

NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION THE MOST CHALLENGING FIELD





In the summer of 2019, simultaneous evangelistic meetings of Total Member Involvement were held in 16 Adventist churches in Taiwan.

#### INSPIRATION

#### From a General Church to a Mission-Driven Church

There was a church with a problem. A little bit of distrust and suspicion between two groups led to major conflict and division. As complaints developed into suspicion and dissatisfaction, the disciples of Jesus reached a crisis in their experience. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the church leaders met together to find a solution for this problem.

"So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:2-4).

This was an experience that happened to the early church. Even the early church was not free from problems. Peter and John were threatened and told not to preach the gospel (See Acts 4:18). There was deception by Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11). There were many other problems, such as imprisonment of the apostles (Acts 5:18), trouble between the Grecian Jews and Hebraic Jews (Acts 6:1), martyrdom of Stephen (Acts 7), and the church being persecuted (Acts 8).

We need to remember how the early church overcame these challenges. It was by focusing on the mission of the church. When Peter and John were released from prison, they went back and spoke the word of God (See Act 4:23-31). The inspired writings point out that the problem of Ananias and Sapphira was related to the mission work.

> "And when in the church of today it is seen that by the power of the Spirit the members have taken their affections from the things of the world, and that they are willing to make sacrifices in order that their fellow

> > Kim SiYoung, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

men may hear the gospel, the truths proclaimed will have a powerful influence upon the hearers. ...God has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labors and the gifts of His people" (*Acts of the Apostles*, 71-74).

The problem that was caused by the issue of distribution of food between the Grecian Jews and Hebraic Jews was solved when they started to focus on "prayer and the ministry of the word." Consequently, the death of Stephen resulted in the conversion of the great evangelist apostle Paul, and following the persecution of the Jerusalem church, "those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went" (Acts 8:4).

The early church that experienced the early rain was a mission-driven church that solved their problems through gospel mission. The Adventist Church that will finish the last day harvest by waiting on the latter rain should also be a mission-driven church.

I hope and pray that all the Adventist churches and members in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division territory will be mission-driven churches and members.



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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## Simultaneous Evangelistic **Meetings** at 16 Churches in Taiwan



s an integral part of Total Member Involvement (TMI) Evangelism 2019, simultaneous evangelistic meetings were held in 16 Taiwan Seventh-day Adventist churches during the summer season. At the annual council of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) in 2018, executive committee members decided to have Division officers, departmental directors, and pastors working in the Division office to conduct simultaneous evangelistic meetings in Taiwan.

The Taiwan Conference arranged meetings at 16 churches and assigned 16 speakers from the NSD to each church to lead out the evangelistic meetings for a week. On February 27, 2019, all 6 Taiwan church pastors and 16 speakers from the NSD got together to get acquainted with each other and to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in preparation for the evangelistic meetings.

The time period for the simultaneous evangelistic meetings was tentatively set from July 14 to 20, 2019, but this was flexible so that the meetings could be conducted according to the situation of each church. Two churches started a couple of weeks earlier or later than the proposed week but most churches did hold the evangelistic meetings during a set time.

By the help of the Holy Spirit, 606 people on average attended every meeting and 128 of them were Bible seekers. On Sabbath afternoon, the last day of evangelistic meetings, 39 precious souls were converted by baptism and profession. Praise the Lord! We pray that more souls will be baptized very soon because dozens of people who attended the meetings and listened to the messages were determined to be baptized within two or three months.



Joo MinHo NSD Adventist Mission Director

# How God Changed Hearts in Taiwan



The Total Member Involvement (TMI) evangelistic meetings with Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, in the city of Changhua, Taiwan, ended on an encouraging note. However, that was not what was supposed to happen. Here is the story.

The Changhua Adventist Church is a small church, with about 20 to 25 members attending every Sabbath morning. According to Oscar Chou, the head elder, they haven't done evangelism there for more than 20 years. Some years ago, the Taiwan Conference ran an English language school at the church. When they talked about closing it due to a diminishing number of students, the elder and his wife took it over. They've had about five nonAdventist teenage students attending the church regularly since they are members of Pathfinders, but all of them always resisted any invitation to actually join the church.

Dr. Clouzet was first assigned to the church in Taichung to do TMI evangelism. When the church decided that they would not participate, he was assigned to Changhua. The pastor of the church, Pastor Shi-En Wang, is young and inexperienced in evangelism, but he was willing to learn and willing to work, as were the few members of the church.

On June 8, 2019, Dr. Clouzet gave the first evangelism training to the members. On July 31, he gave the second. The church followed through, with effort and conviction, on everything they needed to do to be as ready as possible. Since there were only two months to prepare, the focus was threefold: 1) establish a serious prayer ministry, especially for the English language students; 2) reach out to missing members; and 3) offer at least one seminar to the community. This was an ambitious agenda for such a small church, but they did it!

They began by creating six prayerwalking teams that prayed as they walked through the community several times a week. They also conducted a 40 Days of Prayer campaign, praying for unbelievers and for the church to be ready to do evangelism. They organized themselves to seek and find some of the missing members of the church, inviting them to reestablish contact again and return to the church. They even dared to put together a health seminar as well as a Vacation Bible School for the community. The Bible school attracted a number of nonmember children and their parents.

Based on the fact that the church did not have a single ongoing Bible study with anyone, and that they hadn't done evangelism in 20 years, Dr. Clouzet's expectations for



attendance and responses were very low. Amazingly, on the first night of the meetings, 51 people showed up, 21 of them non-believers. That was twice as many as any Sabbath morning attendance!

The attendance was maintained all throughout the series, from August 2 to 10, even though they were held every night of the week. After 11 meetings, the average attendance was 47, including an average of 21 nonmembers. Dr. Clouzet's series was entitled "The Bible and Your Future," focusing on the reliability of Scripture and of Bible prophecy. He included Daniel and Revelation prophecies, topics on the great controversy, salvation, baptism, the Sabbath, the second coming, the state of the dead, and the remnant church.

On Monday, August 5, the speaker made an invitation for people to accept Christ as their Savior for the first time in their lives. Eight wonderful souls responded, including several of the young adults. The next day, Dr. Clouzet spoke on baptism. Based on the previous night's response, he expected six to eight people to respond positively to the invitation to be baptized, but none responded. Both the pastor and the elder were equally surprised by this. All of the leaders redoubled their prayers for the young people to take that step.

On Wednesday, Dr. Clouzet again invited people to respond, but none did. He did the same on Thursday, and again on Friday, but not one person stood. This was a discouraging development in comparison to the faithful work the church was doing and the number of guests coming each night. Talks with some of the teens revealed a fear that their parents would not accept their decision to join the church; however, the evidence over the last five years did not seem to point in that direction. A true miracle was needed to convince the interests that baptism was their next logical step.

Finally, on Sabbath morning, the miracle happened. As Dr. Clouzet finished speaking about the remnant church and how God is inviting all the world to be part of it, Lenie Rutaquio, a non-member from the Philippines who came to church for the first time with her Adventist friend, stood up, signifying her desire to be baptized. Seconds later, four of the teens everyone had been praying so much for-Vic Huang, Cindy Lin, Gina and Angel Chen-also stood up for baptism. This was followed by Shawn Zhao, only 10 years old, and finally, Stacy Yang, the mother of one of the teens! God had won the day! In the evening, the last night of the meetings, Chu Cham Lin and Chun-Yi Pan, in their mid to late twenties, also decided to seal their future with the people of God.

God had performed a miracle. He had worked in mysterious ways!



**Ron Clouzet** NSD Ministerial Secretary

# TMI in the Nanzi International Church



NSD Women's Ministries Director



The Nanzi International Church in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, held its Total Member Involvement (TMI) series from July 13 to 20, 2019. The church held two meetings each day, with an average attendance of 53. Pastor Calbert Latham (Nanzi Church pastor) and Dr. Lisa Clouzet (NSD Children's/Family/Women's Ministries director) were co-presenters for this series, featuring evangelistic topics with an emphasis on family issues. Jeramie Sanico, a guest singing evangelist from the Philippines, presented the musical portion of each of the meetings.

To prepare for the meetings, the Nanzi Church had invited friends, family members, and those attending English classes and other evangelistic outreach opportunities held previously at the church. An outdoor gospel music concert was also held, where church members distributed invitations to those in the community.

During the series, the morning session began with a baking demonstration given by church members, where those in attendance could participate in making the food. A time of music with Ms. Sanico was next, followed by the main evangelistic presentations. At the conclusion, those in attendance were served a meal, which included the food prepared during the baking demonstration.

