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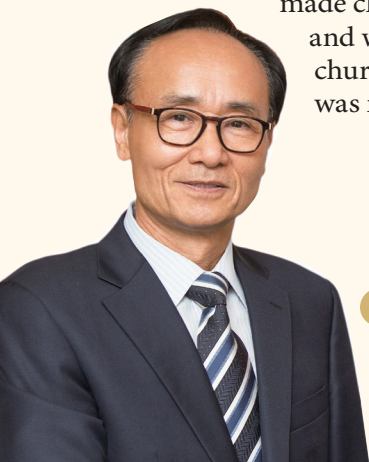
The Missional Northern Asia-Pacific Division

Christopher Wright, the writer of *Mission of God*, defines mission as participating devotedly as God's people, in obedience to God's calling and command, in the works of God Himself, for the redemption of God's creatures. David Bosh, a mission theologian, states, in his book *Transforming Mission*, "Mission is based on godship of God. God is Missionary God as a necessity due to His attribute."

Mission is the completion of church, which is the body of Christ. In that sense, mission as a fundamental concept is the identity of church rather than one of the activities of church. If the fundamental purpose and pursuit of church is mission, church should naturally be missional.

The early church was unquestionably missional in its identity and action. The greatest commission given to the early church was mission, and their services and activities were also mission. Even the way of solving problems of the church was missional. In fear of life, they didn't stop mission, saying, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you must judge" (Acts 4:19). When there was a feud between the Hellenists and the Hebraic Jews, they reorganized the church to "give themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4). The early church was a missional church. When the believers were scattered due to persecution and Stephen's death, they saw an opportunity for evangelism.

Like the early church, the most important and most overriding purpose of the Seventh-Day Adventist organization was also the mission of spreading the gospel all over the world. The church was naturally missional, and the leaders made clear through their messages and writings that the purpose of the church organization and activities was mission.



Kim SiYoung, President
Northern Asia-Pacific Division

"The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world" (AA, 9).

"The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth" (6T, 29).

There are concerns that the present Adventist church is gradually losing the power of mission because it is growing organization-centered or administration-centered rather than mission-centered due to the quantitative growth and establishment of various organizations. Let's make the concerns groundless and not permit them to be real. To do that, all of us, one by one, should become missional. When I become missional, my home will become a missional home, my church will become a missional church, and this will proceed to missional organizations, missional conferences, missional union conferences, missional divisions and a missional General Conference.

My wish is that the Northern Asia-Pacific Division may be re-awakened, that the purpose and the essence of church will be mission, continuously moving forward for the growth of mission work and the enlargement of mission, to become the world-exemplary "missional NSD."



NSD MISSION STATEMENT

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

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OVER STORY

Ulaanbaatar-wide Evangelism 2019



Immediately following the close of Ulaanbaatar Health Expo 2019, Ulaanbaatar-wide Evangelism 2019 started. The church members, the speakers and the visitors did not have any time to rest, but they were still enthusiastic and energetic as the evangelistic meetings started on August 5 at Khilchin Church and Genesis Church and on August 6 at the remaining nine churches in Ulaanbaatar. The following were the speakers for the eleven participating churches: Suh GwangSoo, Kim KilHyung, Kim DaeSong, Jo ChoonHo, Kwon JeongHaeng, Jo GwangSang, Lee SukJin, Choi ChangHyun, Kim SunHwan, Yoon HyunSuk, Byun SungJun, and Bold Batsukh.

I had the privilege of visiting all 11 churches, sometimes taking in two or three churches in one night. We were able to record the activities of each church with a camera/videography team from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). We felt the presence of the Holy Spirit at every church we visited. The church where Pastor Jo GwangSang spoke had more than 100 attendees each night, including 80 children. Many of the children wanted to get baptized, but we postponed their baptisms because we wanted to make sure we got parental consent. There was still one adult baptism on the closing Sabbath.

The church where Pastor Yoon HyunSuk spoke welcomed twenty new visitors, who attended regularly every night and are now baptismal candidates. There was one elderly lady, in particular, who really put her heart into the evangelistic meetings and attended faithfully each day. She even invited the volunteer team to her home on Sabbath afternoon, and everyone enjoyed a lovely visit there. These baptismal candidates have committed to studying the Bible with the local church pastor so they can prepare for baptism. Pastor Yoon has pledged to support two of the church youth with scholarships so they may grow up to become future leaders of the church.

Pastor Kwon JeongHaeng's church had a real physical challenge due to the heavy rainfall. Despite how difficult it was to reach the church because of the water and mud, the church actually did not have enough seats inside, so they had to set up tents outside for those who came later. Even rain and winds could not stop the Holy Spirit from touching the hearts of the attendees. Six people were born again through baptism at the end of the meetings.

Pastor Byun SeongJun's church was located high on top of a hill. That did not stop people from climbing the hill each evening to attend the meetings. An



1. Even the heavy rainfall could not stop people from going to the church to listen to the message delivered by Pastor Kwon.
2. Every night, about 70 people gathered at Pastor Byun's church, which was located on a hill.

average of 65 to 70 people came every night. The team also visited individual houses to extend invitations. There was one person who had been attending a Presbyterian church for the past three years, but was still seeking more truth. When she attended the meetings, she felt convinced that she had found the truth she was looking for and decided to get baptized. And we certainly cannot forget the pregnant woman who accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and got baptized with a child in her womb. Through God's grace, six people from this church were also baptized.

We had some concerns about the church where Elder Lee SukJin was assigned because it is in the early stages of growth. However, we were tremendously encouraged by the potential we saw at this young church. Many children attended the meetings, and two people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior at the end of the week.



1. People have Sabbath worship at the Genesis Church. The building is a *ger*, a traditional Mongolian dwelling.
2. Baptismal candidates of the Genesis Church
3. Children were eager to attend the evangelistic meetings, and many of them wanted to get baptized.

Pastor Kim SunHwan was assigned to a church where one of our Pioneer Mission Movement pastors is currently serving and where Elder Lee SungGeun has been providing support during the past year. Once again, Elder Lee SungGeun, Kim DukBong, and Won YongMoon offered their help throughout the entire evangelistic series. On Friday afternoon, all the volunteers, church members, and baptismal candidates went out to Terelj National Park and camped out in tents to spend the Sabbath in God's nature. They praised God with all their hearts, and seven people were

baptized in this beautiful testament to God's creatorship.

Pastor Kim KilHyung was responsible for a church that had also held an evangelism crusade last year. Fourteen volunteers worked very hard and visited multiple homes during the week-long evangelistic services and were able to impart a positive influence to the community around the church. The church was blessed with a special music team that included a talented saxophonist Ha ChangHo, the best student of one of Korea's most renowned saxophonists; classic guitarist Park JongHo; and vocalist Sung YoonSook. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons, they provided their audiences with an amazing musical concert and touched many hearts. Fourteen people from this church were baptized at the end of the evangelistic meetings.

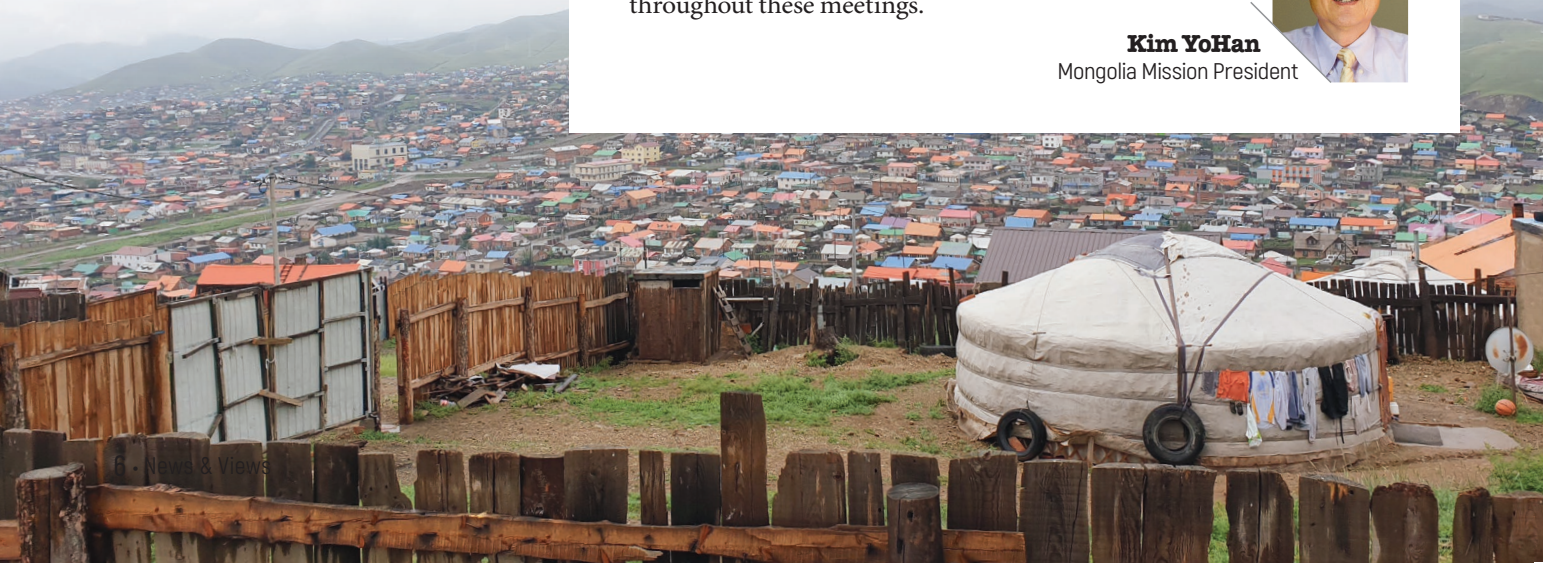
Pastor Jo ChoonHo was assigned to the Ulaanbaatar Central Church and spent the afternoons treating people with his oriental medicine skills. Many guests were very grateful for his healing touch. People cried when the testimony was given on the last Sabbath, and twenty baptismal candidates promised to stay connected with the local church pastor to continue with Bible study in preparation for baptism.

There were many others, including Pastor Suh GwangSoo, Pastor Choi ChangHyun, Pastor Kim DaeSong, and Pastor Bold Batsukh, who took care of congregations and other churches and led evangelism meetings with equally successful results. I cannot thank everybody enough.

I look forward to the next Ulaanbaatar-wide evangelistic series three years from now, and I praise God for His bountiful blessings and for His protection throughout these meetings.



