as possible to enroll in Adventist schools. Enrolling Adventist children in Adventist elementary schools is considered one of the most important decisions that parents can make to keep their children in the church.



Discussions on various topics took place among the summit participants.



At the end of the summit, NSD president Kim SiYoung emphasized the importance of caring for the young people of the church through all possible efforts. He related his childhood and youth experience of faithfully attending church services and programs. Recalling how he was given colorful stars on his paper crown as a reward for his faithful church attendance, he invited Dr. Linda Koh, GC children’s ministries director, to put a big star on his crown, a strong reminder of how important it is to keep our children in the church.

NSD directors of the three departments continue working together: Kim NakHyung for youth ministries, Lisa Clouzet for children’s ministries, and Richard Sabuin for education. Although many commented that the summit was a successful one, it was just the beginning of a continuous work until Jesus comes. How can we make our church young? The answer is this: It is all about retaining our children and young people in the church, and to empower them to participate, to serve, and even to lead!



Richard Sabuin
NSD Education Director



(Clockwise from top left) Dr. Linda Koh, children’s ministries director; Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, education director; Pastor Pako Edson Mokgwane, youth ministries associate director; and Dr. Jiwan Moon, Public Campus Ministries (PCM) director. [Bottom] Kim SiYoung, NSD president.

The youth department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held a commissioning ceremony for their first Public Campus Ministries (PCM) missionaries on January 13, 2019, in Gangneung, Korea. Under the auspices of Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD youth ministries director,

leaders of youth, children, and education departments of the NSD territories as well as Pastor Moon JiWan, PCM director of the General Conference, attended the ceremony.

PCM is a mission movement on campus which enables its missionaries to spread the gospel of God to college students. The

NSD was the first of the thirteen Divisions of the Adventist Church to set up this movement. This time, nine missionaries from Korea, Brazil, USA, and Taiwan were dispatched to their mission field. They had already finished the two-week training at Korean Union Conference Vision Center in Seoul, Korea.

Pastor Moon said to them, “You are special ambassadors who follow Jesus for campus ministries. You can change the world with this special mission.”

NSD president Kim SiYoung has strongly supported PCM from its planning stage. He said, “Most college students in the world have never heard about or know Jesus and the message of His second coming. That is why the NSD began this historical and future-oriented movement of campus ministries.”

The PCM missionaries left for China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mongolia on January 15 for their mission. They are going to serve for a year with their local partners. In order to communicate with students on campus without language barriers, the missionaries are supposed to take a language course there. Any student who shows an interest in Jesus Christ or the church will be invited to the church where

FIRST COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR PUBLIC CAMPUS MINISTRIES MISSIONARIES



Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD youth ministries director

the PCM missionaries are attending. Those students will keep receiving care from the missionaries and be given help to settle down in the church and to grow their faith as Adventists. The ultimate goal of PCM is to plant churches near campus.

The PCM movement will continue for the next three years, and the NSD youth department will keep sending well-prepared college student missionaries to mission fields. Special prayer support is requested from all our Adventist Church members.



Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Ministries Director



PCM missionaries sang a special song during their commissioning ceremony.

NEWS FOCUS II

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTED: A HISTORIC DAY OF VICTORY FOR THE KOREAN ADVENTIST CHURCH



Korean medical school student Han JiMan won a lawsuit on accommodation for his Sabbath-keeping belief.

Han JiMan, a Korean medical school student, won a lawsuit against a medical school regarding Sabbath accommodations.

January 31, 2019, became a memorable day in the history of the Korean Adventist Church. The Korean Supreme Court took Han's side by declaring a "discontinuance of hearing (trial)" on the appeal of the medical school, which had demurred to the higher court judgment. The reason why this verdict is



The medical school that Brother Han goes to is right across the street from the Daegu Central Church, which he attends.

historically important to the Adventist Church is because this court ruling will be a judicial precedent that can be used for future lawsuits on Sabbath accommodation.

Back on September 21, 2018, Brother Han, who was fighting for his freedom of religion over the Sabbath examination, won the trial at the High Court. Since he had lost previously at the first trial, all Korean Adventist churches had desperately prayed about the High Court trial. Our God has Jehovah-Nissi (God of Victory) as His name. To our astonishment, Han won the High Court suit. However, the fight did not end there. After the verdict from the High Court, the defendant, K Medical School, decided to appeal to the Supreme Court.

We know the story of Esther, a Jewish queen of Persia. When her people, the Israelites, were in danger of being

slaughtered by the general Haman, she herself prayed, and she also asked God's people to pray together with her for God's deliverance of His people. We can see her determined attitude from her words: "If I perish, I perish." What human-created drama can be more dramatic than the scene from the story of Esther? The gallows which had been prepared for Mordecai were used for Haman. God turned the tables and give the victory to His people. "Purim" is a special Jewish holiday that commemorates this historic event.

The victory at the Supreme Court could not have been gained by chance. All Korean churches, and even those in the world church who had happened to read the news about this situation, prayed earnestly. The PARL (Public Affairs & Religious Liberty) department of Korean Union Conference put forth their best efforts in fundraising and prayer requests. The Religious Liberty and Equal Opportunity Association, which consists mainly of Adventist medical doctors, supported Han from beginning to end. The attorney, Shin MyungCheol, fought for him with utmost sincerity. Above all, however, this miraculous ruling would not have occurred if a faithful Adventist youth, Brother Han, had not stood firmly in faith. Once again, thank you for your sincere prayers for Brother Han.



Han JiMan with his mother and father



Kim SunHwan
Adventist Mission Associate Director

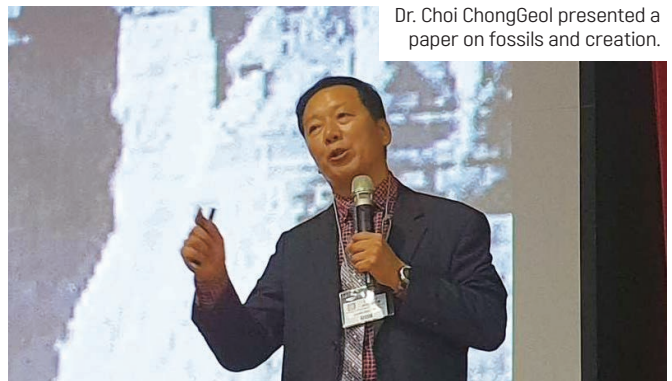
Theological Symposium Focuses on Creation

Ron Clouzet and **Richard Sabuin**
Ministerial Secretary and
SS/PM Director of the NSD

Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) conducted the second theological symposium at their campus from November 27 to 29, 2018. The theme of the symposium was “Creation Science.” This time, about 250 pastors and church leaders attended the event. They came from the Hong Kong-Macau Conference as well as from other territories which belong to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). In fact, the attendance doubled compared to that of last year’s symposium.

The presenters were Choi ChongGeol, a paleontologist from the Geoscience Research Institute (GRI) at NSD; Ron Clouzet, a practical theologian from the NSD; Elias de Souza, an Old Testament scholar from the Biblical Research Institute (BRI); Robert Folkenberg, president of Chinese Union Mission; Richard Sabuin, a New Testament scholar from the NSD; Tim Standish, a microbiologist from GRI; and Clinton Wahlen, a New Testament scholar from BRI. The topics included “Creation in the Old and New Testaments,” “The Fossil Record,” “Theistic Evolution,” “The Biblical Worldview,” “Evolutionary Philosophy,” “Creation in the Writings of Paul,” “Creation in Matthew,” and “The Demise of Scientism When Faced with Natural Revelation.” The audience was enriched by the scientific presentations emphasizing natural evidences for creationism. They also had an opportunity to learn about philosophical understanding as well as practical applications of creation.

HKAC, with the support of CHUM and NSD, will continue to conduct this kind of symposium as an annual event. Next year, the theme will be on mission and ministry to postmodern society. We congratulate Dan Cheung, HKAC president, and his team for having organized this event.



Dr. Choi ChongGeol presented a paper on fossils and creation.



Dr. Elias de Souza, with translation by Pastor Choke Woh Lee

CHUM Annual Council

a Time of Celebration and Dedication



On December 4 and 5, 2018, the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) held its annual council at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong SAR. About fifty people, representing CHUM, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) and their respective institutions, attended the meetings.

