

NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION THE MOST CHALLENGING FIELD



In order to raise money for the North Korean people, the Golden Angels held fundraising concerts at local churches in Brisbane, Australia, from April 3 to 11, 2019.

### INSPIRATION

### Lord, We Are Willing to be Your Arms!

There were four people in the church whose names were "Everybody," "Somebody," "Anybody," and "Nobody." An important task was given and Everybody was requested to deal with the task. Apparently, Everybody assumed that Somebody would do the task because it was something that Anybody could do. But eventually, Nobody did the task and it ended with Everybody criticizing Somebody. It was something that Anybody could do in the first place, but it ended by Nobody doing it. The story continues that this argument is an ongoing issue, insisting that each other is right. So it's been reported that nothing has ever begun in this church until now. This might be a little complicated illustration, but, today, it reminds me to ask myself, "Am I not one of those four? Isn't this church the church I serve?" Even if Nobody showed interest in doing the task, the opportunity should be open to Everybody. When facing these simple service opportunities, which Anybody could do, shouldn't each of us be the Somebody responding to the work? Shouldn't our church be this kind of church?

Jesus calls devoted workers who are faithful to little things, not the big talkers who cannot even start anything because of their complicated mind (Luke 10:2). The church is not run by a group of talkers. Church should be a place where workers gather to encourage each other and work together for the kingdom of God (Colossians 4:11). How can a church represent and follow Christ's life when this generation is compared to "a flute played for you, and you did not dance; a dirge sang for you, and you did not mourn" (Matthew 11:17)? Each of us should recognize, agonize, and share the question of "how should my life be reflected in this world as a living Christian?" This fundamental question of sacred desire should be a living question in our hearts.

> It is not desirable to have too many big talkers in the church. I have heard and researched cultural, environmental, and situational analysis of the recent church phenomenon about the growing number of smart talkers, but it is uncomfortable for me to

> > Kim SiYoung, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

acknowledge and accept the reason because wrong is wrong. Big talkers like to rationalize and selfjustify, contradict, and insist on doing everything their own way, reciting "excuses" to God even though they know that it is wrong. It easily becomes a habit when they continue wrongdoing. Later on they fall into their own self religion based on their created habits, not on biblical faith. They end up with a "stubborn, unrepentant heart" (Romans 2:5) and gradually become arrogant. In no time, God's story recedes into the distance and their faith fades away. Their own story will be the center of their life and they will enjoy an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words (1 Timothy 5:4). They will be the ones whose outward looks are whitewashed and clean, but who, on the inside have completely decayed, having a form of godliness but denying its power (2 Timothy 3:5). Big talkers attempt to draw attention to themselves, but the devoted workers make a real effort to reveal God. Who is revealed through your faith and life?

Now is the time for us to become His arms as harvesters serving His church, the world, and the kingdom of God. I believe that when we, as harvesters, become the center of the church and as our number increases, the recovery of the nature of the church will happen so the church can become a place of vitality and hope.



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.



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OVER STORY

There is a land that can be reached in 30 minutes from Ilsan, Korea, where I live. But aspects of life in that land are much different from Ilsan.

"Mom, I'm thirsty."

"You can get some water from the refrigerator."

"Mom, I am cold."

"Okay, I'm turning up the temperature, so take a warm shower and go to bed."

This is a casual conversation between my wife and daughter; it could be a casual conversation in your family. However, in some parts of North Korea, this conversation is not casual. When the temperature drops below zero, the situations in North Korea and South Korea are different. In North Korea, there are still many buildings which do not have heating facilities or hot water. For many North Koreans, it is not common to get water from a tap, to have running water in toilets or sinks.

There is a couple living in Australia, Kang SeungYong and Lee SooJung, who have been praying in tears for this miserable situation. They planned a fundraising

concert to raise money for the North Korean people, and they invited the 16th group of Golden Angels, singing missionaries of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD).

Big concerts were held at three local churches in Brisbane, Australia-Logan Reserve Church, Salisbury, and Mountain Gravatt Church-from April 3 to 11, 2019. The total number of people in the audiences was more than 1,000. One of the audience members from the Mountain Gravatt Church said, "I've never seen such a large audience at any of the Adventist events here. A lot of local church members were actively engaged in helping with the concerts. As a result, we raised about 1,800 USD in total, and we continue to collect funds even after the concerts."

After the music service, during divine worship on Sabbath, a woman in her late 50s approached me and said that while she was praying that morning, she had heard a voice from the Holy Spirit that reminded her of the money she had been saving for someone in need. And as she attended the Sabbath worship, she was very

# We Speak to Nations: Golden Angels Hold Concert in Australia

#### **Cho DaeYeon**

Associate Coordinator of Music Ministries for Golden Angels





impressed by the Golden Angels concert and she immediately remembered the voice she had heard that morning. She donated about 3,500 USD three days after the concert.

In addition, a church member in the late 40s, who runs an international education agency, was touched by the dedication and service of the Golden Angels missionaries and donated 700 USD. Another young couple donated 350 USD although they do not have a high income. I realized that we have a chance to work for God when we are active. The funds will be used for an electric facility, installation of solar panels, and hot water facilities at a private nursing home in North Korea.

Furthermore, the concert was successful in more than just raising funds. Many non-Adventists attended the concert and were touched by the love of God through our songs. Also, there were a lot of people who were moved by the dedication of young missionaries. We all gained confidence again that God leads our mission work. Lastly, our performance, which included five Korean missionaries, contributed to improving the Korean status within the Korean immigrant society in Australia.

Will the day come when Golden Angels will sing and preach the gospel in North Korea? I believe that such a day will come soon because the truth is marching on. And when that day comes, we will sing "We Speak to Nations; Be Free."



Above: Mr. and Mrs. Kang (2nd and 3rd in the first row), who organized this fundraising concert for North Koreans, with Golden Angels missionaries and their associate coordinator.

Below: The Korean traditional fan dance team was invited to give a special performance during the concert.

### NEWS FOCUS I

# **2019 GAIN:** ADVENTIST COMMUNICATORS GO BOLD TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Marcos Paseggi Adventist Review

Seventh-day Adventist communicators closed the 2019 Global Adventist Internet Network (GAiN) Conference in Sweimeh, Jordan, with a pledge to step up and go bold with initiatives to support the mission of the church.

The February 28, 2019, wrap-up session for the event, which drew more than 600 information technology (IT) experts, communication directors, television producers, photographers, videographers, radio producers, and news writers working for the Adventist Church, showed an increasing willingness to be outwardly focused.

"Church communication is not an end in itself," said Adventist Church communication director Williams Costa Jr. on the sidelines of the conference. "We are here



Williams Costa, world church communication director, addresses GAiN attendees in Jordan during the 2019 conference. [Photo: ANN]



Photo: ANN

to serve, to use our voice to support the church's outreach and mission initiatives."

Based on this developing philosophy, GAiN chose to partner with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), which held two weeks of annual meetings in Jordan. ADRA inspired GAiN attendees with its unique mission to serve the world's populations, and GAiN participants discussed how to contribute communication expertise to that mission.

#### **Importance of GAiN Conferences**

GAiN conferences began in 2003 when a group of the church's IT experts met with members of the General Conference Council on Evangelism and Witness, looking for better ways of networking, streamlining processes, and sharing resources, organizers explained. Since then, the annual event has grown to include Adventists working for the church organization in media and communication as well.

While these related communication entities have met either immediately before or after GAiN to discuss strategy, this year all parties agreed to try a new approach. Morning and evening plenary sessions brought everyone together, while the afternoon allowed GAiN, Hope Channel, Adventist World Radio (AWR), ITS, and the Global News Summit to hold separate meetings.

GAiN morning plenary sessions included presentations from a variety of communication areas, including humanitarian aid, education, and women's and children's church ministries. "It's all about increasingly looking outside ourselves, reaching out to find spots where we can provide support to the mission of sharing hope and healing with an ailing world," Costa Jr. told *Adventist Review*.

During the 2019 conference, plenary sessions alternated with more specialized talks, panels, and discussions in the afternoons. The 45-minute concluding session on February 28 attempted to connect the dots between ministries and show a unifying purpose behind this new strategy. "No matter our field of expertise, we are here to serve the church," Costa Jr. said.

#### **A Network of Support**

Ministry leaders agree that very little could be accomplished but for the extensive and well-oiled support by Adventist IT experts. "We provide the foundations for other church ministries to build their projects," explained General Conference ITS director Stephen Filkoski. "This week we discussed how IT could build structure, limit chaos, and prioritize projects so we can serve the mission needs of the church more effectively."

The church's network of support includes SunPlus, a financial management and accounting software package that is designed for Adventist administrative and institutional organizations. Director Brent Burdick shared that currently, SunPlus employs 19 people based in nine countries, a team that supports the church's work in 127 countries, for 852 church organizations, and 3,600 users. "During our discussions, we were reminded of our role as financial communicators using technology, and how that fits into the big picture of our beloved church," he said.