Kim YoHan
Mongolia Mission President



SECOND NSD CREATION, FAITH, AND SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Richard Sabuin
NSD Education Director

The Geoscience Research Institute and Education department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) organized the Creation, Faith and Science Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal, from July 22 to 25, 2019. This is the second conference after the first one in Kunming, China, ten years ago. About 50 leaders in education participated, including education directors, school principals, teachers, and chaplains.

During the conference, the participants were blessed with more than 10 presentations. The director of the Geoscience Research Institute (GRI) of the General Conference (GC), Dr. Jim Gibson, presented that the heavens still tell about creation and the Creator. “The creation shows clear evidence of divine activity; naturalistic philosophies are untenable.” In conclusion, he stated, “No theory of origins explains everything, but no theory of origins is better than creation.”

Dr. Arthur Chadwick, a renowned geologist from Southwestern Adventist University, captured the attention of the participants through his presentation entitled “What Happened to the Dinosaurs?” He introduced a taphonomic study project he has been working on for more than twenty years. It is a study focusing on the cause of death of dinosaurs, their post-mortem history, and any changes that have occurred subsequent to their burial. Discoveries in the project have given evidences in favor of creation. His other presentations included “Compelling Evidence of Design in Nature,” “What Evolutionists Believe about Origins,” and “Relating to Geology Time.”



Dr. Arthur Chadwick from Southwestern Adventist University was one of the speakers for the conference.

Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, GC Education director, discussed the implications of the doctrine of creation for education and advocacy. She also shared with the participants how to get funded for research in faith and science. An emphasis on environmental responsibility and Adventist education was given by Dr. John W. Taylor V, associate director of GC Education department. He summarized that “the Bible makes it evident that environmental care is God’s business. And if God protects, preserves, and provides for the care of all creatures, should we be any less compassionate?”

Besides learning from the presentations, the participants had one full-day study tour, with an orientation given by Dr. Choi ChongGeol, NSD GRI director. One of the sites was Nagarkot, about 30 km from Kathmandu. This is a place where, when the sky is bright, people may enjoy Himalayan views. Although it was cloudy and raining on that day, all enjoyed the nature walk.



At the end of the program, NSD president Kim SiYoung delivered a message. In his remarks, he said, “Students, especially attending Seventh-day Adventist schools, should be nurtured and taught to develop a solid faith and knowledge of the Creator God who made the world.”

Emphasizing biblical creation to students in Adventist schools is an effort of strengthening their faith and loyalty to the Creator God. The result will be at least two-fold. First, our young people will remain faithful to the Lord. Second, non-Adventist students will hopefully know God and give their lives to Jesus Christ. In order to do that, teachers should first believe and be knowledgeable.

NEWS FOCUS II



PARL DIRECTORS ADVISORY MEETING IN TAIWAN

PARL (Public Affairs & Religious Liberty) directors in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) had an advisory meeting at Sanyu Health Education Center on the Taiwan Adventist College campus from September 22 to 25, 2019. Dr. Nelu Burcea, associate director of General Conference PARL department, was the main speaker. In attendance were ten Union/Conference/Mission PARL directors from four different countries in the NSD territories—Mongolia, Japan, Taiwan, and Korea. The participants agreed that this meeting was timely for more effective ministries and religious freedom since there have been various challenges and recent issues on religious liberty in our territory.

Taiwan was chosen to be the host of this meeting to acknowledge the recent positive attitude of the Taiwan government toward religious freedom. In 2019, two important meetings on religious freedom were held

in Taiwan: “A Civil Society Dialogue on Securing Religious Freedom in the Indo-Pacific Region” in March and “Taiwan International Religious Freedom Forum (TIRFF)” in May of this year. Taiwan’s President Tsai Ing-wen, who was invited to the two meetings, gave a remarkable speech advocating religious freedom at TIRFF. She especially acknowledged the long history of Christian persecution in Taiwan. She made a promise regarding religious liberty by saying, “As Taiwan’s democratically elected president, I am certain that accommodating diverse religious beliefs is essential for a democratic society.” She further said, “I believe Taiwan can do more to help our brothers and sisters around the world, regardless of their nationality or religious belief.”

Dr. Burcea emphasized the importance of working with public officers and influential leaders of our society. He shared the experiences he had when he became the PARL director of the Romanian Union Conference. He said that public officers may seem very different than we are, but what he came to realize was that they are people just like we are, needing true friends. If we first become their friends, we can easily help one other. He also stated, “We, as PARL directors, need to remember that we are the pastors for the governors, officers, and leaders of our society. We need to include their names on our prayer list.” It was a different way of thinking, seeing public officers and leaders of society as subjects of our pastoral ministry before they are subjects we ask favors of.

We also had time for the PARL director’s report from each country. The social and political environments on religious liberty of each country were reported, and current activities and future plans were presented. All countries in the NSD have

similar religious freedom issues, such as national board exams on Sabbath and restrictions of religious freedom in the military services. All agreed that we could have a synergy effect and evade trial-and-error if we share our experiences of how to deal with various cases on PARL issues.

After the advisory in Taiwan, United Pastors’ Academy of the East Central Korean Conference and West Central Korean Conference invited Dr. Burcea to their Religious Liberty Seminar titled “The Greatness of Friendship,” which was held at the SDA Language Institute in Korea. The following two days, Friday and Sabbath, were special Religious Freedom Revival meetings at the Mokdong Church with the title of “Praying for Kings” and “Confidence and Uncertainty.”

It was a meaningful series of PARL meetings for a week, not only for the PARL directors, but also for local pastors and church members. We hope that the importance of religious liberty may have been promoted by these events in the churches of the NSD territory. Also, we pray that God will continue to bless our NSD countries so that His children may enjoy the freedom of their faith and freely carry out the great commission of Jesus.



Kim SunHwan
NSD PARL Director

1. NSD PARL directors had an advisory meeting at Sanyu Health Education Center in Taiwan.

2 & 3. Dr. Nelu Burcea, associate director of GC PARL department, speaks to Korean pastors at the Religious Liberty Seminar.



The three senior officers of the South Pacific Division (SPD) visited three countries and locations of the Northern Asia Pacific Division (NSD) from August 30 to September 7, 2019. Pastor Lionel Smith, secretary; Mr. Rodney Brady, CFO; and Pastor Glenn Townend, president; visited China, South Korea and Japan.

The visit was inspired by Pastor Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference, who challenged the officers of each Division to visit two other Divisions of the world church in this quinquennium in order to understand the challenges of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in different places and learn from the local situation. The visit from the SPD officers was a reciprocal visit as the NSD officers including all the Union officers visited the SPD (Australia and Fiji) in 2018.

The group spent the Sabbath of August 30 and 31 with the church leaders in Shenyang. We worshipped in a large church on Sabbath morning with about 1,000 participating adults—only those above the age of 18 can worship in a church in China. After lunch I had the privilege to pray for a missionary family going to an unentered area of China. We then toured the city and visited five different churches and one health retreat. We also met church leaders. One large church was in a high-rise building. Two church buildings had been closed by authorities but the church people still met us and said they had worshipped in homes. The church in China seems to be dynamic and robust because it operates under continual surveillance from the authorities. Most of the leaders in the church are women. The church has a courage and agility that I admire and would like to see in the SPD.

From Sunday, September 1, to Wednesday, September 4, we were hosted by Pastor Kim SiYoung, president of the NSD, and then Pastor Han SukHee and Byun SeongJun, NSD Communication director and associate director. We saw the demilitarized zone between South and North Korea and had many good Korean meals—the most memorable being able to cook your own fresh food in front of you.



SPD visited Sahmyook Food company in Korea.

South Pacific Division Officers Visits NSD Countries

Glenn Townend
SPD President

We visited Sahmyook University, one of the top five universities in the Adventist Church by enrollment, and learned about their chaplaincy and student service trip programs. Whatever they do, it seems to be done with excellence. We also visited the Sahmyook Health University and Hospital. Although they are two distinct institutions, they are neighbors on the same property and have a very strong focus on evangelism. I was pleased to see the goal for the number of baptisms of students, staff and patients displayed on their wall with their vision and goals. Visiting the SDA English Language Institute also on the property

was a highlight as one of my cousins and one of Lionel Smith's cousins had volunteered as student missionaries for a year back in 1983. We also visited Sahmyook Food, which produces all kinds of soy milk. I appreciated the opportunity to present a devotional for worship at the Korean Union Conference and then meet all of the Union staff and the Korean Publishing House.

The SPD has two universities, a major hospital, a publishing house, and Sanitarium health food production, so seeing how others operate their businesses and knowing that there are ties and links between these entities and those in the SPD were very valuable. The leaders of all of these institutions were all very hospitable in their busy schedules. We also visited the existing NSD office and new NSD office in north Seoul and can see what a blessing this beautiful facility will be to serve the whole territory. The church in Korea seems to be strong with a strong institutional base, but we were surprised that we did not get to visit any local church or see any local church ministry in Korea.

In Japan we were hosted by Pastor Masumi Shimada, president of the Japan Union Conference, and Pastor Toshio Shibata, secretary. We visited Tokyo Adventist Hospital and the church on the premises as well as East Japan Conference and part of the Union office and church. As we travelled to churches and cultural sights, we had plenty of time to discuss the challenges and joys of the church in Japan. The church in Japan is seeking answers—how do they reach young people; how do they reach post-modern secular people who are focused on consumerism; how do they create opportunities for Adventist businesses to thrive? The church is aging and traditional but is asking the right questions and trying to be innovative. The church in Australia and New Zealand have the most in common with Japan as the issues we face are very similar.

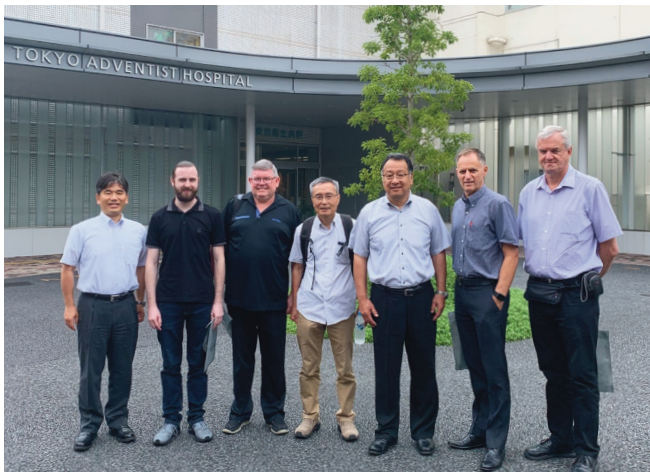


SPD officers and NSD president Kim SiYoung (2nd from the left) at the Korean Demilitarized Zone

Pastor Yasuki Miyamoto hosted Lionel Smith and his son Damien, who had flown in from Australia on Wednesday evening and were staying over the weekend. Pastor Yasuki and Lionel had been classmates during their study for ministry at Avondale College back in the early 1980s. It was good to hear of the attempts to connect with children in the community in the new church that Pastor Yasuki leads. Pastor Eisakau Morita hosted Rod Brady and me on Sabbath at the Tokyo Central Church, where we participated in both the English and Japanese congregations and the dynamic fellowship and choir ministry that they have.