In his morning devotional message on the first day, Dr. Kim SiYoung,

president of the NSD, reminded all the leaders present to faithfully follow God's instructions. He used the example of Uzzah who reached out to stabilize the Ark on an oxen cart and was struck dead by God for his irreverent act (see 2 Samuel 6:6-7) because God had unequivocally instructed the Kohathites to carry the Ark and the other holy things in the Tabernacle on their shoulders, not on oxen carts (see Numbers 4:15).

Sometimes it may seem smart to bend biblical principles or cut corners in carrying out God's instructions, but unfaithful acts will hurt us and our Church in the end.

The delegates presented reports on their departmental or institutional work for the year of 2018 and passed some resolutions to advance Adventist mission in the CHUM territories. The CHUM annual council of 2018 was truly a time of celebration and re-dedication despite all of the challenges.

At the close of the meeting, Dr. Kim led a dedication ceremony for the Chinese version of the 2019 sharing book *Hope for Today's Family*. This book explains how the Bible can help us build a better family life in the age of information explosion, which has brought stress, anxieties, injuries and depression into millions of homes. The book will be widely distributed in the CHUM territories for evangelistic purposes.

Finally, Pastor Bob Folkenberg, president of CHUM, concluded the meeting with a prayer to thank God for His leading in the past year and His blessings in the coming 2019.

The dedication ceremony of the new book, *Hope for Today's Family*, was held during the council.



Japan Union Conference Children's Ministries Trainings

Masaru Kobayashi and
Lisa Clouzet

JUC and NSD Children's Ministries Directors



The Japan Union Conference (JUC) children's ministries department held special trainings in Tokyo and Nagoya from January 19 to 20, 2019. These trainings were planned and organized by Pastor Masaru Kobayashi, JUC children's ministries director, and took place a few days after the Northern Asia-Pacific Division's (NSD) Youth-Children-Education (YCE) Summit, which was held from January 13 to 16. Children's ministries leaders and staff from 11 churches attended and participated in each of these programs. Children's ministries directors, Dr. Linda Koh from the General Conference and Dr. Lisa Clouzet from the NSD, were the main presenters.

The weekend began with worship at Tokyo Central Church, where Dr. Koh presented the sermon, Dr. Clouzet told the children's story, and Pastor Kobayashi translated for both. Several training participants were present for this worship service.

The topics for the trainings were requested by the local church children's ministries leaders of East Japan Conference (EJC) and West Japan Conference (WJC) and were on the subjects of "How to Teach Multi-Age Sabbath Schools" and "How to Deal with ADHD in Sabbath School." Most of the churches have very limited children's ministries staff, with only one or two people struggling to care for multi-aged groups of children. Dr. Koh taught helpful principles and led the participants through interactive exercises to reinforce the concepts so that they would be able to apply the principles in their

current situation. Dr. Clouzet addressed the characteristics of children with ADHD and suggested techniques that could be incorporated in the classroom setting. There was also time given for questions and answers following each session.

In these days when JUC is facing the challenges of an aging society and a decreasing number of children in the church, let us remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 19:14 (NKJV), "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Let's embrace the children we have at present and show them that they matter and belong. Let us also show appreciation and support for children's ministries leaders, teachers, staff, and parents as we work together for His sake on behalf of our children.

(Below) Pastor Park YunGwon, principal of Lakpahana Adventist Academy, and Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD Stewardship ministries director (1st and 2nd from right)



Week of Prayer in Lakpahana, Sri Lanka



Kwon JohngHaeng
NSD Stewardship Ministries Director

Although the way to Lakpahana Adventist Academy in Sri Lanka was far in distance, lengthy in duration, and expensive in price, the trip was quite impressive and meaningful. Airfares had doubled because the week of prayer, scheduled to be held from February 4 to 9, 2019, was during the Lunar New Year holiday. And due to the disconnection of the flights, all the return tickets were cancelled, and I had to rebook the flights which resulted in a trip that was four times longer than regular travel. It took 34 hours from my home to the destination, but it was one of my most valuable and worthy trips. Lakpahana Adventist Academy is 158 kilometers northeast of Colombo, the capital city of Sri Lanka. The school has been providing Adventist Christian education since 1923.

I was glad that Pastor Park YunGwon had not requested specific daily topics because I had to change my sermons the moment I faced the audience. I received the invitation from Lakpahana Adventist College and Seminary. Usually, seminary means theological graduate school for pastors. All the sermons I had prepared were for college and seminary students and faculty members—in other words, for adults. But to my surprise, the audience occupying several of the front rows in the middle were young children in kindergarten, elementary school, junior high and high school. The youngest was four years old,

my grandchildren's age! Since the last college students had graduated from the college two years before, the college courses had been closed due to no enrollment. I give praise for the work of the Holy Spirit who immediately gave me a message, which was able to cover all age groups from kindergarten children to senior members who were retired from their service. As I continued to speak twice a day, kindergarten children continued to come and listen. By the intercession of the Holy Spirit, one sermon was able to entertain 205 students of different age groups and 26 faculty members.

On the third day of the meetings, the school was visited by a young Korean businessman in his thirties. He stopped by the school during his mission trip to Taiwan from one of the middle Muslim countries where our work is very slow. I did not remember him, but he told me that we had met before, saying, "Pastor Kwon, your investment has made a profit of 10,000 times." More than ten years ago, when he was a business student, I had given him 50 dollars, saying, "I am investing 50 dollars in you, expecting you to support mission as you become successful in your business."

Years ago when he visited one of the difficult countries, he decided to purchase a space with a basement for 300,000 dollars. It was in a commercial building right in



front of a university of 60,000 students. He made the space into a cafe. The Korean-style cafe became very popular and attracted students. He hired an Adventist volunteer to serve as manager. During the weekdays, the cafe served as a center of influence, and on the Sabbath day, they had worship in the basement. The national law of the country requires a foreign investor to hire five local employees. He deposited 200,000 dollars in a bank. He gets 20% interest each year out of his deposit, which is enough to pay the local employees. All the income from the cafe goes to the Adventist mission office in the country. With this ministry, they baptized six Muslims. I thanked the Lord for the excellent investment I had made.

Pastor Park YunGown, principal of the school, says, “There are many Buddhist parents who want to send their children to Lakpahana Adventist Academy. We have dedicated teachers, classrooms, and dormitory rooms even for kindergarten students. Their parents have gone abroad, apart from their children, to raise income for their family. The school has everything but tuition for the students. Tuition, food and lodging for a student is only 80 dollars a month.”

May God win more souls through the Adventist education system.

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The Multicultural Family Service Center in Ansan, Korea, celebrated its 10-year anniversary on December 15, 2018. More than 150 people attended the ceremony, including Kim DongGyu, Ansan City council chair; Jung JongGil, council’s culture welfare committee chair; Hyun OkSoon, councilor in Gwangju; and Kim SiYoung, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

The celebration event was held in the chapel hall, which is in the basement of the center. The program started with welcome greetings from Pastor Kim YoungSoo, director of the center. It was followed by congratulatory remarks by the guests and a performance by a group of Russian children. Professional singers were also invited for a special performance. The beautiful harmony resonated in the auditorium and moved attendees, regardless of their nationalities.

“I truly thank God for leading us here. Also, without the cooperation and support of people who have worked here or have been involved in this ministry, our center could not have come this far. I am looking forward to God’s blessing on this center for another ten years,” said Pastor Kim YoungSoo, director of the center.

Ansan Multicultural Family Service Center Celebrates 10th Anniversary





Helping Hands of ADRA in Japan, a Disaster-Prone Country



Yasunari Urashima
Country Director of ADRA Japan

The country of Japan is approximately 378,000 square kilometers, which is 1/400 of the earth's total land of 148,890,000 square kilometers. Despite this small ratio of land that the country holds, Japan is home to 7% of active volcanoes on earth. This environment makes Japan a disaster-prone country, experiencing 20% of all the earthquakes on earth that are greater than Magnitude 6. In addition, the volume of rainfall within Japan is double that of the world's average, which has triggered the number of flood disasters in recent years. To tackle the aftermath of disasters in Japan, ADRA Japan has been involved in activities to support victims of natural disasters.