Prior to each evening session, there was a special program organized and led out by Shelicia Hsiao, Menissa, and CJ Latham, the pastor's wife and children. At each meeting the children learned new songs, heard a Bible story lesson by Dr. Lisa, and participated in activities and crafts for children-with many of the parents also in attendance. The majority of the children







& 2. A grand celebration Sabbath morning, two souls were baptized. Many in attendance who witnessed a baptism for the first time tried to remember the scene through pictures.

3. Jeramie Sanico, special guest singer from the Philippines and parents attending were guests from the community. While the children's meetings were going on, there were also adult ukulele lessons offered. Following these meetings, the main evangelistic presentations and music were repeated.

Those attending the various meetings were invited to a grand celebration Sabbath morning to celebrate the baptisms of two teenagers who had made decisions to follow Jesus. For

many in attendance, it was their first time attending a Sabbath worship service and witnessing a baptism. The children had practiced a special musical number during the week to present in addition to musical selections by Ms. Sanico. Following the final evangelistic sermon, the guests were invited to stay for a special fellowship meal. Many smiles were evident as goodbyes were said at the end of a wonderful week of worshiping together and learning more about God.

Please join the Nanzi International Church in praying for the newly baptized members, as well as those who are currently studying, seeking, and considering baptism. Please also keep the church members in your prayers as they continue to nurture and encourage the new believers.

# TMI Evangelistic Meetings in *Taipei City*

On July 14 to 20, 2019, the Taipei City Church, in response to TMI Evangelism in Taiwan, conducted a week-long evangelistic series. They invited Pastor Stanley Ng, assistant to the president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, as the speaker for the series of meetings. The main theme of this evangelistic meetings was "Today's Truth, Tomorrow's Hope." The average attendance at the meetings was about 30 to 40 people. The Taipei City Church also conducted health lectures and cooking classes prior to the meetings, which also attracted many people to the meetings. Most of the health lecture attendees also joined the evangelistic meetings afterward.

At the end of the evangelistic meetings, on the Sabbath of July 20, two candidates, one a medical doctor and the other one a registered nurse, decided to be baptized to join the church fellowship. Some

people also decided to continue to study the Bible. Hopefully, one day, they will also make up their minds to follow Jesus. We praise God for His guidance during this one-week evangelistic meetings.



Health lectures and cooking classes were held prior to every meeting to invite more people.



# TMI Evangelism 2019 *at Beitun Church*

**Joo MinHo** NSD Adventist Mission Director

Simultaneous evangelistic meetings for Total Member Involvement (TMI) Evangelism 2019 were planned at 16 churches in Taiwan. Beitun Church was one of the churches. Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Pastor Kwon SoonBeom has been serving in Beitun Church since 2017.

Beitun Church was designated as one of four churches that would initiate Public Campus Ministries (PCM) in Taiwan this year. From June 24 to 27, 2019, the church held Summer Camp Meeting with Taitung Church. In order to invite camp participants to the evangelistic meetings, the schedule was changed so that the evangelistic meetings were right after the camp meeting.



From July 1 to 6, Dr. Joo MinHo, Adventist Mission director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, visited the Beitun Church to speak with the title of "Do we have hope in the 21st century?" Throughout the meetings, he addressed the attendees with these six significant questions: 1) Why do we have sufferings? 2) When will those sufferings end? 3) Who will survive at Jesus' second coming? 4) Why don't I have a rest? 5) How can I start the new life? and 6) Who really knows God?

Every evening, around 50 people attended the meeting, and among them, about twenty were non-believers. Fifteen students from the Chinese Language department of Sahmyook University also joined this evangelistic meeting after attending the camp meeting, to share the Korean culture and the love of Jesus with young Taiwanese people.

As a result of the meetings, four people made the decision to dedicate themselves to God through conversion. One was converted into Adventism by confession and the other three by baptism. The baptismal ceremony was held at the swimming pool of the health center at Taiwan Adventist College. Among these four new members, two were led by their family members. Since most of the Beitun Church members attend the church alone, it is a blessing to have Adventist families in the church. Glory to God!

Beitun Church members with newly baptized members



## Sabbath School Teachers' Training in Taiwan

Celeste Sha & Lisa Clouzet TWC and NSD Children's Ministries Directors A number of energetic and enthusiastic Sabbath School teachers of the Taiwan Conference (TWC) Children's Ministries gathered together from June 28 to 30, 2019, at the SanYu Health Education Center, in anticipation of receiving further Sabbath school teacher training. The training was organized by Celeste Sha, TWC Children's Ministries director, and conducted by Drs. Linda Koh and Lisa Clouzet, Children's Ministries directors from the General Conference and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD).

The Sabbath School teachers had previously completed Level 1 of their training, and they were anxious to participate in Level 2 in order to improve their teaching skills as leaders of their various Sabbath school divisions. Each of the training levels consist of interactive sessions, and then the participants have post-training assignments to complete in order to finish one level and qualify to move on to the next. The participants in this session received training on the following topics: Interactive Storytelling, Involving Children in Mission, Management with Grace, Sex Education, Spirituality of Sabbath School Teachers, Planning Children's Programs, and Asking Good Questions.

During each session, the Sabbath school leaders had the opportunity to participate in various activities, practice the skills being presented, and ask questions to the presenters. Between sessions, there was time to brainstorm, share challenges and ideas, and to enjoy the meals and the facilities of the Health Education Center together.

The children are our church's richest treasures, and it is certainly time and resources well spent to disciple those who are discipling the children each week.



Check out your children's Sabbath schools soon; encourage the leaders, and affirm the children. If you are inspired and convicted to do so, volunteer to help in one of the children's departments! The education and experience will be mutual; they will be blessed by your presence and attention, and you are never too old to learn from the youngest among us!





Celeste Sha leads a group activity



NSD PREXAD visited the Trans-European Division office in St. Albans, England.

# NSD PREXAD Visits Trans-European Division



The PREXAD (President's Executive Advisory Committee) meeting of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and field visit were held from June 15 to 22, 2019, in three European countries, Norway, Denmark, and England. The committee is composed of Union presidents, Division-attached entity presidents, and NSD officers.

Since the leaders in the NSD territories have hectic schedules in their respective mission fields, we rarely have the chance to see each other and communicate on a deeper level. It is a blessing that this PREXAD meeting gave us an opportunity to better understand one another and to share our thoughts on mission and prayer as we traveled together.

The other purpose of the PREXAD meeting was to learn from other Divisions. Unless we have cordial relations and fellowship with other Divisions, there is a possibility that it would result in unwanted localization in running the Division, and we would start to stray away from the Adventist World Church. This is why the General Conference encourages the leaders of each Division to visit other Divisions at least two times during each quinquennium.

This year, our destination was the Trans-European Division

(TED), which serves 22 countries in northern, central and southeastern Europe. This Division is the smallest among the thirteen world Divisions in terms of membership. Although Christianity has a long history in Europe, it is difficult to regard the territory as a Christian society any more. In most of the TED countries, only two or three percent of the population regularly attend church. Even some Christians in Europe believe in God's spiritual power, rather than believing in God as He is described in the Bible.

In a very secular environment, however, we saw the TED and each subordinated entity do their best Delegates of the East Norway Conference prayed with the NSD PREXAD for mission work.



to reach the people. We first went to Norway and had an opportunity to attend the camp meeting of East Norway Conference, in which more than 600 people gathered at the Tyrifjord Junior College. It was a blessing to witness five precious souls accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, and they got baptized in the beautiful fjord lake, which is part of the college campus. In the afternoon, we attended a musical concert, and we were overwhelmed by the musical talents of young Norwegian Adventists. After the concert, we had a chance to share our efforts to reach the people in the NSD territories, and we were well accepted by the congregation. The next day, we spent time with the committee members of the Norwegian Union Conference

and found it impressive that more than half of the members are women.

On June 18, we flew to Copenhagen, Denmark, to meet the leaders of the Danish Union of Churches Conference. In Copenhagen, we had the chance to visit one of the four Happy Hand second hand clothing shops, which are operated by the Danish Union in order to reach the people. In every shop, at least one pastor is always stationed, waiting to meet people. The pastor has a short counseling session with visitors, which has sometimes developed into a prayer session. We found the shop running successfully. It is a very effective way to reach the neighbors. They only have around 2,000 members in the Danish Union. However, many of

them are in the upper or middle class, and they willingly donate their clothes and other goods to the shop. The Danish Union uses the profit from the shops for community service. The Happy Hand shops also help the Seventh-day Adventist church receive a good reputation in the community.