#### **A Network of Collaboration**

In stressing the collaborative nature of the 2019 GAiN conference, ADRA president Jonathan Duffy was invited to share his assessment of the 2019 conference. "It's been such a blessing [to be part of GAiN]," he said. "We have too many silos among the church's various departments. We need to find one voice; we need to find one action."

Duffy explained that union in mission is only a first step. "We are already united in mission," he said. "Now we must work together and blend our ministries to work more effectively. We can do so much more in working together."

It's all about effecting change and being the agents of hope and healing that the world needs, Duffy said. "[I pray] that as a church we stand together united, pointing people towards the One who has the true healing."

Adventist Church vice president Billy Biaggi agreed as he appealed to communicators to keep discussing "how to convey a message that is meaningful for the people of this world." In reference to Romans 10:9, in closing remarks, Biaggi invited Adventist communicators to "believe in their hearts but confess with their mouths." "We need to put our lights on a stand," he said.

Echoing other communication leaders, Biaggi also called everyone to work toward an increasing synchronization of the various ministries of the church. "[We must] integrate all ministries, including institutions, agencies, and church administration," he said.

Hope Channel president Derek Morris agreed. "We are stronger when we work together in the name of Jesus."

The 2020 GAiN Conference will be an online-only event, due to the General Conference Session. Dates are awaiting confirmation.





# HOPE CHANNEL NETWORK LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2019



There are over 45 language channels worldwide under the brand of Hope Channel, the official television network of the Adventist Church, and the number is increasing every year.

In 2019, the Hope Channel Network Leadership Conference took place in Sweimeh, Jordan, from February 25 to March 2, 2019, in conjunction with the Global Adventist Internet Network (GAiN) conference and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) conference. More than 500 delegates gathered at the meeting venue beside the beautiful shore of the Dead Sea, which was not too far from Mount Nebo.

Dr. Derek Morris, the president of Hope Channel, invited all channel leaders to meet once a year to share, discuss, brainstorm, plan, learn, support, encourage, and pray together for the work that we do.

In the morning session, we had a joint meeting with GAiN and ADRA. GAiN presentations shared new methods to reach the community and equip the church with modern technology. ADRA introduced their project, "Every Child, Every Where, In the School," with testimonies and reports that moved attendees' hearts. In the afternoon, the delegates divided into groups as

### NEWS FOCUS II



Hope Channel, Adventist World Radio, Web IT, SunPlus Adventist accounting system, ADRA and many more.

Hope Channel Network Leadership Conference made some resolutions this year: 1. To appoint a Network Website Redesign Committee

- 2. To have the Network Strategic Collaboration Committee meet more frequently
- 3. To incorporate the Network Strategic Plan
- 4. To have the Network Joint Film Production Committee be more active
- 5. To participate in the "Daniel Project," which puts the life of Daniel in cinematic images

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) had delegates from Hope Channel Korea, Hope Channel Japan and Chinese Hope TV attend the conference this year, and we were happy to see delegates from Mongolia Mission, who are interested in starting Hope Channel Mongolia. We look forward to having the Hope Channel available in four languages in the near future. We hope to learn

from and support each other to reach the unreached souls for His kingdom.

We are so thankful to Mrs. Ivy Ng, HC Asia Channel coordinator, for all her support and encouragement to each channel in our Division day by day.

May God bless the Hope Channel so that it can be a powerful tool in preparing more people for the second coming of our Lord Jesus.





### **Taiwan Churches** Plan to Have **Simultaneous Evangelistic** Meetings for TMI Evangelism 2019 Joo MinHo

NSD Adventist Mission Director

TWC three officers. Dan Liu (treasurer). Noah Lai (president), and Mark Tseng (secretary)



NSD president Kim SiYoung encouraged local church pastors in Taiwan at the plenary meeting for TMI evangelism 2019.

t the midyear meeting in Sapparo, Japan, in 2018, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) approved the "TMI Evangelism 2019" project. As part of this project, the decision was made to hold simultaneous evangelistic meetings at 16 local churches in Taiwan Conference (TWC) in July 2019. The NSD officers, directors, and staff are set to serve as speakers.

Dr. Joo MinHo, NSD Adventist Mission director, planned a plenary meeting with Taiwan pastors to prepare and pray together for TMI Evangelism 2019. On February 28, 2019, all 16 local church pastors whose churches will be involved in the 16 simultaneous evangelistic meetings got together with the NSD directors and staff.

In the opening worship, TWC president Noah Lai spoke about the significance of mission in Taiwan because there are still very few Adventists compared to the whole population of Taiwan. It was also pointed out that the Taiwan Adventist Church has been growing slowly. In 1962, there were 92 churches in Taiwan; in 2017, there were 112 churches. Over the past 55 years, only 20 churches have been added. This shows that the Adventist Church is barely growing in Taiwan.

In his sermon, Dr. Kim SiYoung, NSD president, talked about how to deliver the gospel to the Taiwan people. Introducing the successful ways of Jesus in reaching the people, as written in Ellen G. White's Ministry of Healing, he emphasized that the church should understand and fill the needs of the people.

Pastor Joseph Ma, TWC Global Mission coordinator, reported on how each church in Taiwan has been preparing for TMI Evangelism 2019. He talked about the whole process of a successful evangelism from the beginning to the evangelistic meeting itself.

Dr. Joo, who is charge of the Mission to the Cities project, gave a presentation on how to make public evangelism effective and successful. He introduced the combination of missional church and attractional church with a view on church growth and revival. Missional

church underscores where a church is headed and shows the love of Jesus by meeting the felt-needs of those in the community. On the other hand, attractional church is bent on inviting people to come and see. Dr. Joo also shared three elements as the backbone of effective public evangelism: cultivating (individuals and groups involved in prayer and in developing friendship community service), sowing (testimony and invitation to small groups), and harvesting (invitation to public evangelism and baptism).

In the afternoon, each local church reported on their plans for the evangelistic meetings. Before wrapping up the prayer meeting, Dr. Kim SiYoung and all NSD directors participated in the pinning ceremony, placing a pin on each local pastor's jacket. On March 1, the NSD directors were scattered to different local churches to meet church members and to speak to them on the Sabbath day.



# Small Group Ministry: An Option?

EVANGELISM

<sup>CC</sup> We decided to utilize small groups for TMI 2019," said Pastor Noah Lai, president of the Taiwan Conference (TWC). For that purpose, TWC conducted a training on small group ministries for all church pastors and elders in the conference from January 20 to 23, 2019. These are the topics that were presented at the training program:

- Biblical foundation for unity in action
- Small group is not an option; it is the way
- Small group cycle
- 90-minute small group program
- Small groups as a base for retention
- Small group, baptismal service, and retention
- Bible study in small groups The Bible provides

examples that emphasize the

importance of doing things together in the same way in order to achieve greater results in mission. The story of Gideon and his 300 men that conquered the Midianites and the Amalekites is one example. Although they were split into smaller groups of 100 people, they blew the trumpet together, broke the clay jars together, and shouted together. This point was emphasized by Pastor Richard Sabuin, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), who presented these topics. Brother Joseph Ma, TWC education director, translated all of the presentations. Although small group ministry being the basis for evangelism and church life is not a new idea, many churches have not implemented it thoroughly and

> properly. While it is true that there are Sabbath School classes, many of these classes meet only on Sabbath morning to discuss the Sabbath School lessons. Logically, the idea of splitting

into smaller groups for Sabbath School discussion is to have the involvement of as many members as possible in the discussion. This principle should also be applied in other aspects of church life, including mission work and evangelism. The Bible gives

examples of the success of small group ministries: Moses divided the people of Israel into groups of 10 people; Jesus laid the foundation of Christianity by training 12 disciples; Paul decided to train 12 disciples in Ephesus to spread the gospel in Asia Minor and beyond. So, small group ministry is not just an option for evangelism; it is the biblical way of doing evangelism and managing the church.



One component of small group activities is Bible study. Many have been trying their best to find good resources. Yes, there are good materials for Bible study in small groups. The most accessible material is what the church has provided, namely, the Sabbath School Bible Study Guide. Small groups may use this in their meetings during the week. This will help them not spend the whole one hour in Sabbath School classes just discussing the lesson. This one hour for Sabbath School classes should also include mission planning, fellowship, and prayers.

At the end of the training, all pastors made a commitment to implement small group ministries in their local churches in preparation for the TMI 2019 Evangelism this year. Public evangelism without proper soil preparation and seed planting through small groups will not be as successful as it should be.

Therefore, is small group ministry an option for church growth? No, it is not simply an option; it is the way to do it!



### The Bible: The Textbook for Bible Study Richard Sabuin NSD SS/PM Director

**B**ible study is one of the main components of small group ministry. No doubt, Bible study resources are needed. While the church has already provided the Adult Bible Study Guide, many have used it just for the Sabbath School lesson discussion. However, it can also be used for personal Bible study as well as for small group Bible study. In addition, many printed and electronic Bible study guides are available.