We were very blessed with the Northern Asian hospitality—everything was well planned and prepared to make our visit the best it could be. Thank you to all those involved—it was worthwhile.

Blessings as we live our hope in Jesus.



SPD and JUC officers at Tokyo Adventist Hospital in Japan



SPD officers visited the Korean Union Conference office.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

As people headed to Seattle Central Korean Church for the North Korea Mission Forum on August 10, 2019, light rain was drizzling, and everything looked green and beautiful. The church is located in northern Seattle and was built about 20 years ago by Korean-American Adventists.

This was the 5th conference since the first one in 2015 was held at Garden Grove American Church in southern California, followed by Loma Linda Korean Church, Atlanta Central Church in Georgia, and Spencerville Church in Maryland. The North Korea Mission Forum and Prayer Meeting was launched by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and the North America Korean Church Council five years ago to promote North Korea mission and to support it through one common channel.

A lot of people have provided support for North Korea directly and indirectly for the last 30 years; they have built medical and dental hospitals and clinics, provided food support, such as building a bakery facility, rice and corn supply, and much more. However, most of the channels to North Korea mission are now blocked. We felt the need to continue to pray to the Lord and seek the vision and realign our mission strategies and planning through this forum.

Pastor Kim KeiChung, secretary of the Committee on North Korea Mission, reported on the activities of the past five years. Pastor Douglas Venn and Pastor Justin Kim, who were visiting from the General Conference for this event, encouraged the forum as a part of Adventist world mission.

As NSD president Kim SiYoung gave the main sermon, he urged attendees to pray like the church members and people in St. Nicholas Church in Leipzig, Germany. The prayer meeting at St. Nicholas Church was started with only five people in 1982, but it continued every Monday at 5 p.m. at the same church and grew more and more. On October 9, 1989, about 70,000 people gathered and started “Keine Gewalt” (No Violent Marching). This movement spread all over East Germany, and on October 16, there were 120,000 people who joined this peaceful march. Three weeks later, the Berlin wall was demolished and two Germans became one country—united.

Attendees watched a video clip titled “Mission to North Korea,” which was produced by the NSD Media Center. Also, Pastor Joo MinHo, NSD World Mission director, gave a report and suggested a strategic plan for North Korea mission, and demonstrated what has actually been happening the last few years.

Elder Lee YoungHo, a physician and a church member of the Seattle Central Korean Church, gave a testimony about “Manna Mission,” which has reached out to people in North Korea with activities, such as building hospitals and operating clinics for the past 22 years. The mission team was composed of an anesthesiologist, an ophthalmologist, orthopedics, dentists, and many other volunteers. As this international medical mission team operated on hundreds and thousands of patients, their patients were able to see for the first time, walk for the first time, hear for the first time. Many miracles happened.

There was a panel discussion during the forum. Elder Kwon SeokDae, former president of the Orange County—San Diego Chapter of the National Unification Advisory Council, shared the recent status of the rapidly changing international foreign affairs, especially related to Asian Pacific



5th North Korea Mission Forum and Prayer Meeting



Joo MinHo
NSD Adventist Mission Director

Pastor Douglas Venn (right), GC Global Mission Center director, spoke at the forum.



countries and the United States. “These relationships between North and South Korea, the United States, and the surrounding big nations like Japan, China, and Russia, are changing every day, and our strategy is to quickly respond accordingly,” he emphasized.

Pastor Jairyong Lee, former president of the NSD, shared his experience in North Korean churches, the current state of religious freedom and possibilities of near future religious openings in North Korea. Pastor Kim KeiChung talked about the origin of North Korea free markets and how they affect the daily lives of people in North Korea. All these changes affect our mission strategies and plans.

The forum concluded that we need to pray more for people in North Korea, our closest neighbor, and also for the end of the Earth. One of the speakers told attendees that perhaps the door is not yet open because we are not yet ready. Could this be true? All attendees prayed together, and Pastor Kim DongJun, co-chairman of the Committee on North Korean Mission, prayed for the attendees in a representative closing prayer. The forum will continue annually. Wherever you live, would you also pray for the people who are living in these last days?

2019 AHCA Presidents’ Council Meets in Taipei, Taiwan



Stanley Ng
NSD AHCA Coordinator



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

The 2019 NSD Presidents’ Council of the Adventist HealthCare Association (AHCA) was held from September 30 to October 4, 2019, in Taipei, Taiwan, hosted by Taiwan Adventist Hospital. More than 36 Adventist hospital administrators, medical doctors, and department heads representing 12 hospitals from Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, and the United States participated in the council.



The 2019 NSD Presidents' Council of AHCA was held in Taipei, Taiwan.

The Presidents' Council is an annual event for hospital administrators and leaders to meet and renew their friendships and to have fellowship with each other for spiritual enrichment, networking and continuing education. During morning devotions for two days, Pastor Raymond Ke, former Taiwan Conference president, addressed and challenged the Adventist hospitals to refocus their objectives on the mission by extending the healing ministry of our Lord Jesus.

The main guest speaker for this year's council was Dr. Daniel Giang, who has been associate dean and vice president for Graduate Medical Education at Loma Linda University since 1996. A fourth generation Seventh-day Adventist, his grandfather served in the China Division as an educator, editor, and church administrator.

Dr. Giang shared his expertise in the area of Whole Person Care, which means treating patients

with respect and compassion while addressing their physical, mental and spiritual needs. He reviewed with the participants how Adventists became interested in health and the implementations for Adventist healthcare and health education.

Dr. Edwin Hernandez, president of AdventHealth University (AHU) in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A., was invited by AHCA this year to give a presentation about the on-line programs offered by AHU for healthcare institutions and health professionals.

During the council, participants visited both Fu Jen Catholic University Hospital and Taiwan Adventist Hospital. It was an eye-opening experience and a chance to learn and exchange ideas. They also saw new cutting-edge and sophisticated medical equipment, automated clinical laboratories, impressive VIP rooms, and efficient nursing stations. Each

hospital has its own unique culture and characteristics for the local community.

At the business session of the council under the chairmanship of Dr. Toshihiro Nishino, current AHCA president, all hospital presidents or representatives gave their annual report on the general picture and performance of each hospital. The business session discussed routine agenda items and accepted the report on collaboration among member hospitals.

The council voted to hold the 2020 AHCA Presidents' Council in Tokyo, Japan. They also re-elected Dr. Toshihiro Nishino, president of Tokyo Adventist Hospital, to continue to serve as AHCA president, and Dr. Huang Hui-Ting, president of Taiwan Adventist Hospital, as AHCA secretary/treasurer.

From August 12 to 17, 2019, Dr. Lisa Clouzet, NSD associate ministerial secretary, attended and served as a volunteer at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, U.S.A. This camporee takes place every five years, and over the years attendance has grown to more than 55,000. The camporee is hosted by the North American Division (NAD) and attended by Pathfinders from all over the world: 105 countries were represented this year. From the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), 417 attended: 65 from China, 298 from Korea, 20 from Japan, 27 from Mongolia, and 7 from Taiwan.

During the camporee, Dr. Lisa spent several hours in the Prayer Tent, where she and other pastoral staff were on duty to attend to the spiritual needs of Pathfinders, staff, and other guests who came by

for prayer, pastoral care, or to simply rest. A unique anointing service was offered at this year's camporee for those clubs who signed up and chose two potential young leaders to be consecrated to future service. This was a special time for the clubs, and especially for those who were anointed. As well as offering many prayers, Dr. Lisa enjoyed meeting Pathfinders from all over the world, finding NSD Pathfinders and leaders in the crowd, hearing their stories, and experiencing their excitement over being at the camporee. A special treat was witnessing some of the baptisms that took place each evening; of the total 1,311 baptisms, 16 were from the NSD!

The evenings found Dr. Lisa backstage helping out in the costume department for the nightly programs. This was a wonderful opportunity to be supportive behind the scenes and to help with the many costume changes necessary to keep the programs running smoothly. She enjoyed serving alongside the costume crew, makeup artists, directors, stage crew, actors, and others who had been working tirelessly for months ahead of time planning the programs which would highlight the life of David each evening of the camporee. Even though Dr. Lisa had a small part to play in the overall scheme of things, she enjoyed serving in this capacity with others keeping track of many details that she wouldn't have been aware of otherwise.

Much thoughtful care and work went into preparing for the spiritual nurturing and hospitality of those who attended the camporee. Please continue to pray for the Pathfinders and leaders around the world, especially those who were newly baptized. They are our church today, as well as our church of the future!

Ministry at Worldwide Pathfinder Camporee

Lisa Clouzet

NSD Associate Ministerial Secretary



Dr. Lisa with pathfinders from Korea



Left: During the camporee, Dr. Lisa took part in the ministry at the Prayer Tent.

Right: Dr. Lisa with pathfinders from Mongolia

“The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good.” This is a well-known passage from *The Ministry of Healing*, written by Ellen G. White. Jesus mingled with people. The previous sentence is as follows: “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people.”

We wanted to follow this method, but our question was “How?” In the modern society of Tokyo, a great number of people pass by one another every day, but they never engage in conversation. On the street or in the train, most people are too engrossed in their smart phones to look up and acknowledge their fellow commuters. Generally speaking, people do not talk much with their neighbors, especially in the city. Most people tend to avoid relationships with their neighbors as much as possible. In this modern society, how do we mingle with people as Jesus did?

On Thursday, June 20, 2019, a Health Expo was opened to the neighbors of the Tachikawa Church. This was the second time this year that the Tachikawa Church and the Health Ministries Department of Japan Union Conference worked together to reach out to the local people near the Tachikawa Church. We wanted to create an opportunity for the church members and the local people to mingle together. Everyone is interested in health. That was where the idea of a Health Expo came in. Jesus “ministered to their needs.” We simply followed Him and ministered to the needs of the local people.