The year of 2018 recorded a number of major natural disasters in Japan that left tremendous damage:

Major Natural Disasters Which Occurred in Japan in 2018

January	Heavy snowfall in a large area of northern Japan
March	Volcanic eruption from Shinmoedake in southern Japan
June	Earthquake in Osaka
July	Heavy rain in western Japan
July	Extreme heat with 40 degrees Celsius and above - The hottest temperature 41.1 degrees Celsius was recorded - A large number of people suffered from heat stroke with dehydration
July	Typhoon #12 (Jongdari)
August	Typhoon #20 (Cimaro)
September	Typhoon #21 (Jebi)
September	Earthquake in eastern Iburi, Hokkaido
September	Typhoon #24 (Trami)

The Heavy Rain Disaster in July 2018 and ADRA Japan's response

From June 28 to July 8, 2018, a large-scale, heavy rainfall hit western Japan. Out of 47 prefectures of Japan, 11 prefectures issued special emergency warnings because of the heavy rain in a short period of time, from July 5 to 8. This heavy rain caused many floods and landslides in large areas of western Japan, leaving 237 casualties, eight missing, and 432 injured in 17 prefectures (according to the report from the Cabinet Office of Japan as of January 9, 2019). As many as 50,000 houses were damaged due to floods and landslides from this rainfall, and much of the infrastructure, such as water and communication in the areas, were destroyed.

On July 9, 2018, on the day after the disaster, ADRA Japan immediately dispatched its staff to Mihara City, Hiroshima Prefecture, to conduct an initial assessment. Very few media reported on the damaged situation in Mihara City, and only a few organizations were doing response activities. As the actual situation and damage started to be assessed, it was confirmed that more than 4,000 houses were waterlogged due to the destruction of river banks in the city. Also, the water system of the city was heavily damaged by the flood, and there were several areas where severe landslides affected the people. Based on this assessed situation, ADRA Japan decided to

implement emergency response assistance.

The first two weeks after the occurrence of the disaster, ADRA Japan distributed emergency goods, such as drinking water, vegetable juice, towels, clothes, masks, and hygiene kits, to evacuation centers in Mihara City and other municipalities that were affected by the disaster. These emergency goods were provided through SEMA (Social Emergency Management Alliance). This is a framework established to develop coordinated preparedness among 50 private companies and 6 NGOs (including ADRA Japan) for mega-disasters in Japan. The total value of the goods that ADRA distributed exceeded 100,000 USD.

In the relief activities, Hiroshima Adventist Academy provided great support for ADRA Japan by providing guestrooms as a base for the response team and by volunteer work in unloading large amounts of emergency goods. This warm and strong support from the school enabled the team to work smoothly during the response activity on the ground.

While the team distributed emergency goods to the evacuation centers, it also conducted a detailed assessment to collect information about the living condition of affected people. As their needs changed over time, it was important to grasp the actual condition in a timely manner and to change the response based on this knowledge. The team listened to the beneficiaries' voices carefully, and by responding to each voice developed a trust relationship with them, through which real needs and challenges were disclosed.



1. A road was destroyed by increased level of river.
 2. Volunteers from Hiroshima Adventist Academy helped load distribution materials.
 3. Damage in a house waterlogged nearly to the ceiling of the 1st floor.
 4. Volunteers and ADRA staff organized emergency goods that were distributed in an evacuation center.



Assistance for People Who Stayed at Home

During the operation, the team focused on a large number of people who stayed at home even though their houses were affected by floods. Normally, upon the occurrence of natural disasters, affected people are taken to evacuation centers and then moved to temporary shelters if their houses are affected. The assessment, however, revealed that many people whose houses were affected stayed at home despite the damage. Their voices were usually “unknown” as local governments focused on assistance to evacuation centers and temporary shelters. Based on this circumstance, ADRA Japan conducted a door-to-door assessment to find out the actual situation of people staying at home.

The “door-to-door” assessment result showed the environment that the majority of these people were forced to stay in. They were living on the second floor as the first floor of their homes had gotten waterlogged nearly to the ceiling and their furniture and electric devices had washed away. Some even had to use a barn as a place to stay.

They explained why they insisted on staying at home. They wanted to clean their houses affected by the floods. Some of them didn’t like to stay at evacuation centers where their privacy was not secured, or they just didn’t want to leave their house.

The problem was that these people were facing difficult living conditions as many of them were not able to use basic living utilities, including the kitchen and bathrooms on the first floor.

Despite the difficult living conditions of people staying at home, the local government did not grasp the number of these people and their actual living conditions. ADRA Japan reported the results of door-to-door assessment and supported the local government in understanding their living conditions.

For response assistance, ADRA Japan provided household essentials, such as washing machines, refrigerators, and heating equipment, to 750 households of these people Mihara City. ADRA Japan has continued the provisions to 720 households in Saka City of Hiroshima as of February 2019.

Preparation for Disasters

Recent disasters have left the country with tremendous damage with the record-breaking volume of rainfall or snowfall in a short period of time. The cause of this tendency can be traced back to the rise of the sea temperature due to climate change, which has increased the power of typhoons.

The number of major earthquakes is reported to increase rapidly in the 21st century. Countries that have not had disasters for the past few hundred years are now experiencing major disasters. It is a worldwide tendency that all countries, including Korea, China, Mongolia, and Taiwan, should be prepared for.

ADRA Japan is conducting awareness-raising workshops on disaster-risk reduction in churches all over the country to share opportunities for church members to be prepared for unexpected disasters as individuals and as a church. This is to consider not merely how to survive, but also how to be prepared to serve the community during disasters, for without preparation, we cannot help people in need.

We would like you to have a moment to think about what you can do if a disaster were to hit your hometown. What could you do as an Adventist?

Furthermore, now as the second coming of Jesus Christ is approaching, we would like to suggest that everyone should think about what we can do to prepare.

Note: This article is translated by Chisato Yanagisawa and Kazuhiro Koide.



ADRA Japan staff interviewed the manager of an evacuation center.



ADRA Japan conducted a door-to-door assessment for people staying at home.

Archaeology Meetings a First in Hong Kong



Ron Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Secretary



Dr. Ron Clouzet (right) delivers a lecture, which is translated by Dr. Verna Wu (left).

The first of three public sets of meetings in connection with the Hong Kong-Macao Field School of Evangelism took place from January 15 to 19, 2019. The “Astonishing Discoveries in the Land of the Bible” meetings were held at the well-known Adventist Hospital in Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong. The purpose of the meetings was to generate non-church interest for the Bible and for the following two sets of meetings.

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was a co-speaker along with Dr. Michael Hasel, professor of archaeology and curator of the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum at Southern Adventist University in the USA. This is their tenth time teaming together for this event. More than 200 non-members, mostly non-Christian, attended the meetings, and many returned for the second set of meetings (see the article on pages 19 and 20). The meetings attracted at least 700 people, most of whom viewed them online at designated locations throughout Hong Kong and Macao.

The first night, the topic was Egypt, which included segments on the pyramids, the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun, the deciphering of the Rosetta Stone, the story of Queen Hatshepsut, the supposed adoptive mother of Moses, and the connections between Egyptian 18th Dynasty and the stories and protagonists of the Bible. The following night focused on Sumer and Neo-Babylonia and the stories of Nebuchadnezzar as seen in the Bible and seen through the archaeological records.

The next night, the lecture centered on discoveries in the land of Israel: Jericho, Lachish, Sargon’s Palace, and the fascinating discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The fourth presentation was about Jerusalem, the David Stele, the recent discoveries in Khirbet Qeiyafa, Masada, and some of the other discoveries in both Judah and Galilee, all corroborating the truthfulness of Scripture. The last evening zeroed in on the seven churches of Asia Minor, the archaeological ruins, and their message for today.

A book on the city of Jerusalem, written and richly illustrated by Dr. Hasel and his wife, Dr. Giselle Hasel, was translated into Chinese, and was made available on a USB drive to those who attended at least three times. Other archaeological resources were made available, both in Chinese and in English. Every night, two people were selected from the audience through a drawing and were given a gift replica of a first-century oil lamp.