Having said that, however, there is no greater joy than reading the Bible and discovering the jewels of truth in it. It is suggested that our local churches, with the guidance of their pastors and elders, develop their own Bible study guide to be used in the small groups. A Bible study committee may be formed to do this. The committee will first evaluate and decide on the need of the church for its spiritual growth. Based on the need, a Bible study plan may be developed.

The church may develop a one-year Bible study plan for small groups, 52 lessons, one per week. Each topic may be discussed for 20 to 30 minutes with the following steps:

- 1. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Ask members to read the selected Bible passage.
- 3. Underline key words or concepts in the passage.
- 4. Connect the key words and concepts.
- 5. Check the immediate context of the selected passage.
- 6. Highlight some lessons or truths.
- 7. Make an appeal and commitment for application.

By developing a Bible study plan, the church will learn to read and discuss not only books about the Bible, but the Bible itself. Dictionaries, study guides, commentaries, and concordances are just tools, and not the textbooks. The Bible is the best textbook for Bible study!

reventh-day Adventists are the inheritors of God's great Commission to proclaim the gospel, and this commission has no exception for Adventists in Mongolia. To fulfill God's commission faithfully, Mongolia ASI (Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries) was organized in 2017. Elder Song JongHyun, NSD ASI president, supported the initial launch of Mongolia ASI. In August 2018, the new board was organized, and B. Munkhsaikhan was appointed appointed as the board chairperson as well as Mongolia ASI president.

The new board members of Mongolia ASI started making appreciable progress and held several meetings. During these meetings, the purpose, policy, plans and future activities were discussed and voted on.

It has been agreed that the purpose of Mongolia ASI is to develop a network of Adventist businessmen in Mongolia, to encourage donations and financial support for gospel work, and to make Mongolia ASI known to church members. Opening a Facebook group was a small but important start to communicate with people. Through Facebook, Mongolia ASI has given useful information to church members and promoted their ministry.

Mongolia ASI held its first convention on March 31, 2019, at the Ulaanbaatar Central Church. Around twenty Adventist-owned companies or institutions introduced their business or activities. B. Munkhsaikhan, Mongolia ASI president, gave welcome remarks during the convention, encouraging participants to move toward one shared vision with mission spirit.

"...and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the Tent of Meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments. All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the Lord" (Exodus 35:21, 22).

Yes, Mongolia ASI members are united for God's mission wholeheartedly. We will not miss any opportunities that we gain where we are to share the gospel message. We will

be God's faithful servants to prepare people for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

### **Mongolia Holds** Its First **ASI** Convention

S. Bazarsad Secretary of ASI Mongolia



Mongolia ASI members





### Forty-One Make Decisions for Baptism in Hong Kong



Ron Clouzet

Nga Ki Wang being baptized by Pastor Heywood Cham

A total of 41 souls made the decision to be baptized during the "Bible Prophecies Decoded" evangelistic meetings led by Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, in March 2019. These meetings were the culmination of an eight-month process known as the Field School of Evangelism. The Field School involved 13 churches. In 2017, the Hong Kong-Macao Conference added 69 new believers among the 25 churches in the Conference. So, seeing 41 people choose to join the Adventist Church with barely above 50% of the churches involved is a wonderful development, and it is a concrete reason to thank the Holy Spirit for His work.

Doing evangelism in Hong Kong is very challenging. The city is very secular, and there are many distractions that battle against the spiritual life. Even though an average of 229 members attended the evangelistic meetings every night, only an additional average of 39 non-members attended. And yet, 41 of these made decisions for Christ, His teachings, and His church! More members and non-members attended on Sabbath mornings.

Perhaps the greatest reason for rejoicing has to do with the fact that in 12 of the 13 participating churches, there were decisions for baptism (see table below). The churches rediscovered a clearer sense of mission, the members and new believers experienced a genuine spiritual renewal, and pastors and leaders learned to do more effective evangelism for the Lord.

Churches	BAC	MAC	BV	HA	KL	MV	PM	SSW	TM	TP	TW	TWo	Total
Baptisms/POF	5	1			3							1	10
Re-baptisms	5	1											6
Scheduled Baptisms	3		3	5		3	1	2	1	4	2	1	25
Total	13	2	3	5	3	3	1	2	1	4	2	2	41



### Unique Components to the Hong Kong Evangelistic Meetings

The evangelistic meetings-24 of themwere broadcast live online from the Bible Auditorium Church to 12 other church sites. Aside from greeters, ushers, and music leaders, there were some other key people involved. Row hosts were responsible for connecting with non-members each night. They also became the people charged with visiting non-members, for which they received specific training every Sabbath afternoon and every Wednesday evening. A resource table with books and resources was available each night. Children's programs were offered where they were needed. Question and Answer sessions were held almost every night, and special prayer times were held throughout the three weeks of the meetings.

### **The Field School Process**

The Hong Kong-Macao Field School of Evangelism taught the concept that evangelism is a process, not a mere event. As such, there were a number of trainings and other events that were part of that process (see table, right).

July-August 2018	Organizational meetings with leaders and churches
August 2018-Mar 2019	Monthly newsletters with updates, trainings, and tips to participating churches
August 2018-Feb 2019	Three community service events per church
September 2018	Training for personal evangelism and intercessory prayer for non-believers
October 2018	Training for Bible learning and how to give Bible studies
December 2018	Training to reach missing members and to lead missional small groups
December 2018	Week-long spiritual revival for members
January 2019	Pre-harvest public meeting on archaeology and the Bible
January-Feb 2019	40 days of prayer for evangelism
February 2019	Pre-harvest public meeting on Christian apologetics for secular people
February-March 2019	Training for evangelistic visitation
February-March 2019	Harvest evangelistic meetings
March 2019	Training for spiritual mentors to care for new believers

### The Enlightenment for Church Growth from the Field School of Evangelism

In 2018, Pastor Heywood Cham, president of the Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC), stated that the main focus for the HKMC in 2019 would be a long series of evangelistic meetings laid out in three sessions. It would include an archaeological seminar—"Astonishing Discoveries," an apologetics seminar—"Who is God?", and a series of harvest meetings-"Bible Prophecies Decoded." Now, the whole campaign has concluded. A total of 41 souls were baptized!

Although the evangelistic series has ended, the real work has just begun. In the entire series of evangelism, what did we learn? Pastor Cham reflects below.

### Systematic Evangelistic Strategy

First of all, on behalf of the HKMC, I would like to thank Dr. Ron Clouzet from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) for leading the Hong Kong-Macao Field School of Evangelism. I am also very grateful for the enthusiastic help and active participation of various groups, which made the evangelistic series a smooth and successful process. The factor that distinguished this campaign from the ones in the past is the preconceived systematic evangelistic strategy.

It is apparent that Dr. Clouzet put his heart into these meetings. He wanted to introduce to us a systematic approach for evangelism. He made sure that all churches





were familiar with the vision and the planning. Through prayer, training, caring, and serving, wonderful things eventually happened. And the Heavenly Father's power eventually was manifested in our work.

#### **United: The Power of Prayer**

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:26-28, KJV).

We often say that what we are doing is the work of sowing and that the Holy Spirit will help with sprouting and growing. Therefore, before we start any work, we should pray for the Lord's help so that whatever we do would be fruitful.

This time, we tried a new way to pray—prayer walk. We stepped out of our offices and churches. We walked around different neighborhoods and prayed for our communities and for the people we met on the streets. We prayed for the institutions and for the people in need.

Forty days before the evangelistic meeting, we began to organize 1-hour prayer every day. We especially prayed for our churches that more people would attend, that the messages would be delivered into the hearts of those in the audience. When everyone is united in prayer for the cause of salvation, the effect will inevitably increase. When the branches are connected to the True Vine, we will bear more fruit; as it is written in the Scriptures, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

People from other dominations came to the meeting. People who saw us on Facebook came. People who saw the flyers and the banners on the streets came. We witnessed the work of the Holy Spirit drawing people to the meetings.

### The Establishment of Relationships: The Real Power of Hospitality and Companionship

We also gained experiences in how to establish a relationship with new visitors. Ushers and row hosts played an important role this time. In the past, our row hosts only sat and talked with the people beside them, which had very minimal influence. This time we made some changes. First, a group of ushers were deployed outside the meeting hall to register the visitors. And then, the row hosts or ushers would take the initiative to become familiar with the visitors. The goal was to know them by name. If a visitor was absent in a subsequent meeting, our row hosts would get in contact with the person to encourage him/her to continue to come.

The seemingly long evangelistic series were meant to build long-term relationships. The key to any successful evangelism is the close personal relationship that is built between the visitors and the congregations. When church members have a close relationship with one another, they share one vision. By God's grace, a good relationship with people inside and outside of the church can further our work mightily.