This time, seven theology students from the health evangelism class at the Adventist seminary joined this event as a part of their curriculum. We had several booths in order to create multiple mingling spots. There was an arterial age and stress check booth, a vegetarian food sampling booth, a foot bath booth, a hand massage booth, a chair massage booth, a health literature booth, and

a free nutritional counseling booth by registered dietitian, Dr. Keiko Nakamoto. Every thirty minutes, we had a short lecture on different health topics by one of the theology students or one of the church members.

In spite of a forecast of thunderstorms, the sun shone off and on down on the green tents that had been put up in front of the church entrance. At 10:00 a.m., right after our staff meeting and prayer, a few theology students went out on the street and passed out flyers. Many of the theology students had experience with a Youth Rush Japan, project for volunteer youth literature evangelists, so they had no hesitation to talk to the people on the street. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., there

were approximately 50 to 60 visitors that came and mingled with the church members.

One gentleman in his thirties came to visit in the morning. He sat down at the stress check booth. He was curious about what we were doing but looked at us somewhat suspiciously. “Why are you doing this? What is the catch?” he asked. In Japanese society, scams are not unusual. It seems to be a common response for people nowadays. I replied, “Our church promotes a healthy lifestyle. We have hospitals and a health food company. We would simply like to promote health to others. Whether you take it or not, that is your choice. It only takes a few minutes and will cost you nothing. You must be busy; just take a vegetarian food sample

As Jesus Ministered to People’s Needs: Second Health Expo at Tachikawa Church





It was the second time this year that the Tachikawa Church and the JUC Health Ministries Department held a Health Expo together.

there in the entrance, and go to your appointment. You can come back if you want to try more.”

He looked a little relieved. He might have thought that he had to sign up for something. After the stress check, he went to grab some food samples and went to his appointment. In less than an hour, he was back. He looked around and became curious about the footbath. As soon as he came close to the booth, a female staff member welcomed him and made him comfortable in one of the chairs.

While he was removing his socks, she asked him, “Have you been to a Christian church before?” He said, “Actually, yes, when I was young, my mom was not a Christian but was fond of the atmosphere of Christian churches. So, she took me to some churches when we went to Europe on our vacations.” He smiled, “I kind of liked the atmosphere of the church as well.” When she asked if he would like to know more about her church, he said, “Yes.”

God had already planned ahead. Right next to the visitor, Pastor Yuto Suzuki of the Tachikawa

Church, was enjoying his footbath. The church lady pointed at Pastor Suzuki, who was already smiling. He had been listening in on their conversation. The church member said, “Here you go, Pastor, you can answer his questions.” They both smiled and had a wonderful time talking. The visitor ended up visiting most of the booths and attended a few of the short lectures. By the time he left the Health Expo, he had made a few new friends and stated that he wanted to visit again.

God knows who is seeking. Whenever we desire to cooperate with Him to reach out, He will provide the ones who are seeking. “Christ’s method alone.” When we pray and seek His method, He will answer our prayer.

The Ministry of Healing continues, “He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”

Atsushi Yamamuro
JUC Health Ministries
Assistant Director



NSD Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Visits NSD Countries

Kim SunHwan
NSD ASI Coordinator

What is Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI), and why should ASI exist? Article 2 of the NSD ASI Constitution and Bylaws elaborates the objectives of this organization. It may be summarized as follows: 1) to help Adventist-layman-owned or -operated institutions to be developed; 2) to encourage privately owned enterprises to be connected with denominationally operated enterprises for mission; 3) to link lay-operated institutions to church organizations, such as unions and conferences, to work in harmony with the Adventist standard; 4) to have good Christian fellowship and share the effectiveness of work; and 5) to assist with mission projects supportive of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, through counsel, promotions and funding. To sum up, the objectives of ASI are first, to help Adventist church members live exemplary lives individually as well as corporately in harmony with Adventist standards, and second, to support the church mission through personal participation and funding.

From June to August 2019, ASI leaders of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) visited several countries in the NSD territories. From June 21 to 23, there was an NSD ASI directors' meeting in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia. The Mongolia Mission recently organized ASI, and they gave a good report on what they had done and what they plan to do. The Korean Union Conference (KUC) ASI also gave a presentation on the activities that have been done by the five local conferences under KUC. The absent countries sent their reports for sharing. The NSD ASI suggested that the affiliated ASIs submit their own projects for financial support. It was a meaningful time to have fellowship with the ASI leaders of other countries.

On July 24 and 25, NSD ASI president Song JongHyun, vice president Oh SooHo, secretary Cho SangHyun, together with NSD coordinator Kim



1 & 2. The NSD ASI directors' meeting was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
3. The NSD ASI officers and coordinator visited JUC ASI.

SunHwan, made a visit to Japan to have a meeting with the JUC ASI leaders. We had two meetings, the first with the JUC ASI coordinators and the second with the JUC ASI presidential team. Both meetings were fruitful in that the NSD and JUC ASI both came to understand each other's positions, and were able to reach an agreement on how to help each other for the development of JUC ASI services.

On August 28 and 29, the NSD ASI leaders visited Taiwan. There were three purposes for the visitation. First of all, we wanted to visit Pastor Chili Du, TWC ASI coordinator. He had a stroke two months ago and was recently discharged from the hospital. The second was to have an ASI leaders meeting with TWC ASI leaders. We accomplished these two purposes at the same place. We visited Jian Shan Church, of which Pastor Du is in charge, where we could see Pastor Du's miraculous recovery. We praised God for His wonderful grace. Pastor Noah Lai and other TWC ASI leaders also came to that church to have a meeting. The NSD ASI leaders were touched when we saw TWC ASI leaders working on their new projects. We prayed to God for a special healing grace for Pastor Du and also for the TWC ASI ministry.

On the way back to the airport, we visited the SSD ASI Convention, which was held in Taipei. Four hundred and fifty SSD ASI members were gathered at the convention. We had a good conversation with SSD leaders and shared ideas with each other. They informed us that the next SSD ASI conference will be held in Seoul, Korea. We hope that it will be a good chance to develop relationships with one other.

During the ASI Taiwan visit, NSD ASI leaders visited TWC ASI coordinator Pastor Chili Du, who was in recovery from a stroke.



We believe that the great commission of Jesus will be fulfilled when ministers and laypeople cooperate with each other for the work of the gospel. And we hope that ASI ministries in the NSD territories will play an important role in accomplishing the gospel work.



Win Wellness Kitchen

Nickey Shum

HKMC Health Ministries Associate Director

Since it began in March 2019, Win Wellness Kitchen has been held on the last Sunday of every month. Win Wellness Kitchen advocates healthy eating through health lectures, testimonies, cooking classes, and group interactions. Ten topics are set to cater to the needs of different age and gender groups, such as vegetarian nutritional needs of elderly, male, and adolescents, and other topics related to a vegetarian diet. In April, I was invited to share on the topic of "Let Your Food Be Your Medicine." After the lecture, a hands-on cooking class was offered, and all the participants were able to eat the handmade dumplings.

The Win Wellness Friday Group meets every other Friday evenings at the office of Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKAC). Health instructors, including Mrs. Leong, Dr. Barbara Choi, and Dr. Corjena Ho, have served as lecturers. I also shared on the topic of sunlight on May 24 and transformational love on June 14.

Besides the lectures, participants and lecturers have a wonderful time sharing their difficulties and burdens, communicating their thoughts, and praying together. Participants support each other and gain strength from Jesus. I believe the Holy Spirit is with each one of those in the Win Wellness Friday Group and will continue to lead.



2019 Pathfinder Bible Expedition Competition

The Korean Union Conference held a Pathfinder Bible Expedition Competition at Daejeon Sahmyook Elementary School on September 29, 2019. Around 120 participants from 21 teams joined the competition. Pastor Kim HyunTae, Youth Ministries director of the Middlewest Korean Conference (MWKC), and Yang YooChang, leader of MWKC Pathfinder Clubs, hosted the event.

Since the questions in the competition covered quite a wide range of the Bible—the Books of Samuel—it was expected that only a few of the teams would place in the top tier. With their passion for Bible study, 12 out of 21 teams were able to place in the top.

The winner of the competition was Mrs. Kim KyungSook, leader of Alpha City Pathfinder Club from the Southeast Korean Conference. The winner was awarded a two-week language course in the Philippines, including plane tickets. The prize was donated by Mrs. Cha JinSoon, deacon from the Songsan Church, who had been touched by the participants' enthusiasm for the word of God and had decided to support the competition.

Next year, more than 6,500 Pathfinders in Korea will be challenged again to win the competition with the theme of "Revelation."



Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Ministries Director

Sharing Jesus Through Smiles: Dental Mission Trip to Gobi with Caring Hands Worldwide

It can be challenging to reach people in Mongolia and to share Jesus with them. Jesus showed us an example: He mingled with the people and ministered to their needs; then He won their confidence. Following His method, we try our best to reach out to people to gain their confidence. Community service is one of the best ways to introduce Jesus to people.

Dornogovi Province is located in the Gobi Desert with a population of 70,000. Temperatures reach a low of -40 degrees Celsius and a high of 40 degrees Celsius. Frequent sand storms and blizzards make it harder to live in. There is only one Adventist church in Zamiin Uud, which borders on China. This time we chose Orgon, a small town to the north of Zamiin Uud, with a population of 3,000 people. There is no Adventist or Christian church in Orgon.

Together with a provincial dental clinic, including their staff, dentists, and nurses, the Caring Hands team served more than 300 people in Orgon and started a good relationship with the town governor's office. The water contains fluoride, so most of the people in town have discolored teeth. By treating their teeth, our dentists brought back bright smiles to many people's faces.

On the second day of our free dental clinic, a nine-year-old girl visited with her mother. While she was waiting for her mom, she got to see our American dentist and showed her stained teeth. While she was getting her teeth treated, her mother had to have 14 teeth and root tips extracted for new dentures.



There is no dentist in Orgon. People would travel more than 60 miles to see the nearest dentist. That's why it was a great joy to see both mother and daughter with happy smiles. Right after the dental treatment, the little girl went to a small shop nearby and showed her big smile to a shop assistant. The shop assistant stopped her work, closed the shop, and visited our dental clinic in order to get her discolored and stained teeth treated. Our team made many people smile happily on that day.