This was a concerted effort by the Hong Kong-Macao Conference, the Adventist Hospital, the ministerial department of the NSD, and many willing volunteers from participating churches. Many people expressed their pleasure at the content and organization of these outstanding lectures, and many churches seemed encouraged to reach out to non-members.

4th North Korea Mission Forum: Spring of Hometown

Joo MinHo
NSD Adventist Mission Director

The Committee on North Korea Mission in the USA, which is under the supervision of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), held their fourth North Korea Mission Forum at the Washington-Spencerville Korean Church in Maryland from October 6 to 8, 2018. The NSD territories includes Korea, the only divided country in the world, which means that the NSD is responsible for preaching the gospel in North Korea. The NSD is grateful for the Korean immigrants who are living in the United States who are deeply interested in North Koreans and have supported North



The 4th North Korea Mission Forum was held at the Washington-Spencerville Korean Church in Maryland from October 6 to 8, 2018.



Above: GC president Ted Wilson (left) attended the forum as a special guest.

Left: A question and answer session, led by two pastors and one church elder who all have specialty in North Korea mission.

Korea mission. The forum, which has already been held three times in the United States, aims to report the situation in North Korea, to develop mission strategies together, and to ask God for wisdom.

The forum began with the welcome remarks of Pastor Kim DongJun, president of the Committee on North Korean Mission, followed by a congratulatory message from Pastor Kim SeongSik, president of the Korean-American Seventh-day Adventist Church Association. Pastor Kim SiYoung, NSD president, expressed a strong desire to give his best to the gospel work for North Koreans.

Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference (GC), was specially invited to present a special sermon. His deep interest toward North Korea mission moved attendees' hearts. He urged attendees to carefully prepare for North Korea mission, being concerned about even small details. He promised that when

the door of North Korea is finally opened, the GC will give their best effort to support the mission work.

Mission reports from several speakers were presented in the second part of the forum. Pastor Joo MinHo, NSD Adventist Mission director and one of the speakers, gave attendees a report on the current situation and trends of North Korea and NSD's direction and strategies on North Korea mission. He reported that not only have they thought about mission strategies and funding but that workers, including pastors and lay members, were already prepared and had even been assigned mission fields. In fact, 22 pastors and 37 lay members have made their decisions and are waiting to be dispatched to North Korea. These missionaries will be prepared and will have received training with the help of the NSD as well as the Korean Union Conference.

In the third part of the forum, attendees had a question and answer

NSD president Kim SiYoung (right) shared his passion for the gospel work for North Koreans.



session. Two pastors and one church elder who all have specialty in North Korea mission answered attendees' questions ranging from the economic situation of North Korea to the status of the Adventist Church. Dr. Jairyong Lee, former NSD president and one of the leaders of the session, delivered good news to the attendees. When he had been invited as a speaker at a spiritual camp meeting in the Arizona Conference, he had shared with the attendees the North Korea mission work of the NSD. While he was talking, the Conference president had made a sudden announcement that the cost of the first church building in North Korea would be paid by the Conference. His decision moved the hearts of the attendees.

I hope the gospel of God will soon brighten the 2.5 million people in the northern land, which is now in despair physically and spiritually, so that all Koreans in the north and south can sing "Spring of Hometown" together, with the same language and the same emotion.



Christian Apologetics Held at YMCA Hotel

Ron Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Secretary

From January 30 to February 2, 2019, the second set of public meetings that are part of the field school of evangelism took place at the YMCA Hotel, in a very centric part of Kowloon, Hong Kong. The series was entitled "Who Is God? Why Does It Matter?" and was aimed at a secular and non-Christian audience. A total of 674 members and 265 guests attended the series, which means that 28% of the attendees were guests. Organizers and churches praised the Lord for such a turnout.

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), the speaker for the series, had taught graduate courses in apologetics and had taped 16 lectures on the subject, which were aired by Hope TV last year. On the first night, Chinese views of God, ancient and modern, were compared. Then, the biblical God of love and power was introduced as a necessary and direct revelation





1 & 2. Dr. Clouzet's gift book to participants are presented on the registration table.
3. The meeting in Kowloon, Hong Kong, entitled "Who Is God? Why Does It Matter?" was aimed at a secular and non-Christian audience and succeeded in attracting many non-Christian guests.

for a world confused by mysticism. Sayings of Confucius and other ancient Chinese sages were quoted, noting their understanding of an overall God, the *shangdi*, or Lord of Heaven. On the second night, the question was why, then, is there evil and suffering. Insights were given from the Bible regarding the origin of Lucifer and the reasons why he has not yet been destroyed. The issue of complete freedom to be able to truly love was emphasized. The lecture was supported by what philosophers and various writers have said on the subject.

The next segment dealt with whether happiness is possible. The issue of happiness and wealth is very relevant in today's Chinese culture, especially in Hong Kong. Various studies on happiness from around the world were shared, including surveys done in Hong Kong. Confucius was again quoted, which showed similar views as those presented in the Bible. Finally, a study on the eight statements by Jesus on happiness was presented (Matthew 5:1-12). Many attendees seemed to appreciate this lecture.

The last two lectures were back-to-back on the last day. The first dealt with the Bible, how it came to be, how it was canonized, and how it can be trusted as reliable history. Claims the Bible makes about itself were shared in order to inspire listeners to read the Bible and meditate on it. The last lecture was on the person of Jesus Christ. Outside sources were quoted ratifying His historicity (Jesus was not a myth). Messianic prophecies were reviewed, and His dual nature was examined. The claims of Jesus as God and as One to be worshiped by all Creation was considered, ending the lecture with an appeal to carefully look to Him as the only true God of humanity.

Many of the attendees came from distant parts of the city. A group of university students came from Clear Water Bay every night. Others pledged to attend the third and last series of public meetings: "Bible Prophecies Decoded."

JUC Holds Health Evangelism Training in Hokkaido

Hiroshi Yamaji
JUC Health Ministries Director



Red Farm in Hokkaido is one of the centers of influence in Japan, run by lay church members.

In Japan, health evangelism has served as an effective method for churches to make connections with the local community. In order to promote and strengthen health evangelism, since 2016, the health ministries department of the Japan Union Conference (JUC) has supported church members so that they can attend the health training program at Uchee Pines Institute in Alabama, USA. Many of these trained health evangelists have already begun to lead health evangelism at their local churches.

From September 16 to 19, 2018, JUC health ministries, together with these trained local health evangelists, held a

health evangelism leadership training camp at the Red Farm in Hokkaido, Japan. Run by lay church members, the Red Farm is one of the centers of influence in Japan, which provides not only lodging but food, and is available as a retreat center for special programs.

Since the purpose of the camp was leadership training, all the participants had an opportunity to lead in various ways during the camp, such as song service, exercise, outdoor activities, food preparation and clean-up. They also shared their testimonies during morning and evening worships. It can be said that this camp truly corresponded to “Total Member Involvement,” an initiative of the Seventh-day Adventist world church.

About twenty-minutes walking distance from the Red Farm is the town’s community center, which is equipped with a kitchen and a seminar room. The JUC health department reserved the place in order to hold a health festival for the community. The festival presented various programs, such as a vegetarian cooking class, vascular age check-up, anti-smoking seminar, and waist/weight control seminar. The programs received positive responses from the local people.

We look forward to seeing how God will continue to provide opportunities, through health evangelism, to open people’s hearts and to help them find the way to Him.

In a health evangelism leadership training, participants learned to lead a variety of programs as health evangelists, from song service to worship.



During the leadership training, the JUC health department held a health festival for the community, presenting various programs, such as a vegetarian cooking class.