### The Importance of Member Involvement

The reason why this evangelistic meeting was a great success, besides the appealing topics, was the unity and active participation of every church member. In the past six months, we have seen many members sacrifice a lot of their personal time. If we could be united and devoted like this, our church would really grow and multiply.

#### Exhortation

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears: And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Timothy 4:2-5, KJV). The Field School of Evangelism has finished, but the gospel work is still going on. May all missionaries, pastors, brothers and sisters participate in the work wholeheartedly with all their strength. Remember the Lord's promise: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

# Our Upper Room

**Audrey Folkenberg** CHUM Prayer Ministries Director



CHUM president Robert Folkenberg, Jr., shared God's message with CHUM staff.



Just as the early church leaders met and waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in an upper room, we meet in an upper room. This is because the office of the Chinese Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists is located on the 12th floor of a Hong Kong high-rise.

Meetings start with prayer. We pray together during morning worships, and we have afternoon prayer gatherings. We pray for one another, our departments, churches in China, unentered cities in China, etc. We ask the Holy Spirit to fill us, and we focus on cares and concerns related to reaching the unreached in our territory. We thank Him for battles won and we pray for our world church—including its Divisions and Unions and leaders.

At times, we pray silently. Sometimes, one person prays on behalf of the entire team, or several pray for specific items of concern. We have conversational prayer, "United Prayer"—a group prayer, led by one person in which we express adoration to God, offer corporate confession, submit our requests, and give thanks.

A high week for the Chinese Union Mission is our annual week of prayer. In January 2019, as with every January for the past six years, we came together for a week of prayer. We prioritize this time, knowing that without prayer and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit we are ill-equipped for the task at hand. Yes, we frequently pray and worship, but during our weeks of prayer, we partake in a spiritual feast.

The theme of our recent week of prayer was "A Deeper Experience." We used the 2019 10 Days of Prayer material issued by the General Conference. Each sermon, sermonette, small group discussion, and prayer focus centered around realities that affect the depth of our experience with Jesus.

Though our upper room week of learning and sharing and praying together was rich, we know that God's will for each of us is that we continue, daily, growing deeper and deeper in our



experience with Him. In closing, I ask you to pray for the Chinese Union Mission. Pray that we will experience upper room unity and the filling of the Holy Spirit so that we, individually and corporately, will continue to enjoy an ever deepening experience with Jesus. We want to serve and glorify Him with all our hearts, minds, and souls.



# Japan Radio Stations Connect People to the Adventist Church Through Health Message



The All Japan 2018 Maranatha project, during which 161 evangelistic meetings were held in Japan for three weeks in May 2018, brought us a good harvest last year here in Japan. This year, we have expanded our efforts for the Maranatha 2019 project, which will be carried out this coming October. This project is based on the concept of Total Member Involvement, and media is an important component.

In November 2017, we started with "Radio Nikkei," a short-wave radio station, to broadcast health programs on the radio five days a week. In February 2018, we added seven community FM stations in Tokyo to broadcast the same health programs. In January 2019, we were blessed furthermore to be able to enter into one of the biggest radio stations in Japan, Nippon Broadcast. The best that a religious group can usually hope for is to be given a slot between 4:00 and 5:00 in the morning or sometime after midnight. Surprisingly, we were accepted to broadcast during primetime between 4:00 and 5:00 in the afternoon during their live program.

The live program is run by Mrs. Mitsuyo Kusano, a wellknown former TV news anchor. This program already has 340,000 followers. Our program is being incorporated into this live program in the form of a Question & Answer style session, in which doctors from the Tokyo Adventist Hospital answer health-related questions from listeners. This is the first time in the history of Nippon Broadcast that a particular religious denomination has had a spot during primetime. We believe this is a miracle. Only God can make this happen.

We now have these radio stations as a connecting tool to bring people to the local churches. In the Tokyo metropolitan area, we are having health seminars using our local churches as venues. The radio stations are announcing each health seminar in different locations, hoping to bring people there. At the same time, we are able to introduce the Seventh-day Adventist Church and related organizations through radio broadcasting.

Now, the local churches need to open their doors to their communities. Many churches are struggling because even though they hold many seminars and events in their churches, the visitors do not necessarily make personal connections and start Bible studies or stay in the churches.

That's why the health ministries department of the Japan Union Conference has tried to create a health program that helps to connect visitors with the local church members by using activitybased seminars, which include workshops, games, role plays, and team activities that foster interaction between participants. It is different than typical health seminars that are only lecture-based. The visitors enjoy learning about health through the many activities. In this activity-based seminar, we do not have to invite health professionals as special guest speakers. We have all the tools necessary, such as health books, presentation slides, tracts, etc., for the church members to create their own health activities and to gain relationships with people in their communities.

At the media center of Japan Union Conference (JUC), we have put our best effort to fully support the Maranatha 2019 project by producing various types of media promotions. Also, local churches and the JUC are working closely together in order to lead to the project's success. Our one and common goal is to bring precious souls to Jesus. Please keep us in your prayers so that we may have a great harvest this year!





Health seminars at local Adventist churches in Tokyo are being announced through radio stations, including Nippon Broadcast, one of the biggest radio stations in Japan.

n February 2019, Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern

# Ministry in the **South Pacific**

**Ron Clouzet** NSD Ministerial Secretary



Large group of Adventist believers in Tahiti

members about Christian service, faith as the victory for the Christian, and the priesthood of all believers. Even though secularism is also affecting the people in those beautiful islands, the work of God continues to grow in those places.

# S.O.S. Missionaries Lead Evangelistic Series in Five Local Churches



The S.O.S. missionaries of the Southeast Korean Conference (SEKC) held evangelistic series in five local churches from January 20 to February 23, 2019. As a result, 53 souls were born again through baptism.

Their name, S.O.S., is an acronym for "Salvation, Only Jesus, Service." It is a mission movement led by young Adventists in Korea. The S.O.S. missionaries are thoroughly trained to teach the Bible. Then, they meet their non-Adventist friends one on one, teach them the Bible, maintain a relationship with them, and lead them to be baptized.

It is noteworthy that these young missionaries held the evangelistic meetings on their own. If there were more than six S.O.S. missionaries at a target church, they organized all the meetings of the church with the support of S.O.S. missionaries from other churches.

For these evangelistic series, which were held in five churches, a total of 4,188 face-to-face contacts were made. There were 495 Bible study sessions, 559 people attended the evangelistic meetings, and 53 baptisms took place as a result.

In the Bansong Church, it did not seem easy to hold evangelistic meetings with only a few S.O.S. missionaries and with other difficulties, but the meetings resulted in 20 baptisms, which is the largest number of baptisms that the S.O.S. mission team has ever had. One of the missionaries said, "I am certain that God worked with us wherever we went for His mission work."

Furthermore, two newly-baptized students in Dongrae Church received Bible studies from two S.O.S. missionaries who were baptized during S.O.S. evangelism last year. The same thing happened at the Deokchon Church as well. Their dedication proved that discipleship training through S.O.S. evangelism works.

> Pastor Kim Min, SEKC youth ministries director, said, "This time, three of the five churches had evangelistic meetings led by S.O.S. missionaries and got good results. I see a possibility for the S.O.S missionaries to become self-perpetuating in youth ministries." He also said, "The more training the S.O.S. missionaries receive, the more confident they become. And it results in the fruits of souls."

The S.O.S. Mission Movement, which is led by trained young Adventists, has borne fruits of souls in Korea.

### 500 Pastors Meet for Bible Conference in Korea Ron Clouzet NSD Ministerial Secretary



The Korean Union Conference organized a Bible Conference for the pastors of the West Central and East Central Korean Conferences to study about the Holy Spirit and evangelism. Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, and Pastor Bill McClendon, executive secretary of the North Pacific Union in the United States, were the main speakers.

Around 500 pastors attended the three-day conference, which began at 6:30 a.m. and ended at 10:00 p.m. every day, except on the last day, ending at 12:30 p.m. The main time for fellowship was during mealtimes.

Dr. Clouzet gave six presentations under the theme "The Holy Spirit in the Church." The titles of his illustrated lectures were "How the Spirit Works in the Church," "The Spirit of Christ in Me," "Conditions for the Spirit-Filled Life," "Why We Haven't Finished the Work," "Praying for the Spirit," and "The Key to the Abundant Life." Some of the pastors present were already acquainted with Dr.



Clouzet's book on the Holy Spirit, which was translated into Korean. Unfortunately, the books were all sold out by the time of the Conference.

Pastor McClendon spoke five times on evangelism in the local church. McClendon had two notable pastoral tenures, one in the southern part of the U.S., and another in the east,



and there were remarkable changes and unusual church growth. He emphasized the need to make no apologies for making evangelism the top priority in the local church. He also outlined clear steps for churches to acquire a culture of evangelism and the kind of pastor's leadership skills needed for effective evangelistic work.

At the end of the conference, many questions were submitted by the pastors on the two themes that had been presented as well as on other issues having to do with the church and Christian life. Both presenters answered as many questions as time allowed.