The team also donated four mobile dental units that will allow us to practice on-site together with any other community service, both in the city and in the countryside. I do believe one day we will be able to operate a mobile health clinic to go to all the corners of Mongolia!



Enkhbayar Mishigdorj
MM Health Ministries Director

Caring Hands team opened a free dental clinic in Orgon with a provincial dental clinic.



The early days of autumn in Mongolia, with blue skies and crisp fresh air, are a wonderful time to leave the city and travel to the countryside. That is what more than 200 women did when they gathered at the Suut Resort of the Adventist Church, located 57 km from Ulaanbataar, to worship, receive training, and fellowship together from August 22 to 25, 2019. Many members invited and brought their non-member friends to the congress.

Women's Ministries director of Mongolia Mission (MM), Pastor Ooyo, and her team planned and led out in the women's congress to encourage and disciple the women of Mongolia as they continue to contribute to the world church's goal of Total Member Involvement.

Speakers for the weekend included Lisa Clouzet, Women's Ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD); Angelina Pagarigan MM treasurer; Cleidi Kuhn, former MM Women's Ministries director; and Enkhbayar Mishigidor, MM Health Ministries director. Seminars and workshops throughout the congress covered topics in each of the areas of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health.

Besides seminars and workshops, the congress participants had the opportunity to wake up early and participate in morning prayer walks, attend a special Bible forum, and hear inspirational testimonies from some of their peers. The women also enjoyed healthy vegetarian food while visiting about their lives and ministries during mealtimes.

Sabbath, August 24, was a special day worldwide when our church once again recognized the **enditnow**[®] Emphasis Day. This day has been part of our worldwide church calendar since 2002, when it was known as "Abuse Prevention Day." Since 2010, it has been called **enditnow**[®] Emphasis Day. It is a day many General Conference (GC) departments support to help bring the issue of abuse to the front of consciousness in our church. This year's theme focused on the topic of "resilience," an important aspect of the healing process when dealing with abuse, and was also the topic of the congress' Sabbath worship hour presentation.

Two other highlights of the weekend included a Women's Ministries scholarship given to Usanbolor Oyunchimeg toward her university tuition and special recognition, in the form of a Mongolian/English Bible, given to the 13 female pastors who were in attendance.

As the women of Mongolia continue to be faithful pillars of the church, let us continue to lift them up in prayer and support. Philippians 1:9-11 reminds us to pray that their "love may abound still more and more" and that they will be "filled with the fruits of righteousness."

Mongolia Mission Women's Ministries Holds Congress and Supports **enditnow**[®] Emphasis Day

Oyuntuya Batsukh & Lisa Clouzet
MM & NSD Women's Ministries Directors



“Discipleship in the last days must reflect the unique mission and message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This message, entrusted by God to His remnant church and firmly established in the Bible, is the foundation of faith and practice for end-time disciples.” This is a statement made by Jim Howard in one of his lectures at the discipleship training organized by the Korean Union Conference (KUC) from July 9 to 11, 2019. There is a need to emphasize Christ-like living in the aspects of baptism, Sabbath-keeping, healthy lifestyle, stewardship, reverence, modesty, marriage and family, and in dealing with entertainment.

Jim Howard is associate director of the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SS/PM) department of the General Conference. He is the main contributor or author of the *Discipleship Handbook*, recently published for discipleship programs in local churches. Introducing the agricultural concept for evangelism, he pointed out that each of the steps of growth should take place sequentially: 1) soil preparation, 2) seed planting, 3) cultivating, 4) harvesting, 5) preserving. In most cases, many local churches have been good in seed planting and harvesting, but more intentional and strategic efforts should be made for preparing the soil, cultivating the plant, and preserving the harvest.

In fact, if there is one growth aspect that everyone should pay the most attention, it is the stage of cultivating. Practically, this refers to involvement of church members in giving Bible studies to those who are interested in studying the Bible. In fact, this is the bottleneck of evangelism because there are so many harvests, but there are only a few workers. Therefore, there is a need to do more training on how to give Bible studies.

Good cultivating will result in a great harvest and high retention rate of new members. There should not be a shortcut way in evangelism. The discipleship training held in Madalpi Youth Training Center, Korea, was attended by 120 pastors from all the local conferences in KUC. In addition to the five lectures presented by Pastor Howard, Pastor Richard Sabuin, NSD SS/PM director, also presented three lectures on strengthening the Sabbath School program, operating effective small group ministries, and making good preparation for baptism.

At the end of the training, participants learned about the guiding principles of discipleship: 1) The instruments of discipleship are people; 2) The goal of discipleship is Christlikeness; 3) The power of discipleship is from God; and 4) The process of discipleship is the growth cycle. These four principles are elaborated in the *Discipleship Handbook*, which covers 26 lessons used in discipleship programs in local churches.

Pastor Lee ByungJu, KUC SS/PM director, as the main coordinator of this training, has plans to conduct a similar training next year. Discipleship training like this one is very important. Everyone is to understand that the purpose of evangelism is not simply to produce church members, but to produce active Christ-like disciples.

KUC Discipleship Training: Five Steps of Evangelism



Richard Sabuin
NSD SS/PM Director

Jim Howard, GC SS/PM associate director



2019 Youth Rush Japan

Thankful to Be Part of an International Family

Daniel Fukuda
Youth Rush Japan Coordinator



YOUTH RUSH
Mongolia

Pastor Adiyahu, MM Publishing Ministries director, and Daniel Fukuda, Youth Rush Japan Coordinator

The year 2019 was a special year for Youth Rush Japan. We even had visitors from Mongolia and Korea.

In August, Pastor Adiyahu, director of the Mongolia Mission (MM) Publishing Ministries, and two excellent young men who are potential leader candidates for Mongolia Youth Rush came to visit the Youth Rush Japan program in Toyohashi. After hearing a brief Youth Rush Japan report at the 2018 NSD Publishing Advisory Meeting, with strong support from the General Conference Publishing Ministries department, the MM took the initiative to start Youth Rush Mongolia in January of 2019. Despite the cultural differences, the two Mongolian young people left a good impression with their positive and outgoing attitude. Praise the Lord for the dedication and commitment of the Mongolian young people!

At the same time, Professor Rose and two theology students from Sahmyook University in Korea came to visit the Okayama Program. The Japanese young people in the Okayama program were inspired and touched by Professor Rose's passion and deep interest towards mission work, particularly towards literature evangelism work. Furthermore, the Japanese theology students who were part of the Okayama program mentioned



that they were motivated to aim higher in their theological studies after interacting with the two theology students from Sahmyook University. The two Sahmyook University theology students' spirituality and sincere dedication towards their calling to ministry were a wake-up call to the Japanese theology students. We are thankful for Professor Rose and the two theology students for coming to the Okayama Program and challenging the Japanese young people to aim higher in their spiritual journey.

We praise the Lord for the international family aspect within the Seventh-day Adventist Church! We praise the Lord that despite cultural differences, we are able to share the same mission—the proclamation of the Three Angels' Messages in Revelation 14. As young people in Japan, we pray that God will give us more opportunities and wisdom on how to work together and learn from our fellow young brothers and sisters from other cultural backgrounds.



Participants of the Youth Rush Okayama Program

Youth Rush Japan is both a literature evangelism program and a discipleship program for young people in Japan. Young students gather together during spring and summer vacation to worship, sing, study the Bible, and do door-to-door visitation every day for two to three weeks. In 2019, through much literature distribution, many gospel seeds were sown throughout the country.

Young students are able to dedicate their service to the Lord because of many people's prayers and support. The hosting church pastors and the church members support the young people by preparing food, providing for their daily needs, and driving them in their cars to designated visitation territory for the day. Because of the strong support from the local church pastors and church members of the hosting church, youth rush students are able to focus 100% of their energy on evangelism and reaching the people in the community. Indeed, Youth Rush Japan is TMI—Total Membership Involvement. The hosting church and Youth Rush students work together to reach the community for Jesus Christ one door at a time! We thank each and every one of you for your prayers and support. Maranatha!

Testimonies from the 2019 Summer Program

■ Testimony from Hokkaido Program

Although the duration of Hokkaido program was short, the average sale of books per student per day was one of the highest in Youth Rush Japan. At the end of the program, the students organized and conducted a simple music concert inviting people in the community. The local community leader also came to the concert and seemed very impressed. We pray that the church will be able to continue to work together with the community.

■ Testimony from Kofudai Program

Two high school students hesitated for a moment from talking to the scary-looking old man about to get on his motorcycle, but they proceeded to walk up to him and talk to him. Long story short, the scary-looking old man turned out to have a very kind heart and deep, genuine concern for current international world affairs. After a long conversation about various international events and affairs, the old

Summary of 2019 Youth Rush Japan

Participation: 86 Young People
 Number of Visitations: 115,287 Homes Visited
 Number of Books: 10,725 Books Sold
 Prayers: 1,129 Prayers at Homes
 Personal Bible Study Interests: 38 People

man took out a big stack of money from his bag and purchased all the books (over 30 books) in both of the students' bags!

The two students offered to sing the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." The old man began to cry as he listened to the hymn. After the song, with a quivering voice and a desperate and solemn tone, the old man said, "This world will be a better place if we only learn to live selflessly, think about others, and care about others. Young people, you are my hope! Thank you for coming today." After a short prayer, the man rode off on his motorcycle. We felt like God spoke through this old man to challenge us to a higher calling. It was an unforgettable experience.

■ Testimony from Toyohashi Program

One of the students met a middle-aged man who had terminal cancer. The man was not working and had no money so could not buy the books, but the nursing student prayed for the man before she left.

Immediately after the visitation, the man called the Literature Ministries Office of the Japan Union Conference. The man said, "I couldn't buy the books, but the student who came to visit my house had a very positive attitude and words full of respect. I could see genuine passion. I was very discouraged and was about to give up on life. Her smile and her prayers gave me the courage to live on. Even though I could not buy the books, please tell the student to keep up the good work."

This is just one instance when one young person with genuine passion was able to touch a life. This was a great encouragement for us. Most of the time we cannot visibly see or measure the work done by literature evangelism. At every door, when we give our best, God will take care of the rest. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness.

Few days after the initial visitation, the student and local church pastor went to visit the man's house again. The man was very happy to see them. "I don't know how long I will live, but whenever you are in the area, please come visit anytime!" When the student and the pastor prayed for the man, tears were

streaming down his face as he listened to the prayers.

We pray that this man will accept Jesus Christ. We pray that God will work through the local church—Toyohashi Adventist Church—to touch this man's life.