In England, our final destination, we visited the TED office and Newbold College, which is operated by the TED. Although all of my previous visits were great experiences, I was most impressed by my visit to Central London Church. This church is located in a multicultural area, and the neighbors are composed of many immigrants as well as original residents. The church members are mostly composed of immigrants, including people from the Caribbeans, the Philippines, Romania, Ukraine, and other places. The Brazilians hold worship separately in Portuguese, and their number is almost the same as that of the main English congregation. They are struggling to reach the local people, especially the local British people, but they never give up. Recently, they have started the new City Life program, which is designed so that all church members can get to know their neighbor on a deeper level in their daily life. This is certainly the spirit of Total Member Involvement.



NSD PREXAD visited Happy Hand, the second hand clothing shop operated by the Danish Union.



On the Sabbath during the itinerary, the NSD PREXAD attended the worship service at Central London Church.

## Hope and Move Forward: 90th Anniversary of Tokyo Adventist Hospital



On June 30, 2019, more than 300 people attended the ceremony held at the place where the first church-based hospital in Tokyo, Japan, was opened 90 years ago. The theme of the 90th anniversary of Tokyo Adventist Hospital was "Hope and Move Forward."

Followed by a special choir comprised of hospital employees, the service began with praise and thanksgiving. Addressing the congregation, Dr. Toshihiro Nishino, president of Tokyo Adventist Hospital, expressed his sincere appreciation for the staff, the patients, neighboring medical institutions, and foremostly, God, for sustaining the hospital in support of His medical ministry as the "right arm of the Three Angels' Messages." Dr. Nishino encouraged the staff to bring hope to the patients and to move forward into the future.



Tokyo Adventist Hospital celebrated its 90th anniversary on June 30, 2019.

Among the visiting guests of honor who gave congratulatory addresses were Mr. Ryo Tanaka, mayor of Suginamiward; Dr. Kiyoshi Kohda, president of Suginami Medical Association; and Elder Masumi Shimada, president of the Japan Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The Tokyo Adventist Hospital was established on May 1, 1929. The hospital, along with the nursing school, was located next to the church office, the publishing house, and a school for women.

During World War II, the Adventist church and all of its entities, including the Tokyo Adventist Hospital, were closed down by the Japanese government. Some church leaders were imprisoned, and church members endured hardships. The operation of the hospital was entrusted to the Salvation Army and then to the Japan Medical Consortium, a corporation run by the Japanese government.

By the grace of God, Tokyo Adventist Hospital reopened its doors on November 11, 1947, with 30 inpatient beds. The Amanuma Church resumed on the same campus.

Tokyo Adventist Hospital has had a long history of promoting health. Vegetarian meals are served. Smoking cessation classes have been an integral part of the hospital ministry from the beginning.

Today, Tokyo Adventist Hospital is a 186-bed institution with more than 500



More than 300 people who attended the ceremony reflected the history of the Tokyo Adventist Hospital and give thanks to God for His guidance.



employees. The hospital is best known for its obstetric services. It is also well known for providing obstetric anesthesia for pain relief during labor and delivery. The hospital currently boasts one of the highest number of childbirths in the Metropolitan Tokyo area, having delivered more than 1,700 babies in 2018. The hospital has also operated an infertility clinic since 2017.

Tokyo Adventist Hospital is also known for opening the first inpatient hospice unit in the Metropolitan Tokyo area in 1996, and they have served more than 3,000 patients so far.

The short-term plans of the hospital are to open a new dental clinic, a home care clinic, and a care center for sick children.

Although Tokyo Adventist Hospital has grown in size, it has not lost sight of its mission, "To make man whole through Christ's love." Through the love and power of Jesus, the hospital will be able to move forward and upward. We hope and pray that the Lord will lead and support this institution into the next decade.

> Atsushi Hirota President of Tokyo Adventist Clinic

## Lectures on Pastor and Prayer

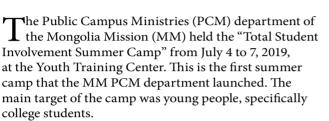
Ron Clouzet NSD Ministerial Secretary



Dr. Clouzet speaks to Japanese pastors.

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was asked to speak at the Japan Union Conference annual pastors' meeting on the title "Pastor and Prayer: Keys to Spiritual Revival." The first presentation was about pastors and their prayer life, which included a study on the promise made in 1 John 5:14-16. The second was on the history and nature of spiritual revivals which revolutionized parts of the world at given times. The third and fourth presentations dealt with how to lead a local church to spiritual renewal. The pastors received notes from each presentation and showed a genuine interest in the topics. May God lead the Japanese churches to transformational spiritual renewal!

# Mongolia Public Campus Ministries Total Student Involvement Camp



Prior to the summer camp, two PCM missionaries who were dispatched from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and the MM PCM department conducted evangelistic meetings in several regions in Mongolia for a month in June in order to promote the camp. Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD Youth Ministries director, preached a sermon every morning and evening during the camp. In the afternoon, there were various programs, such as Bible study, small group activities, and talent shows. Even though young people in Mongolia tend to individualistic and usually do not like groups, the camp participants enjoyed small group activities. It was a valuable lesson from the camp that they can be united as one family in the Adventist Church.

Through the camp, eight young people were baptized and born again as members of the Adventist family. Mugii, 20-year-old Ottontenger University student, served as a volunteer for the camp and met Jesus Christ,



and eventually received baptism. Enkhee, 19-year-old university student, was also born again by baptism during the camp. Her heart was moved by her friends' baptism and she finally decided to be baptized.

Public Campus Ministries in Mongolia is just beginning. Mongolia is exceptionally rich in resource of young people, especially college students. Please pray for campus ministries in Mongolia so that it may bring many souls to our Lord Jesus Christ.



Mongolian young people participated in various programs at the camp, such as Bible study and sports games. Through this camp, eight young people were reborn by baptism.



## Saturated with Words

Joo MinHo NSD Adventist Mission Director



The territories of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) include an area referred to as CF, one of the most challenging territories in terms of mission. Reinforced religious restrictions have recently kept missionaries from actively sharing the gospel. Nonetheless, we believe that our mighty God makes way for His mission even when all doors are seemingly closed.

Around 30 members and leaders contacted Korean Elder Ha HyunIl, who is renowned for his teaching of the Bible, and showed a keen interest in Bible study. Prompted by their passion, Elder Ha invited them to Jeju Island, and they held a Bible Seminar from June 3 to 9, 2019.

The Shinseoguipo Church provided a meeting place for them, and some church members attended the Bible seminar as well. From 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., they were saturated with God's words. They experienced that the word of God is sweeter than honey. Although they listened to God's messages all day long, nobody appeared weary or tired. Rather, they were revived by drinking from the fountain of living water.

This Bible seminar was held not only to study the Bible, but also for discipleship training to share the everlasting gospel with other members and nonbelievers. Some of the attendees were literature evangelists. They gave their word that they would deliver the truth to their neighbors, friends, and coworkers.

Dr. Joo MinHo, NSD Adventist Mission director, was also invited to encourage them to devote themselves to the word of God and to teach them about the Three Angels' Messages and the mission of the remnant.

# First Global Conference for **Special Needs Ministries**

**Joo MinHo** NSD Adventist Mission Director

The 3rd Global Conference on Health & Lifestyle was held from July 9 to 13, 2019, at the Loma Linda Drayson Center in the United States. Around 500 people from 106 countries gathered together to reemphasize the significance of the health message granted to the last remnant church, which is deeply related to the Three Angels' Messages, and to maximize comprehensive health ministries for sharing the everlasting gospel.

The main theme of the conference was "Our Mind and Our Body," which underlines the critical relationship between the human mind and the human body. During the plenary session every morning, medical specialists explained how our mind and our body interact with each other. During the breakout session every afternoon, the attendees fanned out to different seminars. In relation to Special Needs Ministries, two seminars were held every afternoon: Deaf Ministries and Special Needs Ministries.

After the Global Conference on Health & Lifestyle, the first Global Conference for Special Needs Ministries was held at the Loma





The first Global Conference for Special Needs Ministries was held with the theme of "Think Possibilities."