The Bible Conference was coordinated by Pastor Lee JiChoon, ministerial secretary of the Korean Union Conference, and many pastors expressed their gratitude for how valuable the topics and insights presented to them were. The next Bible Conference will be in September, for the sake of the pastors in the three remaining Korean local conferences.



# 2019 Global Youth Day **in Mongolia**



March 16, 2019, was Global Youth Day, a worldwide event promoted by the General Conference's youth ministries department. On this day, Adventist young people around the world shared the love of Jesus with people in their communities. This year, the Mongolia Mission (MM) held a Global Youth Day event from March 15 to 16, 2019, to join this worldwide movement. Approximately 100 young people and church leaders from Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, and from nearby areas gathered together to celebrate Global Youth Day.



MM president Kim YoHan offered a special prayer for the two PCM missionaries.

On March 15, 2019, a dispatching ceremony took place for those who would participate in community outreach the following day. The next day, all Global Youth Day participants went out to the community to serve people, and then shared their testimonies during the evening gathering.

One of the volunteer teams visited the Adventist church in Javkhan, which is about 750 miles away from Ulaanbaatar. They shared the love of God they had experienced in the village with the attendees.

Some pastors living in Ulaanbaatar shared their experience of visiting a juvenile detention. They preached the gospel, prayed for the young people there, and gave them gifts.

In addition to testimonies, youth ministries leaders reported on various mission activities of Mongolian youth, such as youth literature evangelism, community outreach, small group activities in local churches, and campus ministries.

Pastor Kim NakHyung, youth ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, was invited to the event as a speaker. In his lecture, Pastor Kim shared what has been done in Adventist youth ministries in other countries. He said with confidence, "Youth are the pillar of the church as well as the future of the Adventist Church. Your dedication can change the future of Mongolia."

On the evening of March 16, there was an appointment ceremony for the Public Campus Ministries (PMC) missionaries who were dispatched for campus mission in Mongolia this year. MM president Kim YoHan offered a special prayer for the two missionaries, Jang RuBin from Korea and Badamlkhamaa Nymbayar, and gave them a special pin. They will serve as PCM missionaries in Mongolia until January 2020.

Pastor Cho JoongKeun, coordinator of Mongolia PCM, shared a plan on how to organize campus mission groups and how to develop mission work with the two PMC missionaries. They are planning to hold youth evangelistic meetings at the church during summer vacation and have spiritual retreats. More prayers and attention are needed for youth ministries in Mongolia.



# Mongolia Mission Holds Blood Donation Drive



A s members of the Adventist Church, we are called to serve our community. The health ministries department director of Mongolia Mission (MM), Mrs. Enkhbayar Mishigdorj, has creatively used social media to reach out to the community in Mongolia, a country with very few Christians. In order to share the love of Jesus with others, she has encouraged her social media network friends and followers to join a blood donation drive once every year. Although only a few people came to donate their blood in the beginning, the number of participants has since increased. This year, on February 14 and 15, 2019, about 250 people came and joined the blood donation.

It is amazing that we can use a social media event to show how, as Adventists, we do care about others. Indeed, we can show Jesus to our neighbors by our service. We hope that this community service event will serve as the preparation of the soil in order to sow the seed of His gospel in the hearts of many neighbors.





# **"School of Valuable Life"** Instructors' Workshop

The women's ministries department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) held a workshop for instructors of the "School of Valuable Life" from February 19 to 21, 2019, at the KUC auditorium. This program was set up in 2017 to nurture middle-aged female missionaries and to enable them to support local church ministries through small group activities and personal ministries. This year, around 60 people gathered from all over the country to attend the instructors' workshop, entitled "Rules of Relationship."

"As God has created us and redeems us, He is also the one who can transform us from clay to a masterpiece. Let us leave our lives in God's hands through prayer," said Ahn JaeSoon, KUC women's ministries director, during her welcome remarks.

A series of classes gave participants the opportunity to look at themselves and to learn several rules of relationships. In the "Having a Positive Self-image" class, participants first began with an icebreaker.

Then, they had the time to reflect on how valuable they are in the love of God. In the second class, entitled "Overcoming Criticism," participants learned not only how to deal with criticism but, more importantly, how not to criticize others, with the help of Christian wisdom. The class "Rules of Forgiveness" focused on God's way of forgiveness and His power of healing and recovering people. In the last class "Rules of Conversation," participants were trained on Christian ways to make conversations, which will lead them to healthy relationships with other people.

Although the participants were "students" at the workshop, at the same time, they were training to be "instructors" of the School of Valuable Life in their local churches. They not only participated in the classes enthusiastically, but they also tried to learn how instructors manage and lead classes. After each class, they provided feedback and discussed what they need to be aware of when they hold a class in a local church. On the last day of the workshop, participants divided into groups and had an opportunity to lead a class and teach their group members.

"The priority goal of this workshop is that each participant finds a way to develop healthy relationships with God and other people," said Mrs. Ahn. She pointed out that most of the problems at home, in church, and in the community originate from relationships.

Many participants gave positive feedback, saying, "This workshop taught me the way to come to Jesus. I want to live a valuable life without any interruptions from negative selfimage, criticism, or unhealthy relationships." The Seven Lights Center is a nonprofit organization that the youth ministries department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) launched in 2017 to support the volunteer work of young people and to connect the youth volunteers with people who need their help. The center has carried out services for the disabled, worked for environmental protection, and campaigned for antismoking and antidrinking.

With the support of the Seven Lights Center, approximately 4,200 young people in Korea have done volunteer work at least once. In 2018, there were 2,660 volunteers who lent their helping hands in 567 places. Under the association, 37 leaders take care of 30 volunteer clubs, which are located in different parts of the country.

On March 3, 2019, the KUC youth department held a training session for club leaders of the Seven Lights Center at KUC Children and Youth Vision Center in Seoul. About thirty club leaders gathered together to learn how to manage their volunteer club well and to share their ideas on how to encourage more young people to help others.

"We should reach out to neighbors who need our help as best as we can. If we give help to others, we will receive much more than what we did," said Pastor Lee KiHo, director of the Seven Lights Center, in his welcome remarks.



# Seven Lights Center Supports **Youth Volunteers**

Kim EunAh, manager of the Seven Lights Center, gave a presentation, which included an introduction of the center, an activity plan for year 2019, management of volunteer clubs, and more. Kim said, "Our center considers volunteering as an important part of youth education, so we lead young people to do their volunteer work in a proper way and make an effort to provide the youth with good volunteer programs."

Throughout this year, the Seven Lights Center will carry out various plans, including UCC (User Created Contents) contest on April 20, National Day of the Disabled, Youth Volunteers Festival in September, and additional training for club leaders and an award for volunteers in November.



Participants of the Youth Volunteers Festival in 2018



Attendees of the training for the Seven Lights Center club leaders

# More Planting, More Harvesting

A ccording to Peter Wagner, the guru of church growth, "the single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches." McDonald's, an American fast food company, doesn't build a bigger building to accommodate more customers in a certain place. Instead, they build additional small McDonald's to attract different groups of people in different places. Churches should take their business philosophy as a lesson.

Merging two churches in a city into one is not productive at all in terms of mission. Rather than having people flock to a luxurious and cozy building and entertaining them, churches should fan out with a view of spreading the truth of the Three Angels' Messages. Ellen G. White states, "Let there be the wisest planning for the success of the work. Decided efforts should be made to open new fields in the north, the south, the east, and the west.... The fact that the presentation of the truth has been so long neglected should appeal to our ministers and workers to enter these fields and not give up the work until they have clearly given the message" (*Manuscript Releases, vol.11*, 1908).

The Adventist Mission office of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held a Division-wide church planting and community service seminar with the title, "More Planting, More Harvesting," from March 11 to 13, 2019, in Siem Reap, Cambodia. It aimed to stimulate church leaders who are working for mission to the cities at the Union and Conference levels to have a paradigm shift in their ideas and thoughts about church planting. All Sabbath School and Personal Ministries directors and Global Mission coordinators of Unions and Conferences in the NSD territories were invited to attend the seminar.

During the seminar, Pastor Douglas Venn, director of the Global Mission Urban Center department of the General Conference, introduced Jesus' model related to urban mission as well as the New York model which may be adopted for different cities in different continents. In Jericho, Jesus met two people: Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus, representing two different classes of people in cities. Jesus met the needs of Bartimaeus, representing the poor and afflicted. People who surrounded Jesus prevented Bartimaeus from meeting with Jesus. Nonetheless, Jesus met him in person and ministered to his needs. Bartimaeus recovered from the loss of sight and became a follower of Jesus.

The other person, Zacchaeus, represents the elite and entrepreneurial class. Jesus spotted him on the sycamore tree and said, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." That day, Zacchaeus decided to give half of his possessions to the poor. He became a follower of Jesus and used his wealth for charity for the destitute. Pastor Douglas Venn put much emphasis on reaching out to marginalized people, including not only the poor, but also the political and economic elite.