"By courteous behavior and kindness such a worker may open the door of many homes" (*Colporteur Ministry*, 88).

■ Testimony from Okayama Program

At one house, the person had been reading the Bible for 20 years. This person had apparently bought books from Fukuinsha (Japan's Adventist publishing house) 20 years ago! This person immediately signed up for personal Bible study. Perhaps, a colporteur had visited this person 20 years ago. The seed sown 20 years ago is now about to be reaped! Praise the Lord!

"And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

Thank you for your prayers and support! Maranatha!



Participants of the Youth Rush Toyohashi Program



Adventist College Students Association in Korea Has Nationwide Retreat

The 2019 Nationwide Retreat of ACT (Adventist Collegians with Tidings) was held from August 15 to 18, 2019, at Anmyondo Training Center, hosted by the Youth Ministries department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) and organized by the Korean ACT. The retreat was especially meaningful because it was the 30th anniversary this year, the first retreat having been held in 1985. About 250 ACT members, leaders and pastors gathered from all over the country to commit themselves to God's will.

Pastor Kwon ChulSoon from KUC Church Growth Institute served as a speaker, shedding light on David's life with a series of daily themes. He addressed the question to participants: "How long do we focus on Jesus in our daily lives?" He urged them to listen to what God says and to concentrate on Him.

In his Sabbath worship sermon, Pastor Kwon emphasized the importance of worship, saying "As David filled the need and recovered his commission from God in the sanctuary, we should also be strengthened in the church and should let our worship toward God win over our worldly lives."

In his welcome remarks, Pastor You GyeongHo, associate director of KUC Youth Ministries, defined ACT as a culture, not a group of people who attend specific meetings. He said that ACT is young Adventists' culture



Pastor Kwon ChulSoon from KUC Church Growth Institute delivered messages to the young Adventists.



in which they share their troubles, find answers, ask questions about God, and make good memories walking with God.

Elder Sohn KyungSoo, president of ACT Association, gave a special message for young Adventists. He said, "If it is hard for you to find friends who have the same Adventist faith on your campus, you may feel like a lonely island there. I hope this retreat is a time to build friendships and rekindle your spirit in God, so that when you get back to the campus, you can be an island well clothed with trees of the gospel."

In addition to the sermons, small group activities took a large part of the retreat. Participants were divided into groups, and they discussed topics related to the speaker's daily message. Also, they talked about several topics, such as "What made you feel compassion most recently," "When God worked in your life," "Who is your role model in the Bible," "What can you do to make your campus club better," and "What have you decided during the retreat." Outdoor activities and cultural programs were also provided for participants.

Tusgal Adventist School Shines!

Richard Sabuin NSD Education Director &
Diogo Santos Tusgal School Vice Principal

October 2, 2019, entered into the history of Adventist education in Mongolia as one of the most memorable days of all. On that day, Tusgal School, the only Adventist mission school in Mongolia, was chosen as the best private school in Chingeltei District, Ulaanbaatar! This is wonderful, but the story does not start on this day but a year earlier.

Being the only Adventist school in Mongolia, Tusgal School carries an important role. This school was the result of a “Pauline boldness” of the Mongolians 10 years ago, and there is heritage to carry on. Also, balancing the bills and the mission has been a constant challenge of the school during the last decade. This has helped the school to mature.

In March 2018, after a long inspection by the Mongolian government, the school received a disappointing final report. Within 6 months, it had to meet the government’s demands or the school would lose its license. It was notable that meeting those government demands meant practically building a new school, and this was far from the capacity of the school. At the same time, the school administration was dreaming of a boarding school for our Mongolian children.

By the grace of God and the support of the Adventist World Church, one of the 13 Sabbath offerings of 2018 helped us to renovate the school, or rather, helped us practically construct a new building. Praise the Lord and in September 2018, Tusgal School was reopened and another new year began. Amen!

Two statements motivated the school administration and teachers during this process: 1) More important than result is the direction; 2) Reformation without revival is not reformation. That is exactly how they felt as they looked forward to having a renewed building. The school leaders said, “We must now pack up, do our share by being faithful to God’s plan for Adventist Education, and He will take care of the results.” And He did so! The beauty of working for the Lord is that everything is His! He dreamed of Adventist education, and He revealed the principles of Adventist educational philosophy to Ellen White. The land and building are dedicated to Him, so Tusgal School, as any other Adventist institution, belongs to the Lord.

The school family consider it a privilege to work for God! For that reason, in the last year, the school administration, with the help of all teachers, worked diligently seeking to renew and renovate the school interior. There was no intention of winning recognition. “What we were looking for was only the certainty of being on the right track despite mistakes and successes,” said the administration team. And it was so. On October 2, 2019, the same government that had a year before given the school a six-month-deadline ultimatum that put the school license



at risk, awarded Tusgal School recognition as the best private school in the district among 30 other schools. Let us include Tusgal School in our prayers, that the Lord will help us to grow Adventist education in Mongolian and that many more children will get to know Jesus.

This school year, about 200 students enrolled in Tusgal School. With the denominational accreditation granted by the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA) in 2017, Tusgal School continues doing its best for God’s glory. We believe in the encouraging words of the Lord: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).



1. Renovated Tusgal School building
2. Diogo Santos and Otgontuya Tserenpi, Tusgal School vice president and president (3rd and 4th from the left) received the plaque of recognition awarded to the best school in the district.
3. Students of Tusgal School
4. Tusgal School teachers study the Bible during the morning worship.

Bible Study in Teacher's Morning Worship

The first 30 minutes of every school day for the teachers of Tusgal School is dedicated for morning worship. Over the past year, the teachers have studied the Bible during the morning worship. Pastor Diogo Santos, vice principal of Tusgal School, has been teaching the 28 fundamental beliefs of the Adventist Church to the teachers. All distinctive doctrines of our Church are being covered. The Bible study is intentional, considering that there are some non-Adventist teachers and staff members working for the school. We are praying that in the near future, some of the teachers and staff members will accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior! Despite some limitations in doing evangelism, Tusgal School is doing its best to bring people to Christ.



General Conference Decides to Support the Distribution of *The Great Controversy Series in Korea*

The Publishing Ministries of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) launched a project of “distributing a hundred thousand copies of Ellen G. White’s *The Great Controversy* series.” For this project, Sijosa, the Adventist publishing house in Korea, published the revised edition with a new design and better translation earlier this year. During the 2019 General Conference (GC) Annual Council meeting held in October 2019, the GC decided to support this mission project with 50,000 USD.

The GC’s financial support is notable as it is not common for the GC to fund specific projects being run by a Union Conference. Through the project, KUC is encouraging Korean Adventists to keep their identity as Adventists and to stand firmly on the word of God, and the GC shares the same view with KUC.

Um KilSoo, president of Sijosa, met GC president Ted Wilson at KASDA (Korean American Seventh-day Adventist Church Association) Leaders’ Training held in Baltimore, Maryland, United States. He introduced the promotion project and gave print copies of the series to Elder Wilson as a gift, asking for GC’s interest in the project and their support. The copies were received with a very positive response from Elder Wilson, especially in terms of quality, layout, and design. He also



Elder Ted Wilson and Um KilSoo, president of Sijosa

stressed the significance of publishing ministries in these last days, encouraging attendees to read *The Great Controversy* and to share the book with others.



Adventist Publishing Houses in Korea and US Promise to Work Together for Gospel Mission

Sijosa, the Adventist publishing house in Korea, pledged to work together with Sijosa USA and the Korean American Seventh-day Adventist Church Association (KASDA). For this cooperation, the two publishing houses signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and set up mutual objectives on September 17, 2019, at the 37th KASDA Leaders' Training held in Baltimore, Maryland.

“Through this agreement, all publications and other contents produced by Sijosa will be available to Koreans in the U.S. I believe that Korean Sijosa will strive to preach the gospel of God to Korean society in the U.S. as well as help us revive Korean-American Adventist churches,” said Kim SeongSik, KASDA president, at the agreement ceremony.

Um KilSoo, president of Sijosa, said he acknowledges that the Adventist publishing houses exist to share the Three Angels' Messages with people all over the world. He added, “I believe that God has prepared many precious souls in the U.S. who are seeking the truth. This agreement will be a great momentum for mission work toward them.”

KASDA willingly agreed to join Sijosa's efforts in promoting the distribution of a hundred thousand copies of Ellen G. White's *The Great Controversy* series. Attendees said together in chorus, “Since there are people in the Adventist Church who question the prophetic gift of Ellen White and do not consider her writings believable, this promotion will help Adventists to stay unified and keep faithful to God and His commission to us.”

President Um remarked, “Publishing ministries will continue to the day of Jesus' second coming. Until that day, we should spread the gospel of God and go all out to expand His kingdom.”

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I am a Public Campus Ministries (PCM) missionary serving in Mongolia. Since September 2018, my partner, Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Pastor Cho JoongGeun, and I have attended the Nisekh Church. The church is located near the airport, a little away from the city of Ulaanbaatar. It is not an affluent neighborhood, but I can find happiness and kindness in the Nisekh neighborhood.

As Pastor Cho and I were not dispatched to any church, we visited different churches every week. When we first visited the Nisekh Church, we were surprised by the church full of children. We also found out that there were two colleges near the church. I thought that it would be great to serve in this church as a PCM missionary to do mission work toward students of those two colleges.

I tried to find what I could do in the Nisekh Church. I decided to hold evangelistic meetings in September 2019 with the singing missionaries, Golden Angels. I was excited as I prepared to lead the meetings; on the other hand, I was worried that the meetings would end up without any fruit because there were no baptismal candidates in the church.

When the series started, however, God took all of my worries away. Praises by the Golden Angels opened

attendee's hearts, and Pastor Kim NakHyung, Golden Angels coordinator, gave them inspiring messages. There was not enough space to sit, so we put folding chairs in the hall. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, many people decided to get baptized at the end of the meetings.

In the meantime, Golden Angels visited schools to hold a small concert and ran a Korean class to invite young people. Due to their efforts, there are nine young people in the church!

There is a 16-year-old girl who attends the Nisekh Church with her 7-year-old brother. At the last PCM evangelism held in May 2019, she brought three of her friends to God. She is a girl with passion for mission. However, her parents have been opposed to her going to the church. Once she could not attend the worship due to her parents; my heart was broken. I understood how devoted she was to God, so I earnestly prayed for her that she could remain dedicated to His work in the church.