Linda Centennial Complex on July 14. About 150 people from the 13 Divisions attended this meeting to enhance and reinforce ministry for people with disabilities. During the opening worship, Elder Ted Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, shared Paul the Apostle's method in ministry, which is to go to people and to adapt to the new circumstances for effective ministries. His message was linked to the main theme of the first Global Conference for Special Needs Ministries, "Think Possibilities."

Larry Evans, coordinator of the General Conference Special Needs Ministries, encouraged the participants to use "Possibility Ministries" instead of Special Needs Ministries from that moment on. From the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Joo MinHo, Division director of Special Needs Ministries; Hiroshi Yamaji, director at Japan Union Conference; Pastor Jung ChulMin, who is in charge of Seven Light Deaf Church; and four church members attended the conference.

In the afternoon, attendees from the NSD had time to discuss how to develop Special Needs Ministries in the NSD. It was the common opinion that these ministries can only be developed if local church pastors recognize the significance of these ministries in their church and cooperate with their community. The meetings helped the participants realize the dire needs of Special Needs Ministries and its advancement.

The Special Needs Ministries covers several areas, such as the deaf, the blind, the physically handicapped, the mentally handicapped, orphans, widows, and caregivers. People who suffer from these disabilities are increasing at an alarming rate. We as God's servants will take care of them with hands of mercy.



# Mini Health Expo at Tachikawa Church

**Atsushi Yamamuro** JUC Assistant Health Ministries Director

A lthough the crisp air frosted our breath on the spring morning of March 26, 2019, we were glad to be outside of the Tachikawa Church to meet the people on the street. Tachikawa is one hour away from Tokyo, Japan, by train. It is a densely populated area, and many people walk along the street beside the church.

The church members wanted to reach their community, but the question was how. Hence, the Health Ministries department of Japan Union Conference and the Tachikawa Church decided to hold a small Health Expo for their community from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. that Tuesday.

Church members went out onto the street to invite passersby to the expo. Booths were set up in front of the church entrance, and the first thing that caught people's attention was the free balloon art for children. Arterial age checks, as well as stress checks, were offered at another booth. In the lobby were several other booths providing services, including chair massages, health literature, and foot baths. Vegetarian food samples were also ready to be served. Every hour, for 15 minutes, there was a fall prevention seminar held by Dr. Katy Yamamuro, physical therapist. Participants received a sticker from each booth. They won a free health book if they collected three or more stickers.

Because this was the first time the Tachikawa Church held a health expo, we were not sure if people would actually participate. However,

20 to 30 people visited our church during health expo hours. A 90-year-old gentleman came and participated in almost all the booths. He enjoyed his visit very much. He told us that he had visited a Christian church once when he was young, but he had not been in a church since then. One of the event staff, an organist for the church, took him to the sanctuary and played the pipe organ for him. The man expressed so much joy after hearing the music and went home happy.

From this experience, we saw a glimpse of what evangelism should be like: a church connecting with its community. This kind of friendship evangelism can be a great preparation tool for future evangelistic meetings. We pray that more of our churches can find ways to reach out and connect with the people in the communities around them. Booths with various themes, such as health checks, vegetarian food, and free balloons for children, were presented for visitors of the expo.





# Gateway: 58-Acre Mission Project in Mongolia



n June 9, 2019, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Gateway Project on a huge 58-acre piece of land in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Leaders from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and the Mongolia Mission (MM) participated in this event with about 80 local church members and other invitees.

Mongolia Mission is a new mission field compared to other fields in the NSD territories. The church has been growing since the remarkable baptism of Mongolian people in 1992, who are now serving as MM leaders. This year, the membership of the church has reached 3,000. MM also has Adventist institutions, including a youth training center, a dental clinic, a university student dormitory, Tusgal School, and a newly inaugurated FM radio station.

Recently, the MM initiated the building of the Gateway International Education Corporation for the purpose of mission. Several institutions will be established under the corporation, including an international academy, a vocational school, a wellness center, an agricultural center, and an incoming generating resort. In his remarks, MM president Kim YoHan emphasized that this is a project driven by faith. Their first step is to build an international academy. The MM will not wait until they have enough funding to start the project. They have begun this project with faith.

The church-building project in this area is also a move of faith. The location of the project is only a 15-minute drive from the new Ulaanbaatar International Airport. The capital city of Mongolia is expanding closer to the project's location. More than half of Mongolia's population of 3 million live in Ulaanbaatar. Having a center of influence in a strategic location in the city will hopefully have a strong impact on the mission.

Joanne Kim is the manager of this Gateway project. She was one of the pioneer missionaries who came to Mongolia in 1992, when there were no Adventists in the country. After 25 years, she has now returned to Mongolia with her family and serves as the education director of the mission. With great faith, she says, "We have a long way to go ahead

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Leaders of the MM and the NSD participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Gateway Project.

of us, but we are confident that since the Lord has led us this far, He will continue to be with us in the future."

NSD president Kim SiYoung reminded the ceremony attendees of the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. The people of God were united, and God helped them to miraculously complete the project. In the same context, Richard Sabuin, NSD Education director, pointed to Zechariah 4:10, where the Lord encouraged His people not to despise the day of small things. Indeed, the Gateway Project begins small, but it aims for greatness, for God's glory.



### Sahmyook University Signs MOU with **Pakistan Adventist College**



World Mission Center of Sahmyook University contracted a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on July 4, 2019, with Pakistan Adventist Seminary & College. This MOU was prepared to build a cooperative system between the two institutions in terms of mission.

Specifically, the cooperation will be bolstered in media ministries. When Pakistan College analyzes the mission environment of Pakistan and sends the analysis to the World Mission Center, they develop media content for Pakistan mission. The content will be produced both in Pakistani and in English so that the content can be delivered not only to people in Pakistan but to overseas Pakistanis. Furthermore, as Pakistan is a Muslim country, the analyzed data from Pakistan can be applied to delivering the gospel message to Muslims in Korea.

"In the last days, media ministry is a powerful tool to reach people. This MOU will let our center open a new door to global mission," said Bong WonYoung, director of the World Mission Center.

Ji SungBae, dean of Pakistan Adventist Seminary, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation on Pakistan mission. "There are many Muslim students in Pakistan College. Although we cannot preach God's message to them directly, we can put the gospel message into our content in a roundabout way."

The World Mission Center of Sahmyook University was launched in October 2018. The four areas of focus of the center are training missionaries, dispatching missionaries, producing media, and building a worldwide mission network.

# 2019 Global Youth Day in Taiwan

**Boaz Wu** TWC Youth Ministries Director

On March 16, 2019, it was once again annual "Global Youth Day," a day filled with love and inspiring witness, to practice what Jesus said in Matthew 25:35-36: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after



me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." This year, we presented the theme "Adopting a ministry that cares for the elderly who are lonely, disabled, and suffering from dementia." Here are stories from the four churches where young Adventists in Taiwan went out to share the love of God.

The Song-Shan Church is located in one of the most prosperous cities



The youth members of the Puli Church have regularly visited the elderly, including a woman disabled due to polio. With care by the church, she was baptized and became a member of the Adventist Church in 2002.

in Taiwan. Because people are busy going to work and struggling for a living, their parents get lonely at home. At this time, we serve to accompany these elders, giving them love and warmth so that their hearts can be satisfied.

Every week, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, we have provided community programs for the elderly. Through young and energetic physicians and nurses, as well as enthusiastic church members and pastors, these elderly people have been led to various activities, such as singing songs and listening to Bible messages that enable these elderly people to come to know Jesus.

The young people in the Puli Church have long been caring for the elderly in the community. Among them, there is a woman who was born with polio. It has been an inconvenience to her since childhood. When she was an adult, her mother married her to a man in the village. After that, she had a boy and a girl. After a few years, her husband died young. Although she is physically disabled, she bravely took care of the children on her own. The children also worked hard, and they later became a nurse and a soldier. Because of the longterm care she received from the church, she was baptized in 2002 and became an Adventist.

This is the story of young people who were moved when they went to minister at Chung-Yuan Church. There is an 85-year-old woman, Mrs. Yang, who was baptized as an Adventist in 1961 after hearing the Three Angels' Message. Her testimony of faithfully attending church every Sabbath and guarding the church for more than half a century has inspired the young people to love God, serve the church, and care for the community.

The young people of Pingtung Church have been caring for the elderly for more than three years and have served in more than 20 nursing homes. Every time young people visit a nursing home, they pray, asking God to open the door for them, that they will be able to interact with the elderly people and share the gospel with them.

The young people greet those in the nursing home and sing a series of gospel songs with them, inviting them to sing along. After that, they play an interactive game called "Jesus loves you." After establishing a good relationship with them, the young people deliver the gospel message.