Reaching Out to Parents:

HKAA Principal Invites Parents for Lunch

Tom Decker

Principal of Hong Kong Adventist Academy

The unspoken words subtly, almost secretly oozed between the sentences of conversations, spoken with hints of shame and desperation. One after another, parents hinted at their reality—a reality all parents have had to confront. “No one gave us a manual for how to do this! How do I raise my children?” With each new discipline issue, with each new conversation with parents, with each new challenge I brainstormed with parents, it became clear that our faculty and staff are being called by God to partner with the parents of the students who walk our halls. But how? Surely, through private conversations, I will learn about

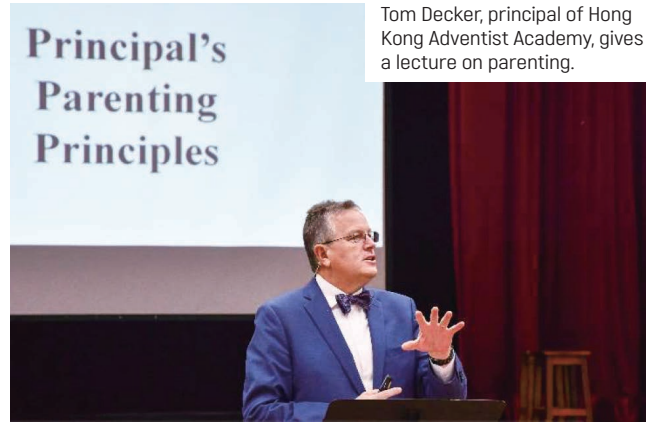
the students, their home life, the struggles their parents encounter at home. However, we believed that we could do more.

As I was solidifying my resolve to find a way to address some basic parenting concerns, our local Adventist church was seeking a way to connect with the parents who were a part of our school. With only 25% of our students attending one of our churches each week, this was clearly a felt need. Through several hours of brainstorming, the leadership of the church and the school agreed to hold a “Principal’s Lunch Invitation.” The church agreed to pay for the food; the school paid for the programs, invitations, and promotion. Thus, the

first annual “Principal’s Invitational Lunch” was launched. Our secondary students agreed to provide labor for set up, and we promoted their mission trip to Myanmar at the event to solicit donations.

The almost seventy parents who attended sat for several hours quite focused and intent on finding nuggets of wisdom from those of us who presented, including myself (the principal), a student, a teacher, and a counselor. My lecture on parenting was entitled “Principal’s Parenting Principles.” Here are the principles I promoted:

1. Consequences are a more effective discipline than words.
2. Don’t rescue your children: Let them learn by suffering for the bad choices they make.
3. Pour energy into their healthy interests.
4. Share the stories of your life.
5. Share your love through touch, words and envisioning a meaningful future for them.
6. Hard work is very healthy.
7. Ultimately our children reflect who we are, not who we tell them to be.
8. Understand yourself: It will keep you humble, teachable and authentic to your kids.
9. Model learning from your mistakes.



Tom Decker, principal of Hong Kong Adventist Academy, gives a lecture on parenting.



From January 15 to 18, 2019, Chinese Hope TV (CHTV) staff and their families joined a retreat on the beautiful island of Okinawa, Japan. It was an honor to have CHTV management committee chairman, Pastor Stanley Ng, join the staff retreat and share words of encouragement every morning with the group.

On the first day, Pastor Ng briefly reviewed the timeline and history of the last decade, showing how God has led CHTV. He expressed heartfelt appreciation to all the staff who have contributed so much to this TV ministry.

During the retreat, the staff temporarily left their daily busy schedules and duties behind and rested for a while; as Jesus said to His disciples, “Come aside by

yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while” (Mark 6:31). Yes, the retreat was a special blessing and time for CHTV staff to rebuild team spirit and have more time together to share the challenges of work and strengthen friendships. This time the staff family members were also invited to join the retreat, and they were shown appreciation for their support.

On the second day, Pastor Ng encouraged the team to be like the children of Issachar, to have “the understanding of the times” (1 Chronicles 12:32). He challenged everyone to remember the “Four Es,” to be “Energetic,” “Evangelistic,” “Engaging,” and “Envisioning” when producing a program to reach the community and those who are part of the e-generation.

On the third day, before the CHTV staff and their family members visited the historic site of Hacksaw Ridge battleground, where Japanese and American soldiers fought during World War II, Pastor Ng reviewed the story and testimony of Desmond Doss, who was a conscientious objector and saved 75 American soldiers during this battle. He challenged those present to pray to God with the same prayer as Desmond Doss prayed: “Lord, give me one more soul!” Pastor Ng also shared one of Desmond’s favorite Bible verses: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding” (Proverb 3:5).

On the last day of the retreat, it was a blessing to have Pastor Teru Fukui, former director of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SS/PM)

Chinese Hope TV Staff Retreat in Okinawa





Staff members of Chinese Hope TV

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and Publishing of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), to accompany them as they visited Adventist Medical Center and Samyook Elementary School on the island.

CHTV was officially established in 2007. By the grace of God, on July 1, 2011, CHTV launched satellite broadcasting 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Since then, CHTV has been broadcasting and distributing last-day messages via satellite, local cable TV, IPTV, Internet website, and mobile application to reach millions of Chinese-speaking people around the world.

Once again, we want to thank the many supporters from around the world. We also want to thank CHTV Board members and NSD Taiwan branch office for their full support. We pray that CHTV will continue to serve as a powerful tool to spread wholistic health and the Three Angels' Messages in this last day to prepare more people for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Billy Liu

Chinese Hope TV Executive Director

HKMC Health Ministries off to a Good Start in 2019

Miranda Wong
HKMC Health Ministries Director

The health ministries department of the Hong Kong-Macao Conference is off to a good start in 2019 with several health ministries events. Here are some of the activities that we did in the first month of the new year.

On January 5, we had a health expo for children at the Yuen Long Church. Around fifty children participated in the expo and learned NEWSTART principles, which refers to the eight natural remedies—nutrition, exercise, water, sunlight, time, air, rest, and trust in God. We were blessed to receive sponsorship from a health water company, which donated 120 bottles of drinking water for the participants.



Twenty-one participants completed their training as instructors for the smoking cessation journey on January 6 at the Conference office. They kicked off a stop smoking class at the Sing Wing Mental Rehabilitation Center on January 12 with about 20 people who wanted to quit smoking.

On January 11, there was a completion ceremony for the CELEBRATIONS course at Shatin Church. CELEBRATIONS® is an acronym for the 12 healthful living principles: choices, exercise, liquid, environment, belief, rest, air, temperance, integrity, optimism, nutrition, and social support and services. To complete the course, trainees had to participate in different sessions, which included various activities, health seminars, and a workshop.

In the Kowloon Church, on the same day, we organized a diabetes awareness program. This was one of the preparations for evangelism, and we already had one participant who started to come to church service. A heart disease awareness program was scheduled to be on January 26, and a mental health awareness program was scheduled for February 16.

On January 20, the Bible Auditorium Church and the Siu Sai Wan Church set up health check-up services for local people. A total of 54 participants benefited from this event.

We believe that God will keep guiding the HKMC health ministries department and pouring out His blessings upon our work so that we can preach the gospel through the Adventist health message.



1. Instructors of HKMC health expo for children
 2. Twenty-one people became certified as instructors for the smoking cessation journey.
 3. Shatin Church held a completion ceremony for the CELEBRATIONS course.



At the HKMC health expo, around fifty children learned NEWSTART principles through games and activities.





WCKC Pathfinders Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The youth ministries department of the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) held a “Festival for WCKC Pathfinders” on November 3, 2018, at Taegang Sahmyook Elementary School in Seoul, Korea. It was especially meaningful that the WCKC is celebrating their 40th anniversary of Pathfinder ministries this year. Around 180 Pathfinders from 16 churches gathered to celebrate and enjoy the festival together.

The Pathfinder skills competition was the main event of the festival. Participants competed for various skills, including CPR, fire-making, camping skills, drill and marching, and knotting.

Pastor Kim SeongHyun, who was the first WCKC youth director and now retired, was invited to encourage the Pathfinders. He donated his Pathfinder uniform that he wore a long time ago. He spoke about the difference between a morning star and a shooting star. “Some people, like our Church founder Joseph Bates, reflect the light from God and light up the world



WCKC Pathfinders learned outdoor survival skills, such as using sling and stones or purifying water with a plastic bottle at a Pathfinder camp.



as a morning star. Some others once twinkle like a star by talents given from God, then move away from God as a shooting star disappears in the world,” he said. He urged participants to be a morning star in the Adventist Church.

Meanwhile, the Pathfinder clubs in the northern district and the college district of WCKC had a joint camp together at Deer Mountain Training Center from November 6 to 7, 2018. Under the title of “Survival, Revival,” more than 200 Pathfinders and leaders from 14 clubs that belong to these two districts joined the camp to learn the way of “Survive and Revive” by the Word of God. That’s why this camp meeting focused on reciting Bible verses.