By the grace of God, I was able to meet her mother in the church several days ago. She went to the church to listen to a sermon and worship God. Moreover, I saw her father waiting for them to pick them up after the worship. I thank God that her parents do not prevent her from believing God anymore!

The Nisekh Church, which was full of children, is now growing into a church full of faith and happiness with members of various ages. There are many other young people who have difficulty in going to the church due to various issues, but have a thirst for truth and the love of God. I continue to pray to God to solve their problems and to give them strong faith.

Initially, I thought there were only a few things I could do as a Korean missionary in Mongolia. I was enthusiastic to get started, but I didn't know where to begin. After experiencing a few failures, I felt frustrated and was afraid of leaving here without any fruit. However, God has been with me all this time, and He has known all of my worries. Now I believe that God has a plan for me and He works through me at this moment. I solicit your prayers for the growth of God's kingdom in Mongolia.

Mission in the Nisekh Church in Mongolia

Jang RuBin

NSD PCM Missionary in Mongolia



Pastor Cho JoongGeun and PCM missionary Jang RuBin (2nd and 3rd from the left)

Women Gather for TWC Women's Ministries Conference in Kenting, Taiwan

Celeste Sha & Lisa Clouzet

TWC & NSD Women's Ministries Directors



Warm coastal sunshine and breezes welcomed 380 women from all over Taiwan as they met together August 30-31, 2019, for a women's ministries (WM) conference in Kenting, Taiwan. These women came together from 54 churches to celebrate what the Lord has been doing for them so far this quinquennium. Also in attendance were 16 women who are not yet members of the church. Dr. Lisa Clouzet, NSD WM director, was present throughout the conference and presented the Sabbath sermon entitled *Serving Through His Love* (1 Cor 16:14, Acts 4:13, Eccl 9:10, Col 3:23).

Many WM groups were formed this past year to be intentional about Total Member Involvement (TMI). Besides leading out and attending small group meetings, several of these same women were also involved in evangelistic meetings which took place across Taiwan

during 2019. Above and beyond attending these meetings, many women were busy doing what they normally do: caring for their families and homes, working outside the home, and leading out in church activities. The results of what women do all over the world to share Jesus with their families, friends, and others may not be entirely known until Jesus comes, but the women attending the TWC WW conference were able to see some of the results of their prayers and efforts when they witnessed three precious souls being baptized in the Pacific Ocean on Sabbath afternoon. It was touching to see the smiling faces of those baptized as they publicly shared their love for, and surrender to, Jesus Christ. The baptism was witnessed by those attending the conference, as well as by others who happened to be enjoying the beach that day. Pastors Mark Tseng (TWC executive secretary) and Stanley Lo (church pastor) officiated the baptismal ceremonies.

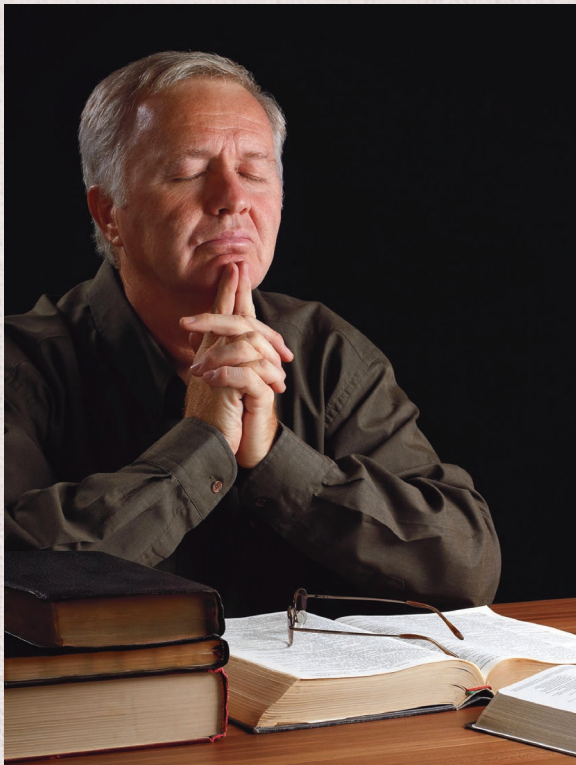
The celebration throughout the weekend included music, testimonies, skits, time for sharing with each other, and words of encouragement from different leaders. It was an inspirational time for those in attendance and one that helped recharge their batteries to continue serving their families, church, and communities.

May each of us, along with the women of Taiwan, continue to do everything in love, and may all the glory and honor go to God!



1. Three people were baptized in the Pacific Ocean on Sabbath during the conference.
2. Dr. Lisa Clouzet, NSD Women's Ministries director, presented the Sabbath sermon.
3. A choir presented special music with Taiwanese traditional costumes.

OCTOBER 12: PASTOR APPRECIATION SABBATH



Christians worldwide have set aside the month of October each year to express appreciation for their spiritual leaders. The second Sabbath of October has been set by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to specifically show appreciation for their thousands of pastors in more than 150,000 congregations throughout 215 countries. In the NSD, we have approximately 5,600 pastors, including leaders at mission, conference, and union levels.

Who Is the Pastor in the New Testament?

It may be surprising to some readers to learn that not much is said about pastors in the New Testament. Several words, however, point to the role that pastors play in the church. But it would be good to define those roles. One word is “apostle.” The twelve apostles were the first leaders of the New Testament Church, and they carried spiritual as well as administrative responsibilities (Acts 2:41-42; 4:33-35; 6:2-4). However, the word apostle means “one sent out,” implying a clear missionary objective,

not one focused on the caretaking of one or two churches. Another word is “priest,” but the term is never used for any New Testament leaders except for Jesus Himself (Heb 3:1; 4:14). The concept of “the priesthood of all believers,” however, is taught in the New Testament, to indicate the responsibility of every member to care for one another (1 Pet 2:9-10; Rev 5:9-10). Another word is “elder.” Now, this is a term closely associated with what pastors end up doing. The elders in each congregation were responsible for administration and the teaching of God’s Word (1 Tim 5:17-18).

In fact, two Greek words were used for elders: *presbuteroi*, meaning “older,” alluding to the teaching ministry, and *episkopoi*, meaning “bishop” or “ruler,” referring to their administrative function. Only once is the word “pastor” used in the New Testament, and that as a compound word: “pastor-teacher” (Eph 4:11-12). And the context of that single reference is the equipping ministry of leaders on behalf of the church.

So, the idea that the pastor should take care of the members is not strongly supported in the New Testament. Mutual care of members was expected from other members, not from pastors. The expression “one another” shows up many times to indicate mutual care (Gal 6:2; Col 3:12-13, 16; Heb 3:13; 10:24; Jas 5:16). To be sure, the shepherding role in the church was the elders’ responsibility (1 Pet 5:1-3). The role of the pastor as the caretaker of the members developed later in Christian history, not during New Testament times. Whereas their role was much more as an itinerant missionary, later, the pastor settled down in one church and became recognized as the priest, a higher and more important role than the local elders.

All this suggests that the local pastor is not to run after every need of the members, but he is to train or lead the congregation to become caregivers of one another. Pastor-teachers were one of four types of gifted leaders God used in the early church “for the work of ministry” (Eph 4:12), the others being apostles, prophets, and evangelists (Eph 4:11). Anyone wanting to be the leader of a congregation should have at least one of these four gifts to be successful in ministry.

How Is the Pastor to Empower the Church Members?

Now for the second vital question. How is this empowering supposed to take place? There has been a lot of misunderstanding over this question. Some believe that the exclusive role of the pastor is to train members to do the work of ministry. They conceive the role of the pastor to be a seminar teacher or a coach. While some of this is true, it offers an incomplete view. Others think that the role of the pastor is simply to rule over the congregation. That is also a faulty perception.

The biblical context for this question is found in Ephesians 4:7-16. In verse 11, the four gifted ones—apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastor-teachers—are in the church “for the equipping of the saints for the work of service” (v.12). The word translated “equipping” is from the Greek noun *katartismos*. That word has a range of meaning. It is used for fishermen when they mend their nets. It is used for medical people setting a broken bone. And it is used for parents when they correct their children. It basically means “to prepare, to restore, to set right.” So, the gifted ones are to “set right” or “prepare” the saints for a life with Christ. The question is how.

The verb of that Greek word is found in two interesting New Testament texts: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 11:3. The first one speaks of the inspiration of God’s word—the Scriptures—being able to teach and train so that all may be equipped for every good work. The

second speaks of the fact that worlds in the universe were prepared or set “by the word of God.” The common denominator in these texts is the word of God. In short, the Bible is the means used by God to prepare or restore what needs to be corrected or done!

So, how is the pastor to equip God’s people for ministry? By the word of God. Evidently, that is something that the early apostles had already figured out. When faced with the possibility of caring for a group of Hellenistic Jews, they instead selected others to do that while they themselves continued to focus on the ministry of “prayer and ...the word” (Acts 6:4). Whatever pastors do, they must do through the filter of God’s holy word.



Ron Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Secretary

GOLDEN ANGELS



Golden Angels Mission Trip to Mongolia: Presence of the Holy Spirit and an Inspirational Moment

Choi JaeHyun
Golden Angels 16



Golden Angels sing outside of the Maranatha Church.

The Golden Angels, singing missionaries of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD Youth Ministries director, took a two-week mission trip to Mongolia from September 15 to 30, 2019. We conducted an evangelistic series at Maranatha Church for a week and then moved to Nisekh Church to spend the other week.

When we first arrived in Mongolia, the fresh air and cool breeze greeted us. The beautiful landscape of Mongolia refreshed our hearts and infused us with passion for mission work. The next day, evangelistic meetings began at the Maranatha Church. The senior pastor of the church, Munk-Orgil Lakhagvaa, is Youth Ministries director of the Mongolian Mission as well. He serves the church members faithfully, and the members work together closely for the church.

The Golden Angels members divided into four groups and shared the message on God’s creation in Genesis chapters 1 and 2. The classes ran in three different languages, which were Korean, English, and Chinese, two hours a day.

Worship service began at 5 p.m. The Golden Angels led praise and worship time to open the hearts of attendees



Members of the Maranatha Church holding the banner of the evangelistic series

toward Jesus before the evening worship started. Pastor Kim delivered a message every evening, and the attendees were moved by his strong message. Whenever they were touched by the Holy Spirit, they gave a big applause and shouted “Amen.” On the last day of the series, four souls decided to get baptized.