Each of these visits lasted for about one hour. Special appeals were made after about three visits to each institution. If there were elderly who needed individual care, we made arrangements with our care group and the nursing home for small group care days.

Thank God for using young people to do the most meaningful and the greatest work, that is, to serve people. May the glory be to God!



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Richard Sabuin, NSD SS/PM Director



David Ng, CHUM SS/PM director

Tt's always good to get together to share how God has led His mission work in local churches. At the same time, it is also a privilege for churches to witness with each other-that when we follow the teaching of Jesus faithfully, we will see the promises of Jesus fulfilled in His churches. More people are being added to His church through Sabbath school. In her book, Counsels on Sabbath School Work, Ellen G. White mentioned "The Sabbath school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentality to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth."

### Sabbath School Seminar in Kuala Lumpur

David Ng CHUM SS/PM Director

In June 2019, the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SS/PM) department of Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) was privileged enough to bring 40 Sabbath School teachers and superintendents to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for a three-day seminar. Attendees were honored to have Dr. Richard Sabuin, SS/PM director of the Northern Asia Pacific Division, share five important topics with them. The president of the Peninsular Malaysia Mission led the morning devotion, and the SS/PM director of CHUM gave a presentation. Most importantly, we really appreciate all Sabbath school teachers from the local churches and superintendents who are faithfully dedicated to the ministries in their respective churches and took time to attend this event. At the end of the discussions, many of these teachers and superintendents expressed that they would continue to do their best to revive their Sabbath School so that it may bring more souls for God's kingdom. They will continue to help each other to strengthen the Sabbath School by training more people to be involved in Sabbath School Ministries.

After the seminar, attendees had an opportunity to visit the Peninsular Malaysia Mission office and some tourist attractions in Kuala Lumpur. One thing we discovered was that most of the Sabbath school teachers and superintendents in this group love durian very much, but because of the time limit, they didn't get the chance to see any actual durian trees. We pray that when Jesus returns for His second coming, all of us will bear more fruit for His kingdom, Amen!

#### Pastor Receives Scholarship for **Chaplaincy Training**

Dastor Wie JaeHeon, an East Central Korean Conference pastor and former healthcare chaplain, recently visited the Northern Asia-Pacific Division offices. There, he learned that he had been awarded a 1,000 USD scholarship from the Ministerial department toward his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) training. This scholarship was given to him to show support for Pastor Wie's continued efforts to obtain professional chaplaincy training. He is the first recipient of the scholarship.

Pastor Wie is finishing his second unit of CPE, and he plans to begin another unit this fall. Upon completion of CPE training, Pastor Wie will be one of the few Korean chaplains with CPE certification.



# Last Day Shepherd's Call Editorial Team Visits Taiwan

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of *Last Day Shepherd's Call (LDSC)*, the official bi-monthly magazine of the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM), its editorial team visited 11 Adventist institutions in the cities of Taipei and Taichung from May 27 to June 1, 2019, to thank them for their past support.

The team's first stop was the Signs of the Times Publishing Association (STPA), another Adventist publishing powerhouse with more than 100 years of history. STPA, which is located next to the Taipei Adventist Hospital, is the most important partner



to *LDSC*. The two have formed a strong bond for a common mission since they began to work together in the first half of the 20th century. In fact, paper-based *LDSC* magazines are printed by Kele Printing Company, which is an STPA affiliate.

The *LDSC* team also visited Songshan Adventist Church, Taiwan Adventist Hospital, the Taiwan branch office of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Chinese Hope Channel production studio, Taiwan Conference office, Taiwan Adventist College, etc. Team members were inspired by the vibrant ministries that are carried out by the various Adventist institutions in Taiwan. They have come to know their partners and readers better.

The trip to Taiwan was spiritually uplifting. The *LDSC* editorial team is determined to give their best to serve the CHUM territories in the next 100 years, preparing their readers for the second coming of Christ.

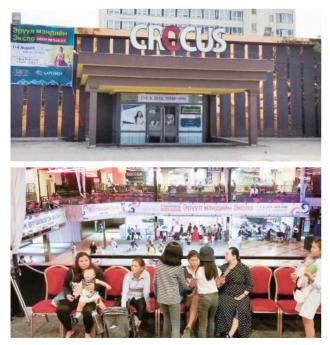


# Mongolia Mission Holds Second Health Expo

Joanne Kim MM Education Director

Seventy-four short-term missionaries arrived at Chinggis Khan International Airport on July 30, 2019, to help share the gospel in Mongolia. Their passion for ministry deeply touched my heart. This was the beginning of Ulaanbaatar Health Expo 2019.

The first Health Expo was held three years ago, and we were delighted to host our second Health Expo this year. This time, we rented the Crocus Exhibition Hall for four days. With 19 booths, there was a variety of wonderful exhibits, including cooking, fruit carving, oriental medicine, foot massage, etc.



Mongolia Mission's second health expo, which was held at the Crocus Exhibition Hall, attracted an average of 500 daily visitors.

We were able to invite Kwak YooRim's Nanta team and Lee SungBeom's professional hair stylist team to perform on the stage every day, which was a delight to behold. We were also honored to have Pastor Yoo MyungHae and her husband, who are currently ministering at a Presbyterian Church. Pastor Yoo performed beautiful Korean traditional dances, touching the hearts of those who had the privilege of watching.

All the professional activities and services from the 19 booths provided a great deal of satisfaction and joy to the average of 500 daily participants. Many of them were repeat visitors because they weren't able to visit every booth in one day's time.

One of the 19 booths was a Korean culture booth, set up to share more about Korea with our Mongolian guests. Friends, couples, and families had the opportunity to dress up in *hanboks* (tradition Korean outfits) and take pictures. It was wonderful to see how much people were enjoying themselves.

The Mongolian government sent a medical doctor and nurse to help with the Mongolia booth, and the Mongolia Mission provided a dentist and dental hygienists for free physical and dental exams. As you can imagine, this was a very popular booth.

Another booth was all about Korean food. It was so popular that as soon as the food was made, it was wiped out in just seconds. I cannot describe all 19 booths in detail, but the hair stylist booth charged 2000 tugriks (2669 tugriks=1 USD) per guest, donating all proceeds to help the Mongolia Mission. This was greatly appreciated. The foot massage booth was also very popular, so much so that our masseurs and masseuses were physically exhausted by 4 p.m. The oriental medicine booth also had a lot of visitors as many people came to have their facial moles removed for free. Our volunteers at the registration desk worked diligently to register about 750 visitors and connect each one of them to different local churches.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the leaders, organizers and booth volunteers for their dedication and hard work in making Ulaanbaatar Health Expo 2019 a success.

I hope and pray that in three years' time, we will be able to host yet another successful Health Expo here in Mongolia so that we can continue to share the message of God's love.



# Teaching at **Taiwan Adventist College**



Dr. Clouzet speaks at the Taiwan Adventist College graduation.

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), served as the speaker for the commencement address at the Taiwan Adventist College graduation on June 2, 2019. More than 70 pastors, mostly from mainland China, graduated with their theology degree.

The following day, Dr. Clouzet started teaching a Master of Ministry intensive class, seven hours per day for eight days. The course, "Evangelism and Church Growth," covered the following topics: the

#### Ron Clouzet NSD Ministerial Secretary

challenge of mission in northern Asia, the example of Jesus as an evangelist, church growth in the Book of Acts, the work of the Spirit in the New Testament church, leadership development in the New Testament, the global research done on church growth by Natural Church Development, how to lead people to Christ, how to give effective Bible studies, the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, principles to plant new churches, vision and mission in the local church, how to become a more missional church, how to plan for evangelism, the evangelism countdown, the evangelistic sermon and delivery, and how to make effective appeals.

The students read and reported on several books and worked on a postintensive assignment relevant to the course subject. The students expressed deep appreciation for the content and discussions experienced in the class. The Women's Ministries department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) and the Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) held a spiritual retreat for Adventist women leaders in Korea at the Madalpy Training Center from July 3 to 4, 2019. About 200 Adventist women leaders from all over the country gathered together to strengthen their qualities as women leaders.

*"El Shaddai* means God Almighty; in other words, He nourishes his people and supplies all our needs. Like Him, we should share our blessings from God with people as the pathway of blessing," said Ahn JaeSoon, KUC Women's Ministries director, during her welcome remarks.