The two-day camp kicked off with an opening ceremony followed by a folk dance, games, a dedication service, and booth activities. Booths were also designed to teach Pathfinders various skills. The booth activities were largely divided into two themes: “Fire and Water.” Understanding solar concentrating system, making fire with flint, a fire drill, and emergency shelters were activities under “Fire.” At the “Water” booths, participants could learn about water purifying system and purifying skills with a plastic bottle or natural resources.





stories of how God worked through individuals who trusted God with all their hearts. The messages were based on one of Dr. Clouzet's books on the Holy Spirit, translated now into several languages.

Each message was transmitted live online to participating churches. A response card was given to every attendee, giving them the opportunity to express what they learned from the message or indicate a specific prayer request. The cards were read, prayed over, and responded to. Attendees were also eligible for spiritual or practical gift books each night. One person summarized what many experienced: "This is exactly what we need: a new vision of Jesus leading us to a greater desire to surrender to Him."

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, led a week-long week of spiritual revival for all seventeen of the field school of evangelism churches in the Hong

Kong-Macau Conference, from December 2 to 8, 2018. The seven presentations focused on the work of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's life. The profound biblical lessons were illustrated with powerful

How to Reach Missing Members

Ron Clouzet

NSD Ministerial Secretary

On December 1, 2018, Dr. Ron Clouzet led the seventeen churches involved in the field school of evangelism in the Hong Kong-Macau Conference in learning how to reach church members who are no longer coming to church. After explaining the reasons why members tend to leave, Clouzet shared three ways that could help get them back.

1. Organize a Reclamation Ministry Team/Committee. This should be made up of the pastor, the church clerk, and three to five additional members with a burden to reach missing members. The ministry team should meet once a month, to review names of missing people, to discuss specific challenges

faced by those missing, to pray for those missing, to assign visitation and follow-through to those missing, and to plan a celebration for those returning, or recommend rebaptism, in some cases.

2. Utilize the Sabbath School Action Unit (SSAU). This is an adult Sabbath School class that focuses on ministry. It is co-led by a teaching leader and a ministry leader. At least 40% of Sabbath School time is used to discuss and plan ministry. A good ministry for the SSAU would be to search for missing members. They can give weekly reports of any attempts to reach such members and pray for specific needs. The SSAU can also consider expanding into a regular small group, meeting

once during the week, as well as on Sabbath morning

3. Plan a Welcome Back Sabbath. The church could promote this during their contacts with missing members, telling them how much the church is missing them, and how much they long to see them back. It may be easier for a missing member to return when he or she knows others will plan to return at the same time. The church should make this a true celebration, including the creation of special banners, music, programming, and a meal. Church members should be given instructions to be gracious and patient with members who are trying to return.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division plans to conduct simultaneous evangelistic meetings at 2,019 sites in 2019, this year. The program is called TMI 2019. The question is: Is it biblical to conduct massive simultaneous evangelistic actions?

The biblical concept of the church as the body of Christ implies unity: one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God—being one in 7 aspects, implying a perfect unity (Ephesians 4:5). In this unity, the church is to equip its members “for the work of ministry” (verse 12), so that, being “joined and knit together” (verse 16), the church will “grow up in all

things” (verse 15). This perfect unity implies a unity in mission and the efforts in fulfilling the mission. The Bible gives examples of God’s people doing things together simultaneously for specific projects. From these examples we can adopt some principles in moving together for a mission.

Principle #1. The Bible supports the idea of doing one thing together among all the local churches, with the same instructions, for one purpose.

Example #1. Take one example, the collection of offering for helping God’s people in Jerusalem. Paul says, “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to

the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come” (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). The collection of offering to help the church in Jerusalem was a combined project, involving the churches in Corinth, in Galatia, and also in Macedonia (1 Corinthians 8:1). It was not only a combined project. There was simultaneous action. It means that the church moved together at the same pace.

Principle #2. The Bible supports the idea of doing one thing by a group of trained workers within a time frame, with the same time of

Simultaneous Evangelistic Meetings in 2019 Sites: Biblical?

Richard Sabuin
NSD SS/PM Director



initiation and the same time of report and rejoicing.

Example #2. In sending out the seventy disciples (Luke 10:1-20), Jesus sent them at the same time (verse 1), with the same instructions (verse 3), the same strategies (verse 4-11), and the same message: “The kingdom of God has come near to you” (verse 9). It is implied that the seventy returned to Jesus at the same time and gave Him reports (verse 17). Thus, they went out at the same time and returned at the same time. It means there was a time period for this activity of the seventy.

Principle #3. The Bible supports the idea of total involvement of all aspects of the church, the leaders, the pastors, and all the members, in doing one specific project together, beginning with regular activities and ending with a climax of great harvest.

Example #3. The people of Israel marched together surrounding the city of Jericho with very detailed instruction that they needed to do together: go around the city once a day, for six days (Joshua 6:3); go around the city seven times on the seventh day (verse 4); the priests shall blow their trumpets together on the seventh day (verse 4); all the people would shout together with loud voices (verse 5). They got victory!

Principle #4. The Bible supports the idea of doing things together at exactly the same time, especially when facing a huge challenge by an incomparably small number of people.

Example #4. The group of 300 people with Gideon was the last remnant that had to fight the battle against the Midianites and Amalekites who were “numerous as locusts ... as the sand by the seashore in multitude” (Judges 7:12). Inspired by God, Gideon presented a strategy to his army: They divided the 300 into three groups; they had the same kinds of weapon and gears; they must listen to the instruction of Gideon; they must blow their trumpets together holding them with their right hands; they must hold their torch with their left hands; they must break their pitchers together. TMI 2019 adopts the same strategy as Gideon. It seems obvious that conducting simultaneous evangelistic meetings is biblical. Be part of TMI 2019!

Jeong EuiChan, a Pathfinder of the Sae Cheonan Church in Korea, saves a life by performing CPR.



Korean Pathfinder Saves a Life by Performing CPR

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A young Korean Pathfinder saved the life of another student, who had been lying on the street unconscious. It was Pathfinder education that made it possible for him to perform CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation).

The hero of this story is Jeong EuiChan, a Pathfinder of the Sae Cheonan Church in Korea. Since he is a soccer player as well as a middle school student, he usually stays at the Cheonan Soccer Center for training. Toward the end of last

year, as he was returning to the center with his friend, a student about his age ran up to him and urgently asked for help.

At first, Jeong thought that the student was joking, but he still followed him. When they arrived at the scene, there really was a student lying on the ground. At first, Jeong was surprised and didn't know what to do, but he quickly calmed himself down and started the CPR process just as he had learned in Pathfinders.

First, he turned the patient's body properly and checked if he was conscious. He tapped his collarbone, but there was no response, so he lifted the patient's eyelid and checked. His eyelids were trembling, and the eyeballs were not in the right position. He wasn't even breathing. Jeong knew that it was a serious situation.

Jeong couldn't call 911 since his cellphone was with the soccer coach on weekdays. It was already dark, so there was no one around to call for help. He made a quick decision and told the patient's friend to rush to the center and bring someone who could help them. He also told his friend who was with him to massage the patient's legs.

He had practiced performing CPR a number of times in Pathfinders, but this time it was for real. Because it was his first time, he didn't feel so sure, but the numerous trainings paid off in this urgent situation. The only thing in his mind was that he should save the person in front of him, and he started the CPR process praying. Fortunately, the patient was wearing comfortable sportswear. After Jeong performed CPR, a set of 30 chest compressions, the patient opened his eyes.

"Thank you, Lord. I believe that you were with me!" Jeong confessed. A prayer of thanks came out of his mouth naturally.

Jeong asked the patient if he could sit up, and he did. The patient thanked Jeong for saving his life. When the first aid process was over, they could see the adults rushing toward them. The patient was immediately taken to the hospital. The patient, as we heard later on, is in good health.

Jeong had a bashful smile on his face, saying, "I just did what I had to do." He also mentioned, "My Pathfinder leader always emphasized the importance of first aid and CPR. Years of training and the constantly repeated practices really did pay off. Anyone of us can be an emergency patient, and anyone can save a life through proper first aid."