The second week of our mission trip was at Nisekh Church. The Public Campus Ministries missionaries are serving the church for campus mission. The church is smaller than the Maranatha Church, and about 50 people attended the worship every evening. We taught creation in three different languages as we did in the Maranatha Church, trying our best to introduce God as Creator to the participants.

We thank God that many souls came closer to God as they listened to our songs and to the precious message which was delivered by Pastor Kim. We were amazed at how the Holy Spirit worked in their hearts during the series. A total of nineteen people decided to be born again by baptism on the last day of the series. We said a loud “Amen” to glorify God. Among them, young people under 16 had to obtain parental consent in order to be baptized. It is forbidden by law to be baptized without their parental consent. We believe that missionaries in Mongolia will continue to build relationships with these young people and lead them to God by baptism.

During the two weeks of evangelism, we found out that the Adventist members in Mongolia are quite young in general. I can say that Adventist churches in Mongolia are energetic and have great potential for growth. I would like you to join us in praying for Adventists in Mongolia so that they continue to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit and preach the gospel to people in their country.



1. Golden Angels sing at the Nisekh Church.
2. Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD Youth Ministries director, delivered sermons during the two-week mission trip.
3. Pastor Kim baptized a girl at the Maranatha Church.
4. Group photo of baptismal candidates and Golden Angels members at the Nisekh Church



My Surrender to Jesus

Yue Wen Jun
1000MM 54th Batch

It started in April 2019 when the director of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) came to my high school in Luzon, Philippines, to share some words of encouragement with the Chinese group that I belonged to, and to show a video clip on the life and training of 1000MM missionaries. It seemed difficult to live as a missionary, and I felt fear while watching the video. I am not sure how I raised my hand when the pastor asked who would like to join the mission movement. I thought it would be a great experience for me, but that's not enough to be determined. I am certain that I was moved by the Holy Spirit.

Instead of becoming a missionary right away, I decided to go after graduating from college. My high school teachers suggested that I take a year off before going to college and join the 1000MM. However, I was in a hurry to go to college and finish my studies as soon as possible.

However, a year after going to college, I felt more and more confused and helpless. I was not satisfied with my life or with my faith. I only drew closer to God when I needed Him most, and I soon forgot God when I didn't need something from Him.

After many prayers, I decided more strongly to join the 1000MM. I put aside all my worries and decided to commit myself to God's mission. My parents, church pastor, teachers, and friends encouraged me to take a year off from school for mission work.

So, here am I, send me.

When I heard that I was being dispatched to Luzon, I felt disappointed. I have lived in Luzon for five years, and I expected to be assigned to another island in the Philippines. However, I changed my mind and tried to believe that God's plan is the best thing for me.

The first impression of my mission field in Luzon was good. The streets were clean, and the surrounding facilities seemed perfect. I felt that the people in the area were very warm and hospitable. At the same time, however, I felt pressured to return the hospitality in God's way. Obviously, I wasn't quite ready at the beginning. I wasn't used to being a missionary.

I was still very self-centered a lot of the time.

I started serving my neighbors through Bible study, massage, house-to-house visitation, teaching little kids, and conducting programs for drug addicts. I learned a lot from people who were different than myself. Although I was not qualified, I could do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I believe that He is working in me to change my old self and is helping me become closer to Him.

Lastly, I would like to share the passage of writing written by Ellen White. "But Christ has given us no assurance that to attain perfection of character is an easy matter. A noble, all-round character is not inherited. It does not come to us by accident. A noble character is earned by individual effort through the merits and grace of Christ. God gives the talents, the powers of the mind; we form the character. It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. We shall have to criticize ourselves closely, and allow not one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected. Let no one say, I cannot remedy my defects of character. If you come to this decision, you will certainly fail of obtaining everlasting life. The impossibility lies in your own will. If you will not, then you cannot overcome. The real difficulty arises from the corruption of an unsanctified heart, and an unwillingness to submit to the control of God" (*Christ's Object Lessons*, 331).



Not to Be Served, But to Serve

Byambasukh Dajgui
1000MM 53rd Batch

I am a 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionary from Mongolia. My full name is Byambasukh Dajgui, but everyone here calls me Teemo.

My life as a missionary is hard because it is totally different from my ordinary life in Mongolia. I became an Adventist a few years ago, so I still have a lot of things to learn. Sometimes I feel pressured when people seem to expect me to be a perfect missionary.

After joining the 1000MM, I have gone through many things I have never experienced in my life. The one thing I am sure of is that when I fall down, God always helps me to get up and guides me to serve Him. Now I know that God sent me here to learn more about Himself and to grow my faith.

My daily work as a missionary here is to visit my neighbors and backsliders, telling them about God and studying the Bible with them. My missionary partner and I also help with the crusades that our district pastor leads. We have already experienced two crusades here and witnessed more than ten souls being born again. I have enjoyed supporting evangelistic series and meeting people.

When I don't have anything to do and have no one to talk to, however, I get bored of my missionary life and I find myself feeling distant from God. Once I made a huge mistake. At that time, I was staying at the church, and I didn't have Internet connection there. I went to a basketball court near the church in order to hook up to the Internet. There was no problem for the first few days, but the children around the basketball court started to harass me. Then one day, one of the kids threw a stone at me, and the other kids thought this was funny. I lost control, chased the kid, and pushed him. I didn't mean to hurt him, just scare him. I didn't realize he was hurt until he returned with his mom.

Even though I apologized, his mom reported the incident to the police. I was really scared. I admitted my inappropriate behavior to the police and to an attorney and asked them to help me. While I was going through all this, I earnestly prayed to God, asking Him to forgive my sins and to help resolve this situation. God answered my prayer. Once again I realized that God loves me and He is with me.

I admit that there are still lots of things I have to learn to be a faithful servant of God. I really want to deepen my knowledge about God and strengthen my faith. I will also continue to share His great love with other people.

“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:26-28).





God Allows Me to See the Fruit of Mission

Lee YeongRan
1000MM 53rd Batch



I am one of the 53rd batch missionaries of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM). I am from Korea, and I am now serving in Palompon, Leyte, Visayas, in the Philippines.

I was not born into a Christian family, but my mom started to go to church after she was unexpectedly diagnosed with cancer. After she became a Christian, she often told me about Jesus, and it gradually opened my mind. On the day she had surgery, I found that I couldn't do anything but wait. At that moment, what she had said about Jesus came to my mind, so I prayed to God to save my mom. Before long, I found out that God answered my prayer. After experiencing His grace, I wanted to know more about Him and was baptized in 2016.

One day, I heard about someone who had decided to dedicate a year of her youth to God. I was touched by her determination, and the small seed she planted grew in my mind and finally led me to join the 1000MM.

On the day before I left for the training center of the 1000MM, one pastor visited me to encourage me, saying, "The reason God is calling you is there's something He has prepared to show you. You may return without experiencing a single baptism or repentance. But if you are able to see the living God there and come back to testify to people that He is alive, isn't that enough?"

After two months of training, my partner and I were dispatched to a small, remote village in the mountain. There was no water, no electricity, and no telephone signal. It was hard to communicate with people in the village due to language

differences. Their ways of life were different from mine. I was not used to men and women taking a bath together in open space with their clothes on. Day by day, my mind grew weaker. All I could do was read the word of God.

One Sabbath, it was a usual gloomy morning. I was still faced with my incompetence, and my skin problem, which was caused by the scorching heat, was getting worse. I read the chapter in Ellen White's book, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, on the flood in Noah's days. For 120 years, people laughed at Noah and mocked him. They said building an ark would be useless. But Noah was just doing the work God had commanded. The result of that turned out to be the salvation of Noah himself and his family.

In my mission field, I asked myself hundreds of times, "What am I doing here, leaving my home and my family? For what am I going through all these troubles which I wouldn't have if I were in my country?" On that day, I repeated the same questions. Then I got a text message from my mom in Korea. She said that she was going to Sabbath worship with my dad. My dad had said to my mom, "I want to take my daughter's place and go to church with you."

Since I had started to attend church with my mom, we had been waiting for the moment when my dad would go to church with us on Sabbath. He had turned down the invitation many times and didn't seem to want to hear our suggestions. We had never gotten a positive response from him. I couldn't believe that I finally got the answer while I was here in the Philippines. I was so happy that I couldn't help but cry with happiness. The gloomy Sabbath turned into a happy Sabbath!

I found out that God sometimes works in ways I couldn't have expected. The seed I planted as a missionary was accepted by God and produced a fruit in my home, where I love the most. Since then, I no longer ask God "why" questions. "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household" (Acts 16:31).



1000MM missionary Lee YeongRan (1st from the right)



HisHands Training in Yonago & Asahikawa Church in Japan



Han SukHee
NSD HHMM Coordinator



HisHands missionaries of the Yonago Church

Asahikawa Church of the Japan East Conference and Yonago Church of the Japan West Conference held a HisHands foot massage missionary training seminar and a starting ceremony from March 29 to 31 and September 6 to 9, 2019, respectively. Pastor Han SukHee, HisHands Mission Movement (HHMM) coordinator of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and Elder Nam SunKyu, HisHands foot massage trainer, and Pastor Kobayashi, HHMM director of the Japan Union Conference, were invited for these events.

These two churches had been selected as HHMM monitoring churches in this Year of TMI Mission in Japan. They have been preparing for a few months to begin HHMM in earnest and were finally able to take the first step.

“HHMM will create a great synergy effect when it combines medical ministry as the right hand of evangelism and publishing ministry as the left hand,” the main speaker, Pastor Han encouraged the participants. “When all the HisHands missionaries, holding medical ministry methods in one hand and gospel publications in the other, find truth-seekers in every village and every district, serve their needs, and lead them to Jesus, our church will experience unprecedented spiritual revival and growth.”

Elder Nam SunKyu, foot massage trainer, said, “When I massage people’s feet with the heart of Jesus, they open their locked hearts and accept our publications and invitations with thanks.” His practice resulted in great interest and responses from all participants.

Through these two seminars, 25 people from the Yonago Church and 20 people from the Asahikawa Church, 45 members all together, were appointed as HisHands missionaries. They have dedicated themselves to going out to find truth-seekers, holding publications ministry methods in one hand and medical ministry methods in the other, with the heart of Jesus, and as the hands and feet of Jesus.

Pastors from the Yonago Church and neighboring churches gathered to learn foot-massage.



Members of the Yonago Church received foot-massage training from Elder Nam.

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



Seventh-day
Adventist Church

Northern Asia-Pacific Division