Mrs. Nam SangSook, who has been serving as KAWA president since March 2018, delivered a message emphasizing Christian leadership as servants. She expressed her eager willingness to cooperate with KUC and the local Conference for women's ministries.

The retreat consisted of lectures, testimonies, prayer sessions, and mission reports from each local Conference. Attendees were able to be revived spiritually, and they fully committed themselves to being a faithful leader in their local churches.

Moreover, booths were designed to have attendees learn various skills, such as vegetarian cooking, making organic shampoo, leading a communion service, and performing hand massage. These skills are expected to be utilized for evangelism in their local churches. Seminars on "How to contact those who have an interest" and "How to manage women's associations" were also provided at the booths.

During the business session, Korean Adventist women leaders agreed that women's ministries in Korea will put an emphasis on "Education" and "Mission" by 2020. To

achieve these aims, they are going to implement many plans, such as health education, children's education, international mission trips, ministries for multicultural families, fostering future women leaders, and others.

The attendees ended the retreat with a renewed commitment to serve their churches and to carry out God's work in these last days. Please pray for KUC women's ministries.

# Korean Adventist Women Leaders' Retreat









At the retreat, each of eleven PCM missionaries gave reports on mission activities for the past six months.

## Summer Retreat for **PCM Missionaries** Held in Taiwan

Kim NakHyung NSD PCM Director

The summer retreat for the missionaries of the Public Campus Ministries (PCM) was held at Taiwan Adventist College from July 21 to 23, 2019. One of the goals of PCM is to support evangelistic work targeting college students in big cities of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territories. A student missionary who lives in the area where the PCM is targeting would team up with another student missionary from a foreign country, working together on campus. Foreign missionaries are supported as they study the language at the college. The purpose of this project is to plant a youth church at a target site. As of August 2019, a total of 16 missionaries from Korea, Brazil, the United States,

and other countries have been dispatched to eight target cities in four NSD countries. The NSD is the first among the 13 Divisions to recruit and dispatch missionaries for PCM.

During the summer retreat, eleven PCM missionaries from Taiwan and Mongolia and the pastors who supervise them gathered together. The retreat started with opening worship led by Elder Noah Lai, president of Taiwan Conference (TWC). The next day, each of eleven missionaries gave reports on mission activities for the past six months, followed by a Q & A session, feedback, and prayer time. On the last day, the retreat was adjourned with a dedication ceremony led by Pastor Kim NakHyung, director of the NSD Youth and PCM Ministries.

In general, the mission reports seem positive about the PCM project. First of all, the missionaries agreed that most of the college students seemed favorable toward them, largely because the missionaries were students as well. Moreover, many students showed an interest in learning English and Korean. The Korean Culture Wave also helped the missionaries to invite students to evangelistic programs. The students who participated in the programs became familiar with the church and the church pastors. As a result, precious souls were baptized during the PCM summer camp meeting.

Nevertheless, there were trials and errors since this is the first time that the NSD PCM has implemented this project. However, with God's grace and the full support of church leaders in the NSD, the PCM missionaries could dedicate themselves to their mission and keep trying to win souls. TWC granted a gift for the missionaries; they promised that they will continually support PCM missionaries.

Two missionaries are considering extending their service period until next year. If the new target fields are selected, the recruitment of the second batch of PCM missionaries is going to begin in September 2019. Then, the second batch missionaries will go through a short-term training course and will be dispatched to their mission fields.

#### **HKMC Health Ministries** Continues in the Second Quarter with Vigor and Joy



In the second quarter of this year, Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) Health Ministries department hosted a number of activities that were full of blessings. In April 2019, the Monthly Happiness School for the elderly commenced in order to promote a healthy, happy, and helpful lifestyle to church members aged over 50. On June 24, the school organized a gospel singing group and started practicing. They visited a nursing home in Sheung Shui, New Territories, and gave their first performance on July 10.



Hydrotherapy seminars were conducted twice in April and July 2019, at the Kowloon Church and the Bible Auditorium, respectively. Participants learned about three types of water: internal water, external water, and spiritual water. They were amazed that simple home remedies could be powerful in relieving discomfort and pain in their bodies. Facial steam bath and ice massage were also well received by the participants. However, the most precious lesson was that the living water provided by Jesus can cleanse our sins.



The first day of May was Labor L Day in Hong Kong. On this public holiday, the members of the Hong Kong International Church held an annual Health Fair to serve more than 300 Englishspeaking people in Hong Kong. Health screenings for blood sugar, blood pressure, body fat, BMI, and dental health were provided. After the screenings, visitors benefitted from health counseling and spiritual counseling. They also enjoyed a healthy lunch and a lecture on physical therapy in the afternoon.







On May 26, 2019, HKMC Health Ministries held an event to promote recycling of resources in nature according to the principle of LOVERS, which stands for Local, Organic, Vegetarian, Energysaving, Recycling, and Seasonal. A certain

budget was given to each of four groups of participants in order to prepare a vegetarian multi-course meal. The program lasted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Throughout all the steps of buying, cooking, and eating, participants were able to learn the principle of eco-friendly consumption.

The most recent event of HKMC Health Ministries was held on July 1, a public holiday that commemorates the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The one-day health camp for the elderly was held with the assistance of young HKMC Pathfinders. The camp started with a health message, with the story of the blind man being healed in John 9. After the worship, the participants learned about how to assess the four components of health: physical, mental, social, and spiritual. Then, the young Pathfinders led out in various outdoor activities. It was a blessing from God that the young and the old were able to join together for group activities during the entire camp. Praise the Lord that the first elderly's health camp successfully took place with plenty of sweat and laughter.





# Youth Bible Camp 2019 Brings Young People Closer

"A bove all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" (Proverbs 4:23).

Hong Kong Central District Youth Bible Camp 2019, titled "From the Heart," was organized by the Bible Auditorium, Kowloon Church, and the Pak Tin Chapel. The event took place from June 28 to 30, 2019, at Mt. Davis Youth Hostel in Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong SAR. In succession to the first Youth Bible Camp of last year which was titled "Knowing from Now," this year's theme was to teach young people how to keep God's love constantly in their hearts.

A total of 39 young people attended the camp to reflect on their spiritual lives in a highly

secular modern city. They encouraged one another by sharing how they found strength in faith to handle their daily struggles. Pastor Heywood Cham, the Hong Kong-Macao Conference president, delivered a sermon during the divine worship.

Time went by so fast. The participants were blessed by interactive activities. They found a time of rest from their busy routines. A young camper from Pak Tin Chapel remarked, "For the first time I tried fasting and prayer. To my surprise, it wasn't as difficult as I thought. I could concentrate better on dialogue with God and listening to His words. I am happy that I came."



Young people from Adventist churches in Hong Kong central district had a threeday Youth Bible Camp together.



## One Sabbath in Cheongri Joeun Church

#### **Richard Sabuin**

NSD SS/PM Director

Cheongri Joeun Church is an Adventist church in Korea that my wife and I have visited more than once. It has 38 members, with a regular attendance of 25 to 30 members on Sabbath. Its location is in the middle of a rice field in a peaceful village in the southeastern part of Korea. The church does not have its own pastor. The pastor in charge has three other churches under his care. Consequently, the pastor visits the church just once a month or even more than a month.

It is the church elder, Lee SangUp, who functions like a pastor to that church. Elder Lee is a farmer, raising cucumbers and other kinds of vegetables. He is in charge of the worship services and other pastoral aspects of the church. Deaconess Kim Seunglm also supports the ministry of the church. She lives in Seoul but travels every weekend to this church even though the church is about 250 km from Seoul. The church was the home church of her parents-in-law. She helps in leading Sabbath School programs as well as teaching the lessons.

When my wife and I visited the church from May 24 to 25, 2019, we saw almost all the members that we had met the previous year during our first visit. We recognized their faces, and they still remembered us; we felt very

welcomed. On Friday evening, about 25 members came to the vespers program, and on Sabbath morning, another 10 joined in the Sabbath School and divine worship. Apparently, all of the members are able to come to church on Sabbath, since most of them can arrange their own schedules as farmers.

I could sense the worship atmosphere in that church. As they entered the sanctuary, they greeted one another warmly, as if one week was too long to wait to meet again on Sabbath. The members sang praises wholeheartedly, recited Bible verses confidently, returned their tithes, and gave offerings. They also participated in Sabbath School discussions and responded with a loud amen as they listened to the sermons.