He also remarked, "By participating in various activities as a Pathfinder, I'm experiencing things that my non-Adventist friends cannot. I believe that the reason we work in our special Pathfinder uniform is for salvation, service, and mission. I hope that many young people around me, including myself, become Pathfinder members and grow up as better Adventists in the future. I will always try to be a passionate Pathfinder working with Jesus."

It is worth noting that Pathfinder clubs in the Middlewest Korean Conference have held CPR contests on a regular basis so that their members can help people in need of first aid.



8th Korean Adventist Women's Association Leadership Retreat

The Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) held a devotional meeting for board and advisory members at the Korean Union Conference (KUC) chapel hall on January 21, 2019. Approximately 40 women's ministries leaders and female pastors gathered at this year's retreat, where the theme was "Heralds of Light, Speed Away."

Nam SangSook, KAWA president, gave welcome remarks to the attendees. "I am very glad this morning as I see the faces of my companions in Christian faith. I am sure that our God is pleased with our dedication." Citing Matthew 23:10, "Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ," she emphasized whom they should follow in their ministries.

The retreat was held with the support of the women's ministries department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC). In her message of encouragement, Ahn JaeSoon, KUC women's ministries director, focused on the life of Deborah, the mother of Israel. "In this age, people need a leader who is maternal, cooperative, thoughtful, and likely to serve, not to be served. We should foster this kind of leadership in ourselves when we live our daily lives and do our mission work," said Mrs. Ahn.

Attendees were paired up to pray for the projects and progress of the 8th KAWA, women's ministries of the five local Conferences under KUC, growth and revival of the Korean Adventist church, the peace and unification of Korea, and other prayer requests. During the retreat, they had a chance to renew their commitment to God and rekindle their passion for winning souls.

Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) was first conceived in April 1997. For the past 22 years, through KAWA, women have been able to better serve as missionaries in and out of the church by clearly establishing their sense of identity and educating themselves to live worthier lives. Not just domestically but in foreign missions, they have passionately served the Lord by saving many souls and building churches. Also, continual efforts have been made to develop better Adventist women leaders through spiritual, cultural, and missionary training programs.



Nam SangSook, KAWA president



MISSION APPROACH FOR POSTMODERN YOUNG PEOPLE

From the early days until now, the evangelical methods of the Seventh-day Adventists have been to teach distinctive Adventist doctrines to those who are already Christians or who have somewhat Christian backgrounds. New converts learned some of the Adventist doctrines on the Sabbath, second coming, diet and prophecy and then became church members. They already had some basic allegiance to the Bible and its truth. This resulted in a Christian conversion experience. But now with the people whose worldviews are shaped with postmodernism, it is a completely different story in the converting process.¹

As years go by, we hear from local church pastors and conference presidents saying that evangelism is becoming very difficult. Pastors work hard day and night, but after many days of sowing and harvest efforts, not many people are being converted

or coming to the church. We can see many churches' doors are closed and lights are darkened on Wednesday week of prayer or even on Friday vespers meeting. What is much worse than this is that there are not many children, youth or young couples in our local churches. Adventist parents are trying their best to teach their children in our Adventist academies, but after their graduation from high school, many of them just leave their faith behind and go into the world.

What has brought these changes in a few decades? We will find the answers to these questions through this short research on postmodernism and its influence on the young generation.

What Is Postmodernism?

Postmodernism began between the late 1960s to early 1970s in the United States of America. It appeared in various parts of art,

philosophy, and society in the form of the human rights movement, the peace movement, women's rights movement, rock music, new religions, etc. This newly developed trend brought criticism on modern worldview and all belief systems.²

Postmodernism itself has various meanings. This is caused by the lack of its objectivity. Therefore, there is no concrete definition of postmodernism that everyone agrees on. It will be much better to describe it than define it. Thomas C. Oden writes in his book *The Death of Modernity and Postmodern Evangelical Spirituality* that Postmodernism is a practical and historical process of the death of modernity.³

Modernism was characterized with absolute belief, Enlightenment idealism, inevitable historical development. But postmodernism means nothing than the death of

modernism. Postmodernists insist that truth is personal and subjective, that they don't try to have one belief or one opinion on anything. Dr. Bruce L. Bauer of Andrews University defines postmodernism as follows:

“In essence, postmodernism is based on the position that reality is not mirrored in human understanding of it but is rather constructed as the mind tries to understand its own personal reality. Postmodernism is therefore skeptical of explanations that claim to be valid for all groups, cultures, traditions or races, and instead focuses on the relative truths of each person.”⁴

Characteristics & Worldview of Postmodernism

Even though we cannot clearly define what postmodernism is, there are several characteristics that we can think about. We can say that it is a change of value. This change of value is based on social changes. The new values of postmodernity are imagination, sensibilities, emotion, warmth, and humanity.⁵

Postmodern worldview appeared

in the late 20th century when the modern worldview, based on rationality, faith in the order, and moral clarity, began to fall down. Postmodernism is more than one intellectual or public cultural phenomenon. Postmodernists don't think about any philosophical worldview, but we can see their worldview with the word “sensitivity.”⁶

Postmodern worldview refuses any kind of generalized view. By suggesting a radical hermeneutic, John Saputo said: “There is only one truth which is there is no truth.” This is a refusal to a worldview, which means the cosmos is basically meaningless and purposeless. Postmodern worldview is cynical about the meaning of life. They say that any kind of meaning or purpose is what humans set up for political purposes. Postmodernists says that postmodernism can help people to embrace the differences and bare others.⁷

Influence on Theology

Postmodernism as a phenomenon brought major changes to theology. Because theology is a study that

gives Christians answers to the questions raised by the people, it can't be separated from society. With this basis, postmodernism brought a postmodern theology and philosophy.⁸ Postmodernism also brought changes in Christian lifestyle, and it affected the way to share the good news with the people.

Mark Kline Taylor, a systematic theology professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, points out three characteristics of postmodern theology. He says that postmodern theology is trying to recover the uniqueness of Christian tradition but it is pluralistic and against control. The goal of this theology is to turn over ecclesiastical authority, such as God, humans, history, and the Bible. Here we can include Liberation theology, Minjung theology, black theology that resists the control of white people, Feminist theology, and Eco theology.⁹

Influence on Christian Life

Postmodernism brought changes to the lives of many Christians. Along with postmodernism, pluralism came into the hearts of the people. There is no more absolute truth, but



pluralism, relativism, contingency started to make a new frame of logic. This seriously affected Evangelical theology. People don't believe that Jesus Christ is the only way for salvation, and they think that the Bible is not an absolute truth. Therefore, they try to focus more on their sensational culture, experience, mystery, and feelings.¹⁰

With the development of new technologies and postmodernism, many changes are brought into the lives of people. Catholic churches and Buddhist temples in Korea are breaking their walls and starting to have talks about religious unification. People want to enjoy whatever they want to do to enjoy their freedom of choices. They tend to pursue pleasures in their lives. Songs, movies, advertisements, drugs, sexual openness, extreme sports are touching the senses of the people and giving them earthly joys, not only for non-Christians but also for Christians.¹¹

Mission in Postmodern Paradigm

With the rise of postmodernism, evangelistic efforts are no longer bearing much fruit. College students are not looking into the world with the same views. The Gospel message of Jesus is not moving people's hearts. Missionary efforts are not working, and results are decreasing.¹²

But there are still possibilities to overcome these kinds of difficulties. Because postmodernists think spirituality is closely connected to supernatural experience, Christians who have close contact with the power of the Holy Spirit will have opportunities to share their amazing stories with their postmodern friends. Intuition and emotions are other pathways where postmodernists can find the truth. Leading them to experience and taste the goodness of God will be good opportunities for them to open their hearts to Jesus.¹³

Ellen White said that "the apostle [Paul] varied his manner

of labor, shaping his message to the circumstances under which he was placed." She insisted that God's workers "are not to be . . . stereotyped in their manner of working, unable to see that their advocacy of truth must vary with the class of people among whom they are working and the circumstances they have to meet."¹⁴ The Adventist church needs to find the best suitable ways of communicating the gospel with other people so that the message will be heard and accepted in various cultural and social levels.