Pastor Venn also talked about the mission advancement in New York City from 1894 to 1904. Under the leadership of Stephen Haskel, an Adventist evangelist, they launched into various types of urban mission: school canvassing, Bible training school, public evangelism, vegetarian restaurants, harbor mission work, cooking classes, free massages, visiting hospitals, health seminars, health food stores, ethnic ministry for immigrants, tent meetings, and organizing a Christian Help Band. In a decade, to meet the various needs of the community, they set up 13 urban centers of influence despite all the odds and 20 congregations in the densely populated area to reach the unreached in New York City.

Dr. Jeffrey McAuliffe, a seasoned church planter and the author of Ephesus Model: A Biblical Framework for Urban Mission, stressed that the center of influence is an integral part of church planting. Based on his rich experience and study, he presented the Paul and Ephesus model: sending the advance placement team, forming the leadership team, discipleship and mentoring, urban centers of influence, and starting a new church.

At the basement of his dental office building, he planted a new church by inviting his clients and acquaintances. On Sabbaths, 25 people regularly gather for worship. According to him, only three or four of them are Adventists. His office is used as a center of influence. Dr. McAuliffe also talked about the triple structures of urban mission: the gospel work, medical ministries, and literature ministries. Pastor Bledi Leno, who is in charge of Life Hope Center of New York City, was also present at the seminar and explained how the Life Hope Center is helping New Yorkers find Jesus. The Life Hope Center provides free lunches and massages for busy New Yorkers. Recipients of these services have been brought into contact with the Seventh-day Adventist Church when they were touched by volunteer services, and as a result, some have shown a keen interest in the Bible. In the three-story building of the Life Hope Center, three different worships are held on each floor. Recently, they undertook a mobile center of influence by using a truck and providing free massages on the streets.

During the seminar, each Union and Conference reported on how TMI Evangelism 2019 is being prepared in each territory, and they shared ideas on how to make TMI evangelism more effective. At the end of the seminar, Dr. Joo MinHo, Adventist Mission director of the NSD, appealed to the participants for more church planting by putting up more centers of influence to fulfill Jesus' great commission.

The climax of the seminar was visiting a center of influence run by a tent-maker missionary, Tim Maddocks. In 1992, Tim Maddocks entered Siem Reap, Cambodia, and purchased a large piece of land for a cheap price. He donated this land to the Cambodia Mission and built a school and an orphanage on this compound. According to him, he has run the school and orphanage only by prayer. He has never asked anyone to donate. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, people have given money for his ministries.





Tim Maddocks, a tent-maker missionary, has built and managed a center of influence, including a school, an orphanage, and "Butterfly Paradise," a botanical garden, in Siem Reap.

Recently he opened "Butterfly Paradise" as a source of income. He planted tropical plants and flowers like a well-designed botanical garden. He also bred many different species of butterflies. He hopes and prays that this Butterfly Paradise contributes to teaching people about God, the Creator, and financially supporting the school, orphanage, and recent projects of media

publication.



**Joo MinHo** NSD Adventist Mission Director

### **Rebuilding for Eternity:** AllAS Holds 103rd Graduation and Commission Ceremony

The Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) in Silang, Cavite, the Philippines, held its 103rd graduation ceremony from March 8 to 10, 2019.

Dr. Raquel Korniejczuk, academic vice president of Montemorelos University, delivered a powerful message on the transformational aspect of education. The graduates

were urged to rebuild lives as educators, leaders, and advocates in God's ministry and to decide which path to follow to make good transformations.

"Education is a transforming experience transforming for selfdestruction of the person or to accomplish the mission with joy. The difference lies on how you and I relate with God," Korniejczuk challenged them.

Korniejczuk also

emphasized that the class chose two powerful words, "rebuilding" and "eternity," which have proven to be useful and valued in education. "For a positively transforming experience, the starting point is a personal and intimate relationship with God," she stated.

### The Practical Side of Rebuilding for Eternity

The theme, "Rebuilding for Eternity," was chosen by the class to reflect on how God has molded a new character in each of them. Going a step further, the class decided to demonstrate how the theme can be applied to the different

academic fields.

On March 8, Friday evening, the class took turns explaining the practical side of the theme in connection to their academic discipline. As they did so, a handmade 3D puzzle replica of a church building was erected portion by portion, illustrating their commitment to rebuilding lives in God's service using the skills they had learned at AIIAS.

Drs. Samuel and Prema Gaikwad, faculty of the AIIAS Graduate School education

department, spoke during the consecration service about gratitude to God and about pressing on toward goals. "Looking ahead there are challenges, but God is with us. Do not fear to stand alone because you are facing God and you are following the principles of the Bible," they concluded. They have been chosen as class sponsors.

#### **Never Ignore the Little Things**

During the baccalaureate service, the graduates learned the value of small days and small things, according to Dr. Richard Sabuin, education director and Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD).

"You will experience challenges and many days of hopelessness, but remember the small



Dr. Sabuin, NSD education director

things, the weak and lowly things. Those things when placed in the hands of a powerful God will become victorious," encouraged Dr. Sabuin. The class responded that they would rely not on their might, but on God's leading.

#### **AIIAS Alumni Is Shaping the World**

AIIAS congratulates the graduates for successfully achieving a milestone in their lives and at the same time welcomes them to the alumni association. "Being part of the AIIAS alumni association is both a privilege and a responsibility," stated AIIAS administrator of public relations, Bruce Sumendap. He urged them to stay connected to one another and to the alma mater.

The alumni community of AIIAS have taken various leadership responsibilities around the world.

"AIIAS has an impressive list of notable people who have graduated from here, and our graduates are also going to make significant and great accomplishments for the service of God, their countries, and communities," remarked Dr. Stephen Guptill, AIIAS president.

The Class of 2019 consists of 123 graduates, who came from 34 countries, representing 11 world Divisions of the Adventist Church, and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Union. Seventy-eight were students from AIIAS campus, 38 from Distance Learning Centers, and 7 were from the AIIAS Online Division of Learning. Twelve graduates came from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division—six were from China, two from Hong Kong and South Korea, and 1 from Mongolia and Japan.

AIIAS is a graduate-level institution 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.



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Youth Rush Japan, a student literature evangelism program of the Japan Union Conference (JUC), started in the summer of 2016 at Setagaya Church. Almost three years have passed since Youth Rush Japan began. When it started, only 7 students participated in the program. In February and March 2019, we had four programs with over 40 young people participating! God blesses us! God is growing this movement in Japan! Praise the Lord!

Big things happened. At the Tokai Christian Center, 18 people showed an interest in Bible studies, which the local church will follow-up on. Praise the Lord again! At the Sodegaura Church, 5 people came to church during the program on Sabbath through personal invitation by students going door-to-door.

We also had our very first Gideon Conference and Youth Rush Conference from March 22 to 26, 2019. About 40 Youth Rush participants gathered at Setagaya Youth Church for a weekend of prayer, revival, and fellowship. They distributed 100,000 tracts in Tokyo in one day! For the weekend program, we were blessed to have the following speakers: Pastor Stanley Ng, publishing ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division; Pastor Masumi Shimada, JUC president; and Pastor Norihiko Hanada, IUC communication director.

Elder Almir Marroni, the publishing ministries director of the General Conference, visited the Sodegaura program and the Tokai Christian Center program in March for seven days to go door-to-door with the students! What a privilege for the students! Praise the Lord for the support and interest from the Division and the General Conference leadership.

As a leader, I go door-to-door with various students every day to observe, train, and support the



# Youth Rush Japan 2019

**Daniel Fukuda** Youth Rush Japan Coordinator

students at doors. I would like to share some testimonies of what I have witnessed.

One day, one of our Youth Rush students came across a grumpy grandpa. The grandpa said, "I can't read! I am blind, and I hate religion!" The grandpa clearly seemed to have very bad eyesight and was in a bad mood. The student wanted to do something for the grandpa before she left, so she offered to sing a hymn for the grandpa. Surprisingly, the grandpa used to go to Sunday school when he was a boy. As the student started singing, the grumpy grandpa also started to sing along with the student. By the end of the song, both the grandpa and the student had a smile as they parted ways. Godly music has power to bring smiles to grumpy faces.

There were two 17-year-old students who were not off to a good start-they made zero sales for the first few hours. One hour before lunchtime, we came across a small, old apartment. Unexpectedly, we had many divine appointments at the apartment. One of the students made three sales in a row. At each of the three consecutive doors, she not only sold books, but she was able to pray together and sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" for the residents. The two students were able to sell more than 20 books combined in that last hour. Praise the Lord!