It was indeed a joy to share the words of God with the church members, encouraging them to be faithful until Jesus comes and to be witnesses for Him. Polly Park, office assistant of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Education department, came with her family and translated my sermons. The church prepared Korean traditional dishes for Sabbath lunch. It was indeed a day of joy. I would definitely like to visit Cheongri Joeun Church again.

# Make Disciples of All Nations: CLAP 5 Completes Their Second Session



From June 30 to July 15, 2019, the second intensive session of the Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) was held at the Seventhday Adventist Language Center in the Philippines. Twenty-three trainees from the Unions and the Mission under the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) participated in this intensive training course in cooperation with five staff members and fourteen local English tutors. All participants were eager to learn as much as they could, and all the lecturers and trainers

exerted themselves to teach the participants as many things as they could.

The theme of this CLAP session was "Make Disciples of All Nations." This motto reminded the participants of the purpose of this program, which is to accomplish the great commission of Jesus Christ. After Noah's Flood, the many different languages that originated from the Tower of Babel have been a significant barrier in the sharing of the words of God. It is understandable that the early church experienced a gift of tongue on Pentecostal Day so that the people of different languages could communicate with each other as if they were using one language. Effective linguistic communication skills should be one of the major parts of the CLAP curriculum.

Daily routine for the two weeks starts with a morning worship service. Each participant prepares his or her own sermon in English, and they present before the colleague trainees and teachers. After sharing prayer requests, CLAP participants pray individually or in groups of twos or threes in English. Right after the morning exercise, everyone is to memorize the given Bible verse in order to get a breakfast ticket. An hour of these fruitful activities gives the participants a good appetite.

Every day, the English program consists of six hours of classes: two hours of group classes, two hours of one-on-two classes, and another two hours of one-on-one classes. In the group classes, which are composed of five to six members, they learned basic language skills, such as grammar, vocabulary, writing, and syntax. During one-on-one and one-on-two tutoring classes, trainees have many opportunities to listen and to speak. All of the participants seemed to enjoy learning.

In this session, as a leadership program, there was an "Intensive Field School of Evangelism" lecture by Dr. Ron Clouzet, NSD ministerial secretary. The CLAP members not only learned some basic theories and knowledge needed to be an effective evangelist, but they also learned many practical tips. They also learned about many ready-to-use materials for various evangelistic meetings. The trainees were fully armed with the weapons for their spiritual battles.

On one Sabbath, CLAP trainees and tutors visited four local churches. Four family groups of about ten people prepared



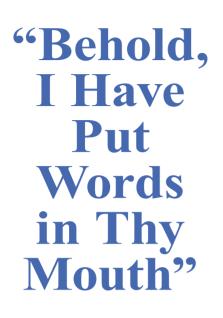
One of the CLAP family groups visited Munting Ilog Church one Sabbath, leading Sabbath School programs and divine worship.



- 1. The intensive English program of CLAP includes one-on-one classes with a tutor.
- 2. CLAP members had to memorize the given Bible verse before breakfast.
- 3.Comprehensive health was encouraged through exercise time.

sermons, Sabbath School lessons, and Sabbath School programs. They also led out in the morning programs. These four churches will be the places where we will have evangelistic meetings during the last CLAP session of this batch next year. We had meetings with the church members and discussed how we could effectively prepare and execute next year's evangelistic meetings. We hope that these 2018-2020 CLAP sessions will be finished with the fruitful harvest of souls by making the best use of what we have learned throughout the CLAP sessions. We pray that the Holy Spirit of the Pentecostal Day will be poured also upon His servants today.





**Y Saka Nie** 1000MM 52nd Batch



I am a 20-year-old missionary from Vietnam, and I have completed my term in the mission field as part of the 52nd batch of the 1000 Missionary Movement.

From the very beginning, my prayer to the Lord was for Him to help me understand and speak English well enough to communicate with others. I prayed continually, but by the second month, my English was still bad, and I couldn't speak well.

When December came, my partner, Donnie, said to me, "Partner, you need to give the sermon this coming midweek."



I said, "I don't think I can do it because I can't speak English very well. I need to study more, and then, after that, maybe I can speak. Just give me time."

For three months, I prayed to God to give me wisdom, but it seemed that God was not answering me. Then, I realized why I was not seeing any changes—I prayed with my mouth and read the Bible, but I never actually tried preaching because I was always afraid that I couldn't do it.

Praise God that He loves me and let me know what I should do through His words in Jeremiah 1: 6-7, "Then said I, Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, say not I am a child, for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee, thou shalt speak." After I read these verses, I felt that they pertained to me. I said that I couldn't speak because my English was terrible, but it says in Jeremiah 1:9, "Then the Lord put forth His hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put words in thy mouth."

No matter how much I pray, I cannot grow without action. When the time came, I said to myself, "Don't worry about speaking in English. My Father in heaven will touch my mouth during that time." I prayed and then went on to share God's message. After about 20 minutes, I felt that God was with me. As I talked, Donnie served as my translator because some of the people could not understand English.

Then, Donnie and I started doing Bible studies with a Roman Catholic family. We continually prayed to God for the family, and He answered. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, they opened their hearts to Jesus and started worshipping on the Sabbath. We were so glad.

We went on to conduct Bible study meetings with another Catholic family, the Villias. They didn't accept the gospel as easily as the previous family, but we did not give up. I prayed that God would use me as His instrument, and I continued working earnestly with my partner until July 19, 2018, when we gave our last sermon. It was the last time that I would be able to speak to them, and I thank God that He opened their hearts and minds. He touched my mouth to be able to deliver His message and, afterwards, I said, "I hope to see you in church tomorrow." They agreed happily, and the next day, they indeed came to church to worship God. I will never forget that experience. I always pray that their relationship with God will continue to grow stronger, and I request that you also pray for them. Through constant prayer and by acting in faith, I received all things from God.

#### From a Lukewarm Christian to a Humble Missionary

Artem Tomy Novoseltsev 1000MM 52nd Batch

am a missionary from Russia. I was a member of the 52nd batch of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM). Before I became a missionary, I was a lukewarm Christian. Even though I grew up in an Adventist family, I was not an active member of the church, and I did not have a personal relationship with God. Every Saturday, I went to church and sometimes even participated in church programs. However, during divine worship, I just played games on my phone. Back then, I did not like reading the Bible or other Christian books. I read many worldly books, but none about the Bible, Jesus, or the Adventist Church. I did not pray sincerely, but I just closed my eyes for a few seconds after I woke up and before I went to bed.

When I came to the Philippines and joined the 1000MM, everything changed. I especially learned a lot of lessons during the three months of training before I was dispatched to a mission field. During the training, I did not have my phone, so I did not have any temptations from that. Naturally, I began to read a lot. I began to read the Bible and other books, such as those by Ellen G. White. The first book that I read was Ellen White's *The Great Controversy*. Through



this book, my eyes were opened. I realized that Jesus is coming soon, and I realized that I wasn't ready. I was in danger of losing the promise of eternal life. I am very grateful that God led me to the Philippines to join the Movement.

After the training, we were all sent to our assigned mission fields with our partners. Life in the mission field was hard as the culture was almost the opposite of where I grew up and lived. Nevertheless, I am thankful to God because I learned a lot. I learned how to be humble, how to be understanding of people, and how to accept different circumstances, especially ones I did not want.



I was born and raised in a non-Christian family in Mongolia. I grew up far from God and among worldly things. "Why did you choose to be an Adventist? Why did you join the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM)? Who influenced you to join this Movement?" These are some of the questions that I often receive.

In our lives, we experience different trials and challenges, and we are also able to witness the goodness of the Lord. Joining the 1000MM is one of the challenging journeys that I am on right now. There are many reasons why I chose to join the 1000MM. I wanted to know more about God. I wanted to have a closer relationship with God. I also wanted to reach out to people who hunger and thirst for the word of God.

At first, I thought that knowing God was a simple thing to do. I thought that going to church was enough to know God and to have a relationship with him. I did not participate in any church activities, and I was content just listening to sermons. I was a lukewarm Seventhday Adventist, never getting to a state of hot or cold. However, I was wrong. Knowing God was not easy for me, especially because I was not fully committed to Him. Sometimes, I made a great effort to be a good Christian in the eyes of others. Nevertheless, I was wearing a mask of a different character and of a different person in front of others. Later, I realized that it was just an effort of self-exaltation.

Moreover, I did not feel comfortable talking to other people about God

or inviting them to go to church with me. Compared to myself, there were people who amazed me by the way they used their gifts from God to praise Him and to help others to come to know Jesus. I asked myself, "What gift do I have from God?" I wanted to find it, and that made me grow closer to Him.