Many pastors and missionaries say that mission is becoming more difficult. Yes, this is true. Statistics tell us this when we receive the reports in committee meetings. Paul said, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables."¹⁵ As we can read here, Paul describes how people will have their own "teachers" that they like and they will like "fable" stories. This is exactly what postmodernists are like.

What we have to do is to follow Jesus' examples. Jesus was just helping people. He came to people through the incarnation. He became one of them, and He helped the poor. He loved them and healed their diseases, preached the gospel and trained His disciples. We also need to do the same. We need to come close to the people by becoming their friends. And we can help them and share our loving hearts with them. And we need to bring them to Jesus step by step. Postmodernists will need time to become Jesus' disciples.

Conclusion

In this postmodern era, people are seeking genuine relationships and trying to find a group they can belong to. "The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their

good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their need, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'¹⁶ Jesus showed a good example of mission for postmodern people. It is to help them to understand the story of redemption by spending much time with them and communicating with them. It is like a journey that we go on together. The Holy Spirit will convince them to open their hearts and to receive God's salvation for them.



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52nd Batch Missionaries Participate in the SPUC Harvest Celebration



Attending the event gave the missionaries heart-warming experiences that helped boost their confidence in sharing God's word in their respective mission fields. Their passion to serve the Lord was revived upon hearing testimonies shared by senior missionaries they encountered. Some of the senior missionaries also imparted words to help them cope with challenges they face with their partners. "Love your partner's weaknesses and make your talk a prayer," a 50th batch missionary counseled. Jade Narbonita

from the 52nd batch reflected that "if we as the servants of the Lord give our lives and submit our lives to Him, He will empower us to do His work."

The sermons delivered by speakers at the event also left a mark on the lives of the attendees. Pastor Wendell Serrano said, "Reach your goal through sacrifice not by compromise." He left a life lesson to never compromise the Sabbath to anything even if it requires sacrifice. Pastor Robert Costa also encouraged the spectators to not be frustrated and to be ready for Christ's coming.

Beholding the Holy Spirit's working in the lives of the 1,176 newly baptized, the missionaries were motivated to engage in winning souls for Jesus. They witnessed how miraculously God works to win souls He owns and loves. These personal encounters of the missionaries with the Lord ignited the fire inside them. They also recognized that it is God who directed them to the event in



The 52nd 1000MM missionaries went to the SPUC Harvest Celebration, which was held at Mountain View College.

From October 22 to 27, 2018, the South Philippines Union Conference (SPUC) celebrated the harvest from their initiative, "Integrated Evangelism Lifestyle on Nurturing, Discipleship, and Reclamation." Various delegates from all over Mindanao as well as the 52nd 1000 Missionary Movement missionaries attended the event, which took place at Mountain View College in Bukidnon, Philippines. It was also a celebration of the 100th year of Adventism in Mindanao.

order to give them a new heart for selfless service as they serve as missionaries in their mission fields.

God truthfully equips those who respond to His call. We should just be brave to follow Him even if it means leaving everything. In the book of Matthew chapter 16, Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." As we closely follow Jesus, we become true laborers together with God.

The missionaries were blessed to witness the mass baptism of 1,176 people at the harvest meeting.



53rd Batch Missionaries Yearning for Learning

The 53rd batch of 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) commenced its English training on January 7, 2019. This time, the 1000MM was blessed with missionaries from six participating countries: 5 from Mongolia, 1 from Indonesia, 2 from Russia, 11 from Korea, 1 from Mexico, and 20 from the Philippines.

Six of the missionaries from the Philippines were chosen to function as teachers accompanied by two from Korea and one from Mexico, making a total of nine teachers and seventeen students working together for the English training. The rest of the Filipinos served in urban ministry in Mindoro, Philippines.



During the English training, the teachers worked hand-in-hand in helping their co-missionaries to achieve their goal of better communication. The students also burned the candle to benefit from this prodigious opportunity. Although unfamiliar circumstances are challenging, the students yearn for the knowledge they consider helpful for the advancement of the mission to which they are called.

The philosopher Wittgenstein once said, "The limits of my language mean the limits of my world." The international missionaries for whom English is not their first language stepped up to conquer those limits. Soon, by God's power and grace, they will be ready to conquer the bigger world bringing with them the words of the Lord saying, "Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say" (Exodus 4:12).



1000MM 52nd Batch Completes Cottage Meeting

In the book of Acts, the most famous “cottage meeting” was the one arranged by Cornelius, when he invited Apostle Paul to speak. The meeting gave the apostle an opportunity to convert Cornelius and his family.

The newly trained 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionaries were divided into six groups and sent to two places in the Philippines: Laguna and Amadeo. During the third and fourth weeks of September 2018, the groups had their assigned speakers and were able to carry out their tasks as missionaries.

Here are comments from three of the trainees:

- The cottage meetings were voluntary in the sense that the families opened their homes to us. A few families wanted to have the cottage meeting in their homes, but were not able to due to lack of space. The church arranged the meetings in a nearby lot as the venue for the lectures. At the cottage meeting, we had some “teaching and preaching” time like the early church. We also had a time of singing. We also had a session for testimony during the meeting. We were blessed to share what the Lord has done in our lives. (Shinny Cuadra)
- It was beneficial for individuals to hear intimate, practical details of how God has changed the life of someone they know personally. The ambience of a home, combined with hearing God’s word, and a time to openly share our thoughts and burdens with others are great things in our Christian life. After the meeting, we shared a meal together. What a blessing that we had spiritual food for our souls, fellowship for our hearts, and delicious food for our bodies! The meal was prepared by supporters and the host family. The cottage meeting taught me to encourage one another. (Ron Raphaelle)
- At the cottage meeting I attended, one of the new visitors was touched by our meeting and said, “It feels like a warm hug.” In her former church, which she had attended for forty years, she had never felt so appreciated or loved as she did here. Most of the attendees remarked that our meeting was warm, friendly, caring, welcoming, and allowed them to have a sense of belonging. (Joan Briones)



Pastor Shin DongHee, former 1000MM director, gives a lecture outside to the 52nd batch of 1000MM missionaries.



17th PMM Dedication Service

The 17th Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) dedication service was held on November 10, 2018, at the 100th Anniversary Memorial Hall of Sahmyook University, Korea, during the Annual Council of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). Six pastors and their families have volunteered for six years of frontier mission for the purpose of church planting and saving souls.

Geoffrey G. Mbwana, general vice president of the General Conference, encouraged the PMM missionaries with a powerful message, referring to the Samaritan woman in John chapter 4. He said, “Carefully find the right time to harvest souls. Always ask God for wisdom, and He will make your harvest abundant.”

Kim SiYoung, NSD president, urged the missionaries to believe that our mighty God will go ahead of them and show them where to go. His inspirational message encouraged the missionaries to leave for their mission field with faithful hearts.

These pastors have been assigned to five different countries: Ki NoHyeok – Armenia; Chae JoongWon – Kuwait; Nam KyeongWon – Pakistan; Kim JeongTae – Vietnam; Kim ByeongSeob – Taiwan; Yang HeeWon – Taiwan. The pastors will receive 100 hours of intensive missionary training before they depart for their assigned countries. The training focuses on cross-cultural ministry,



including church planting, living in a foreign country, methods of reaching people, spiritual commitment, community transformation, and servant leadership in mission.

In 2003, the first five PMM missionary families were dispatched to foreign mission fields. There have been 102 missionary families sent out since the beginning of the PMM program. As of March 2019, 42 families are currently serving in 15 different countries.



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LORD, SEND ME A SOUL IN 2019!



What is TMI Evangelism 2019?



1. 2019 evangelistic series being held in churches throughout the Northern Asia-Pacific territory
2. All church members' movement: One church member/One soul
3. Contact souls through community service and friendship evangelism
4. Total evangelism: churches, schools, hospitals, food factories, language institutions, and all other institutions
5. Number of sites for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division TMI Evangelism 2019
 - Korean Union Conference: 1000
 - Chinese Union Mission: 750
 - Japan Union Conference: 110
 - Taiwan Conference: 110
 - Mongolia Mission: 29
 - Hong Kong-Macao Conference: 20