Finally, I am going to share the story of a 16-year-old student. He started strong in the morning. By applying what he learned in training, he was able to sell many books to many different people. With a big smile of victory and a cheerful spirit, he was running

door-to-door, visiting homes. Right before lunchtime, however, the student met a very mean, angry person that left him feeling bitter. Even after lunch time, he was still thinking about the person and was feeling discouraged. Slowly, his smile turned into a discouraged, depressed-looking frown. He no longer ran between doors. He was walking, discouraged, and unable to connect with people at doors. The student stopped and said, "I feel like giving up. I cannot continue. I feel discouraged and want to quit. Going door-to-door seems meaningless at this point." I simply encouraged him by saying, "Don't give up. Don't go by feelings. Go by faith. There is somebody waiting for you!"

We started running. About 10 minutes later, we met a lady in her 50s. To make a long story short, after a good conversation, the lady bought a vegetarian cookbook and Ellen White's *The Great Controversy* from the student. Furthermore, the student was able to pray for the lady and sing a hymn for her as well. As soon as the student started singing the hymn "What a Friend



We Have in Jesus" with a beautiful melodious voice, the lady started crying uncontrollably. She was deeply touched. With tears, she kept repeating, "Thank you! Thank you! Please don't stop what you are doing. What you are doing is amazing. Please don't give up. Continue what you are doing!"



Youth Rush students are ready to go out to share the gospel through tracts and books in their bag.

After we parted ways, the student and I knelt by the side of the road and offered a prayer of thanksgiving. I asked the student to pray. He prayed a short but beautiful prayer, "God, please forgive me! I was unfaithful, but you are always faithful! Thank you very much! I understand. I will not give up. Now, I will run! Amen."

After the prayer, for the rest of the day, the student ran full-speed from door-to-door with a joyful spirit. Praise the Lord! God is good. Let us be faithful unto the end.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. By God's grace, we can equip young people to answer God's calling to become leaders for His end-time movement. We pray and hope that young people will readily fulfill God's commission to share the Three Angels' Messages to every nation, kindred, tongue and people with a loud voice.

Through the Youth Rush program we pray and hope to equip and

Almir Marroni, GC publishing ministries director, visited Youth Rush students to support and work with them.

inspire young people to answer the call to become leaders for God's end-time movement! We pray and hope that young people will joyfully answer the call to share the Three Angels' Messages to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people with a loud voice. Since Youth Rush Japan began in 2016, exactly 111 young people have participated in this program. Praise the Lord!

# Medical Missionary Conference in Taiwan



Medical missionary conference participants were encouraged to be active in mission in their local churches and community.

**Ruth Yu** TWC Health Ministries Director

**C** The Right Arm, Go Forward!" This is the slogan of the medical missionaries of Taiwan Conference (TWC). This was shouted out with a loud voice at the Medical Missionary Conference, held by TWC health ministries at Sanyu Health Education Center from January 7 to 9, 2019.

"Every church should be a center of hope and healing." This was the key message shared by Dr. Choi YoungIl, former health ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), in his lecture entitled "Comprehensive



Health Ministries." He emphasized that Total Member Involvement in health ministries can be implemented when every church member can share the wholeness of life with others. "Everyone should continue to reach out to the community with the grace and love of God and His health message. This will serve as the right arm of the Third Angel's Message," said Dr. Choi.

Professional and experienced instructors were invited to share their knowledge and skills for medical mission. In order to deepen and broaden the service of the attendees as medical missionaries, they delivered a series of lectures entitled, "Cancer and Natural Remedy," "Massage and Hydrotherapy," "Depression," "Dealing with Addiction," Speaker," and "Training for Health Gospel Study." The conference also presented a healthy cooking class.

At the end of the program, TWC president Noah Lai officiated in the certification and dispatch ceremony of the medical missionaries. "2019 is the year of evangelism through Total Member Involvement. Despite many obstacles, we should move forward with the gospel commission that God has given to us," said Pastor Lai. He expressed his expectation that health missionaries will boost local churches' small group activities, which the TWC has been especially focusing on this year.

Those who completed the course were awarded with the first level medical missionary certificate. Pastor Lai prayed for the participants, asking the Holy Spirit to anoint them to become real medical missionaries who practice healthy lifestyles and have a mission-first mindset. Participants were encouraged, and many of them were determined to commit themselves to health ministries as a small group leader in their local church.

We hope that many medical missionaries in Taiwan will participate in the small group activities, to reach out to people who have suffered physical and mental illness because of sin. The missionaries will provide people with health services, give them Bible study, and finally bring them to the Lord. Through this work, we can soon finish the mission of spreading the gospel and hasten Jesus' second coming.

# KUC Holds Lay Leaders' Bible Conference

The ministerial association of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) held the Lay Leaders' Bible Conference at the Madalpy Training Center from February 25 to 27, 2019. Approximately 100 lay leaders from all over the country attended the conference in order to improve their knowledge on the Bible and revive their spirituality, so that they can better serve their local churches.

Pastor Lee JiChoon, KUC ministerial secretary, prepared a series of lectures focused on creation science, titled "Why Creation," "Genesis Chapter 1," and "Noah's Flood." He reminded attendees about the importance of education in creation and believing in God as the Creator



because Adventists are to preach the Three Angels' Messages, which includes, "Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water" (Revelation 14:7).

The other speaker was Pastor Lee ByungJoo, KUC director of Sabbath School & Personal Ministries (SS/ PM). He showed the decline in mission in Korea over the last two decades. He pointed out several reasons why the Korean Adventist Church has declined from a mission perspective: decline of passion, change of circumstances, lack of mission strategies, and last but not least, misconception that evangelism is a one-time event. "The key to make evangelistic meetings successful is church members' devotion. If all members are involved in evangelistic meetings, reaching out to people and introducing them to Jesus, there will a harvest of souls in the meetings," said Pastor Lee ByungJoo.

As part of the "Hope 2020" project, KUC's initiative for this quinquennium, their top priority is on reinforcement of each local church. The lay leaders who attended the conference returned to their local churches, making a firm resolution to devote themselves to spreading the gospel to people and bringing them to Jesus.



# ELLEN WHITE AND SUCCESS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Years ago, a church in California experienced a tremendous revival and reformation. The church grew from 200 members to 630 in five years. Almost 200 new believers were baptized into the church, so the bulk of the growth was not simply membership transfers. Tithe giving increased five times-the church could support 10 pastors at the time although it had only oneand offerings increased 10 times. The budget for church ministries went up 15 times, and 78% of the church members were involved in some type of ministry. Seventy-eight percent! Most churches experience maybe 10-15% percent of lay ministry involvement, and that from active members, which is typically only 30-40% of the total book membership.

The pastor focused on three nonnegotiables: the study of God's Word, prayer—a lot of prayer—and evangelistic outreach, but the changes in the church were so remarkable that it seemed hard to explain. The church had active small groups, and there were testimonies of God's goodness every Sabbath. The church was focused on the lost, not the saints, and there was a real openness for ministry training. The church also began planting a second church.

Then, one day, the pastor discovered why they were experiencing such success. He read what Ellen White wrote in *Testimonies for the Church, vol. 7,* pages 18-22, under the subtitle "Work for Church Members." Summarized below is Ellen White's formula for success in the local church (page and **Ron Clouzet** NSD Ministerial Secretary

paragraph reference in English).

- 1. Focusing on conflict resolution makes for weak churches (page 18b). Many pastors and churches make the mistake of paying too much attention to conflict between members, but that is a clever strategy by Satan to keep the church distracted. Ellen White says that as soon as a church is "set right," "it has to be done over again."
- 2. Nine tenths of our efforts should be on behalf of the lost, not the members (18b). The work of the local church should concentrate on those who don't know the truth. Ellen White says that "God has withheld His blessings" because we have ignored this priority. If work for non-members were to become the main focus, we could expect great progress.
- 3. It is better to have personal outreach testimonies every Sabbath rather than sermons (18c, 19c). This may sound shocking to some, but she believed that every Sabbath member should share "of blessings received because of blessings imparted" to those not yet converted. Although she was not against preaching each Sabbath, the problem was to receive spiritual food without imparting spiritual blessings. She emphasized the need for members to share and minister on behalf of outsiders, and then share on Sabbath services what God had done through them during the week.
- 4. Sabbath sermons are fitting as long as they are short, full of life and the love of God (19b). Although



a sermon every Sabbath is not needed, when it is given, it must have these three characteristics: be short, vibrant, and full of the love of God.

- 5. The greatest help for members is teaching them how to work for God instead of depending on the pastor (19b, 20a, b). Again, Ellen White emphasizes the foundational aspect of trusting laity with ministry. "Let the minister devote more of his time to educating than to preaching. Let him teach the people how to give to others the knowledge they have received." Depending on the pastor is not wise, she says, since they are human beings that also have weaknesses.
- 6. Pastors should focus on evangelism (19c). Instead of working on behalf of members, they should work on behalf of the unconverted. They ought to sow the seeds of truth "beside all waters."
- 7. Church after church should be planted (20a, b). Ellen White sees the pastor as an itinerant evangelist, raising up churches in town after town. As soon as a new church is organized, and the members are at work, she says, "then the minister is to pass on to other equally important fields."
- 8. New converts can become powerful soul winners right away

(20a, b). New converts should not be held back from the work of ministry. If they are filled with the power of God, they will do good work for the church.