Another question came to my mind: "How should I get closer to God?" I was always overloaded with work, so much so that I sometimes didn't keep the Sabbath. I was working for a non-Adventist organization in a Buddhist country, so my work became a challenge for my faith. This was very hard for me to cope with. I had to make a decision to save my weakening faith. "Should I continue my work and sacrifice my Sabbath sometimes? Or should I take





a break from work for a while and think of my faith?"

I decided to take a break from my work and serve God as a full-time missionary. After making my decision to join the 1000MM, trials and temptations came. All of a sudden, a certain company gave me a job offer with a high salary. I was a little bit tempted by the offer. However, the temptation did not grow because I kept in mind the reasons why I had decided to become a missionary. I know that God will supply all of my needs according to His richness.

I have gradually come to understand the word of God, and I want my faith to grow more and more every day. I have become more zealous about reaching others and helping them rebuild their broken faith.

It was a crucial decision for me to join this missionary movement. I know that it was not just an opportunity, but it was God's plan for me. I know that His plan is always best. Thus, whatever trials and challenges might fall before me, it won't stop me from finishing my race.

### Less Focus on Myself, More Focus on God's Work

Semjaantamjid 1000MM 54th Batch

I had been five years since I attended the Adventist church on a regular basis. I was so busy focusing on my work as a journalist. For two years, my life routine was leaving home early and coming home late at night. I was also busy working on the Sabbath day. There were times when I sometimes went to church instead of going to work. My heart said, "Go to church," but my brain said, "Go to work because it's more important." I felt stressed due to this conflict.

One day, I decided to follow Jesus. I quit my job. Then, I decided to study at an Adventist school. I had no money, but I prayed that God would help me and provide for my needs. At the school, I was surprised that every Sabbath the students did not hesitate to help those in need. Likewise, I really enjoyed being able to help others and serve God at the same time. I felt like it was what I had needed all my life. While I was studying, I was getting closer to God. Keeping the Sabbath and being friends with other Adventist members increased my faith.

When my Bible teacher told me about the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) for the first time, I was a bit scared and thought that I might not be able to endure the training. However, God changed my heart. Even though some of my church mates told me how hard it was, I finally decided to join the 1000MM.

I am not rich in material things, but my heart is rich with kindness. I want to help people. I want to serve God and reach the people who need to know about God's grace and salvation. I do not dream of a luxurious life. All I want is to serve God for the rest of my life. I know that God will help me in everything that I do. The Bible says that "Faith without works is dead." I will be faithful and serve God until my last breath.



Our Mission Continues in Taiwan: Report from Golden Angels 16

Six months have passed, and we are now in the middle of our ministry! I can't imagine how God has sustained us until this point. Indeed, God is truly amazing and faithful, for we still continue our journey to share the gospel in every nation, particularly here in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD).

In July 2019, we traveled to Taiwan for the second time. It was longer than our first mission trip there. For four weeks, we traveled around the island. Our major contribution was supporting evangelistic meetings and helping Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) pastors with their activities. It was a delight for us that we become partners in God's work.

Our first stop was at the Pingzhen Hope Church in Taoyuan City, where Pastor Kim SeokGu is in charge. The objective of the evangelism meeting was to promote health and wellness as well as biblical studies. Throughout the week, we listened to health lectures and learned practical preparations of food from Professor Chumei Wo, public health expert. Brother Bruce Hammar delivered the message of God during the nightly program. The Golden Angels missionaries became their support by preparing the hearts of the listeners through songs. We also visited friends, especially sick church members in their respective homes. Through music ministry, God gave us the opportunity to encourage and give them hope because Jesus will help them at all times.

The highlight of the ministry that week was how the church members really involved themselves in the work. Despite the fact that most of them are adults with a busy schedule, they were able to accompany us in our daily visitations. Some of them were preparing food for the guests and attendees. Others helped the pastor to find the Bible interests. Indeed, the church members were eager to be involved in the work. At the end of the week, by the grace of God, a precious soul was ushered to the feet of Jesus.

After two hours of travel from the first church, the team moved to Shalu Church for another meaningful



 A group of people were invited to join the ongoing evangelistic meetings at Shinju Church.
Prayer is the key to every successful singing

- performance by Golden Angels 16. 3. People on the street showed an interest in the "No
- b) People on the street showed an interest in the "No to Plastic" promotion, which was initiated by the Shalu Adventist Church.

program. The second week was a little bit different from our previous experiences, and it was the busiest and most unforgettable journey for us as the 16th batch missionaries. It was not the usual evangelism meeting that we normally participate in. We joined with Taiwan Gaonnori Youth Club in a project to navigate the whole island of Taiwan, bringing awareness on environmental protection and reservation. It was a special opportunity to be co-laborers with these young ambassadors in promoting the "No to Plastic" advocacy. From the Shalu District, a bus took us to Taichung, Kaohsiung, Pingtung, Taitung, Yilan, and Taipei District. There were about fifty people who participated, including our team. Actually, it was the very first time in Taiwan Mission that this kind of project was initiated.

Each day the team moved from one place to another, promoting the campaign to many people in the stations, cultural institutions, churches, and government offices. During that time, we also had the privilege of meeting different tribes in Taiwan and experiencing a taste of their culture and heritage. It was an intensive week for us as we worked to inspire people. We sang and performed under the heat of sun as well as the wet environment during rainy



Leah Servidad Golden Angels 16







 Ten souls were baptized after the evangelistic series at Shinju Church.
Golden Angels

had an outdoor performance at the airport during the second week in Taiwan

days. Just imagine how exhausted we were in that kind of weather condition, but God sustained each one of us, including the children who joined us. No one got sick during the entire trip.

Supportive parents who were there to care for their flocks contributed greatly to the success of the program. We were especially inspired by PMM Pastor Park Jinsu and his family who supported the ministry. At the end of the week, the bus that had become our shelter during the journey went back to Shalu Church, carrying a great story of God's love and power. Three members of Gaonnori Club were baptized and became part of the church. The entire trip was very successful through the help of God and with the unity of people from three nations: Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines.

We continued our journey for the third week, but this time the group was divided into two teams. This is not an unusual setting for Golden Angels ministry. I had heard that previous groups had done this, but I was really worried! How could we create beautiful harmony without being complete? I was afraid of the outcome of our songs, our harmonies, and our team spirit as a whole. But regardless of the circumstances, we were eager to continue the ministry. One group, with four members, led by Pastor Cho DaeYeon, associate coordinator of Golden Angels, was assigned to Puli Church. Another group of four missionaries with Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD Youth Ministries director, served Shinju Church.

The first day of being separated from each other made me feel lonely and incomplete, but the worries I had were replaced with confidence and trust in God as we let Him use us to contribute to the success of the work. Definitely, God allowed us to taste the fruits of our labors by the overwhelming response from the churches that we visited. I also considered the fact that without the intervention of the Holy Spirit and the participation of local Taiwanese pastors, it would have been difficult for us to withstand the challenges during the week. Praise God for unexpected results in ministry. Initially, the Shinju Church pastor was only expecting five baptismal candidates, but Pastor Kim suggested, "We have two hands; why don't we count all fingers?" In short, the first goal was five, but by faith we increased our goal to ten candidates! We asked the Lord, and He answered us through the ten precious souls who accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior at the end of the week! A precious soul was baptized at the Puli Church.

Being separated for a week gave us a different experience in the singing ministry, but being together once again made us more complete as a team. We really missed each other for a week. For the remaining schedule in Taiwan, we were in full force as we gave our best for the Lord at the Luzhu Church. With partnership from the Korean team, the final week of evangelistic meetings was very colorful because of the variety of programs. Foot and body massage, mole removal, haircut, Korean food cooking, soap-making, and wearing Korean traditional costumes were some of the activities available during the day. Pastor Joo MinHo, director of NSD Adventist Mission, was the main speaker for the gospel meetings. The singing of the Golden Angels missionaries delighted the hearts of the listeners who were coming to the event. We were also involved in other set of programs by assisting Pastor Choi JungSik and the Korean team. By the grace of God and the great collaboration of these teams, one lady was baptized on the Sabbath day.

The life of a missionary is not always easy and smooth. Challenges and trials may be around in our journey, but we will eagerly continue to finish the work entrusted to us. The Lord says in Philippians 1:6 "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." This is the promise of God, that we can hold on so we may be able to continue laboring for the Master!



# 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