- 9. Work in the cities should be based on personal friendships (20d, 21b). Members should work with their neighbors, in quiet humility, pointing to Christ. The more experience they gain, the more successful they can be in drawing others to Christ. They should seek to befriend them, and to spend time with them in their home, meetings their needs.
- **10. Earnest prayer should be made for unbelievers** (21d). Ellen White recommends that two or three members gather "and plead with God for the salvation of some special one."
- 11. Missional small groups should be formed for outreach as well as membership care (21d, 22a). A fundamental mistake is to establish small groups that have no intention of reaching out. She suggests making teams where the members would encourage one another as they move forward in their soul winning efforts. As they work

and pray, their numbers should increase.

**12. Work like Christ did** (22a). Ellen White says that we need to work with Christlike patience, seeking to encourage others, and loving those outside the fold.

The closer pastors and churches follow these counsels, the more success they can expect to see in their local church. Churches will grow spiritually and numerically, they will be full of life, pastors will feel fulfilled reaching others for Christ, and members will focus on the lost rather than on themselves.

### HISHANDS MISSION MOVEMENT



### HisHands Training and Dedication Ceremony at Jooahn Church



Han SukHee NSD Communication Director

Jooahn Church, which belongs to the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC), held a HisHands Mission Movement training and dedication ceremony on April 13, 2019. Pastor Han SukHee, HHMM coordinator of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was invited as the main speaker. The church members had been trained in 2009 but hadn't worked actively. They now wanted to restart door-to-door ministry for this year

of TMI (Total Member Involvement) Evangelism, and they resolved to be enthusiastic in gospel work with renewed mind through the morning training session, the dedication ceremony, and practice session in the afternoon.

On that day, twenty-two members joined as HisHands missionaries to devote in seeking the lost with the heart of Jesus as Jesus' hands and feet, holding published materials in one hand and medical ministry tools in the other. The Jooahn Church HisHands missionaries resolved to keep in their minds the fact that our main task is "Only Mission" until the day of Jesus' second coming and to do their best to accomplish the goal of the church this year, "Winning One Soul for Each Person." They appreciate the support and encouragement of the NSD and WCKC.





### **Inauguration Ceremony for the New 1000 Missionary Movement Director** Kim NakHyung

NSD 1000MM Coordinator

The 53rd 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) I missionary trainees and the 51st 1000MM missionaries, who completed their mission work for one year and were about to return to their home country, gathered together to say farewell to their former director, Pastor Shin DongHee as well as to celebrate the inauguration of the new director, Pastor Chun JaeSong. 1000MM alumni, local church leaders, and members were also invited to the ceremony, which took place on February 16, 2019, on the 1000MM campus in Cavite, Philippines.

Pastor Shin DongHee has led the 1000MM as the sixth director for the past five years from April 2014 to February 2019, making every effort to build 1000MM as the world center of mission. He is returning to the Korean Union Conference.

Pastor Shin used the following Bible verse to express his feelings to the people remaining on campus to fulfill God's commission: "Finally, brothers, good-by. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you" (2 Corinthians 13:11).

Pastor Shin handed over the 1000MM flag to Pastor Chun, the new director. As Pastor Chun accepted the sacred duty as a director, he said, "I was a missionary before, and now I am here as a missionary again. Wherever 1000MM missionaries live and serve, my heart and prayers will be with them." Also, he urged attendees to passionately take part in this world mission movement. "If we dedicate our whole life to God, there will be no limit to our mission work," said Pastor Chun.

Pastor Kim NakHyung, youth ministries director as well as 1000MM coordinator of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), attended the ceremony representing the NSD. He prayed for both the former and new directors of the 1000MM, and delivered an encouraging message to the attendees, especially to the young missionaries who devote their time to mission work. He emphasized that the dedication of local church members who "send" missionaries to mission fields is no less important than that of "sent" missionaries.



Pastor Shin DongHee and Pastor Chun JaeSong, former and current presidents of 1000MM, with Pastor Kim NakHyung (middle), NSD 1000MM coordinator

# Golden Angels' Japan Mission Trip



**C** The melody of song, poured forth from many hearts in clear, distinct utterance, is one of God's instrumentalities in the work of saving souls" (*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5*, 493).

Leah Servidad Golden Angels 16

We, the singing missionaries of the Golden Angels 16th group, composed of five Koreans, two Taiwanese, and one Filipino, completed a spiritual, physical, and musical intensive training for two months. We are young individuals who have been chosen by God to proclaim the message of salvation through songs. Furthermore, we were also equipped with friendship and campus evangelism skills.

After two consecutive months, we were ready to meet people in our first mission trip. On March 10, 2019, our members flew to Hong Kong to support two weeks of evangelism activities. As the group arrived at the Hong Kong Airport, Pastor Seo SeKwang, who is the Pioneer Mission Movement pastor serving at Hong Kong Adventist College, gave us a warm welcome.

Upon arriving at the Bible Auditorium Church located at the Hong Kong-Macao Conference, our hearts were full of excitement and enthusiasm to render our first week of service at this church. From March 11 to 16, a series of messages were heard from God's servant, Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). The theme for the evangelism week, "Bible Prophecies Decoded," gave insight to not only believers, but nonbelievers of Christ about the principles of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Throughout the evangelistic meetings, we sang the appeal song every night session. With God-given voices, we prepared several songs in groups, quartets, and duets. There was also one night when the Golden Angels played instrumental music. Indeed, we were privileged to share our talents not only through singing but also by playing musical instruments.

On Thursday that week, our music service was extended to the Harvest Adventist Center, one of the new churches in Hong Kong. The church pastor, Chun YoungBo, gave us his full support with food, prayers, and other necessities. Attendees of that church also welcomed us with warm smiles and greetings. Our team gave an hour of musical presentation, and we believe that everyone was touched and blessed by the heavenly songs. Tears and smiles were seen on the faces of every person who witnessed the music of the Golden Angels. Praise God that the Lord used us mightily to uplift the name of Jesus Christ and move his children's hearts. In addition, we also met some Bible students and new believers to whom we gave inspirational advice and messages.

We had two musical concerts at the Bible Auditorium Church during the week of evangelism. First, we gave a 45-minutepresentation on Tuesday, March 12. On Sabbath, we supported the program by singing in Sabbath school and divine service, and in the afternoon, we had our second concert for more than an hour. The first week of our mission trip was fulfilling, and we saw the fruit of God's labor through His human agents. There were 41 souls from different races who accepted Jesus Christ



as their personal savior and chose to be part of God's remnant church!

After the satisfying first week, God brought us to the Hong Kong Adventist College to support their week of prayer from March 18 to 23. The theme for the week was "High on Adventure." During that whole week, we served for three sessions every morning. The first session was for elementary students, the second one was for middle and high school students, and the last session was for college students.

The program started with our singing; we also taught the students some action songs. After that, we were blessed to hear messages from a remarkable speaker and author, Stephen Arrington, who shared the touching experiences in his journey of life, as an inmate in a prison cell and how God miraculously changed him. Indeed, not only were the students from that school inspired, but we were also touched by Mr. Arrington's message.

In the afternoon, the administrator gave us the opportunity to visit students' classes. During the visitation, we were able to have direct contact with students, and we shared wonderful moments by singing songs for them, teaching them action songs, and playing traditional Korean games with them. The group also had the chance to bond with the students after school hours; we played different



kinds of sports together, including basketball, soccer, volleyball and badminton. We were really overwhelmed with joy while playing and bonding with the students, especially when we saw that they were really enjoying it. The smiles on their faces moved our hearts. The group also joined the Adventist Youth program Sabbath afternoon. In the evening, we had group singing with the junior students in front of the dormitory.

During our stay at Hong Kong Adventist College, we met incredible friends and inspiring people who motivated us to work more for the Lord. We also met non-Adventist students and we made friends with them. Though we didn't have much time to study the Bible together with those students, we believe that by God's grace our presence gave them a chance to take a step toward God.

The two precious weeks in our first mission trip ended, but the connection and attachment we had with the people in Hong Kong will last a lifetime. With the treasures of memories and experiences, we flew back to Korea, and we are looking forward for more incredible journeys and amazing stories of God's leadership in our next mission trips!

- Singing missionaries inspire the students, faculty, and staff during their concert at Baywalk Adventist Church on Friday night.
- Golden Angels members with PMM Pastor Seo SeKwang (middle in the front row), chaplain of Hong Kong Adventist College, and Mr. Stephen Arrington (fourth from the right in the back row), guest speaker of gospel week.
- 3. Male members of Golden Angels 16 sing an a cappella song for the elementary students of Hong Kong Adventist Academy during classroom visitations.







# 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

