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The eight churches of the East-North District of Mongolia Mission held their first official gathering with the theme of "The Unity of the Spirit," from January 25 to 26, 2020.

I Will Set a Sign Among Them

“And I . . . am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive. . . to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations” (Isaiah 66:18-19).

Years ago, I visited several mission fields of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) to meet missionaries and to see their ministries. Many of the missionaries confessed, “I am thankful to God for my life. It was the most difficult thing to kill my sinful self. I praise God and say Amen of thankfulness to God for guiding me up to now.”

In Isaiah 66:19, God said, “He set a sign among them.” Yes, missionaries are the sign God set. Missionaries are the ones assigned by God as His servants and sent from God as a sign. As signs are sent and revealed by God, missionaries are also sent by God. As signs should be sent to people and should clearly reveal all messages the signs contain, missionaries should go to people and should clearly reveal Jesus and the truth they contain.

Whenever I visit mission fields and listen to missionaries’ resolutions and testimonies, I am reconvicted that God set missionaries as signs of this age. If missionaries are not sent, how could poor souls who have not heard of God’s fame or seen His glory get the gospel? The missionaries who are called and sent by God as signs of times are “proclaiming God’s glory among nations” like the prophecy written in Isaiah 66:19.

This world is rapidly falling down in every aspect, such as politics, economy, ethics,

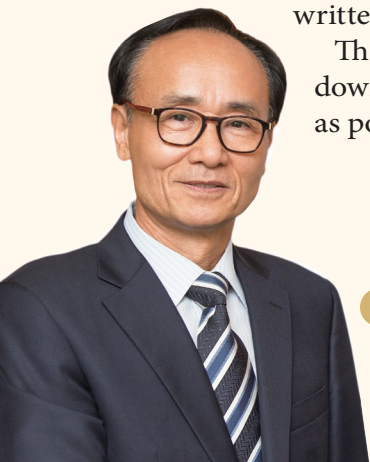
religion, environment, humanity, etc. Recent unexpected epidemics caused by the new corona virus made the whole world tremble in horror. Established social order and relationships between nations have cracked and fallen into confusion. The world is doomed to “the fallen Babylon the Great” as prophesied in the Bible.

However, there are many souls to be saved. In these last days, missionaries are the spiritual commandos who are the signs of the time, who recognize the signs and run to people to announce the signs and rescue them. Today missionaries of 1000MM, HisHands Mission Movement, Pioneer Mission Movement, and Golden Angels operated by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division are shouting diligently and boldly to the people who are living in the world doomed to be fallen to come out of there and come back to Jesus. May God continue to bless them and their precious ministries! I would like to encourage all of you to continue to support them in your prayers.



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Mission First in All Activities to Reach the World

News & Views is published bi-monthly by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Its mission is to share the news of mission activities and views of mission of the NSD with the world church so that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will be hastened.



The Unity of the Spirit in Mongolia Mission

Munkh-Orgil Lkhagvaa
MM Children's Ministries Director

Mongolia Mission (MM) held an all-workers meeting from December 19 to 20, 2019. During the meeting, strategic plans and goals of Mongolia Mission 2020-2022 were introduced by the administrators. One of the changes that was made in terms of organizing and encouraging MM ministerial workers was to create church districts.

Missionaries and pastors who are serving alone and far away from one another need empowerment to spread the gospel message, communication, united goals, support from each other, and fellowship of church members. Thus, five church districts were organized, and a leader was elected for each district. This next year's calendar of

activities and plans was created by each district.

The countryside churches were grouped together as Western Aimag (Province) churches, Eastern Aimag churches, and Northern Aimag churches. The Ulaanbaatar city churches were divided into two groups, West-South District churches and East-North District churches.

The East-North District consists of eight churches: Ulaanbaatar Central Church, Amazing Grace Church, Ehlel Church, Amgalan Church, Maranatha Church, Immanuel Church, Nalaikh Church, and the Tsaiz Church. From January 25 to 26, 2020, they held their very first official event. Under the title of "The Unity of the Spirit," elected members of the eight churches gathered together.

The 64 attendees included elders, deacons, deaconesses, treasurers, clerks, youth leaders, Sabbath worship coordinators, and other church workers.

First, the attendees had a foot-washing service and the Lord's Supper, led by Pastor Nyamsuren Myagmar, who is in charge of Ulaanbaatar Central Church. This was a special spiritual event, and the attendees were able to renew their commitment to the Savior and His example of service, to be driven by the love of Jesus, and to be under the leading of the Holy Spirit to gain the unity of the Spirit.

A considerable amount of time was spent on group activities. Attendees were divided according to their ministries: elders, deacons,



and deaconesses together, clerks together, youth and Pathfinder leaders together, treasurers together. These group activities helped everyone as they shared successful cases and challenges of their work. Each group had prayer time to ask God for His blessings and wisdom upon their ministries in 2020.

On the second day, the Mongolia Chapter of Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) spent the morning hours introducing their goals, activities, and plans. Mongolian ASI president Munkhsaikhan Baatar and secretary Bazarsad Sukhbaatar led this session. The ideas and the testimonies that the ASI leaders and members shared encouraged the attendees to cooperate with one another, help the church do evangelism, and challenge the members to be active in ministry.

At the end of the gathering, the attendees got together by churches to fill up the 2020 calendar with plans of mission activities. Also, a prayer of dedication was offered, asking that the Lord Jesus would bless and use the plans and activities.

The East-North District churches are planning to implement eight activities throughout the year. By the blessing of God, this gathering was the very first activity successfully completed. The unity of the Spirit is certainly among us.

Bazarsad Sukhbaatar, who attended the gathering as an evangelism coordinator of Amazing Grace Church, said, "We have never done this kind of regional meeting before. It was wonderful. Though the beginning is small and humble, I am sure that together we will make a big movement by the grace of God. Let us move forward in the unity of the Spirit."

The East-North District churches are going to hold their next event on March 7, which will be a night prayer meeting. We are looking forward to that meeting, that it will make even stronger the unity of the Spirit.

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3).

- 1 & 2. Pastor Nyamsuren Myagmar, MM Ministerial secretary, led the gathering of churches in the East-North District.
3. The gathering began with a foot-washing service.
4. Attendees were divided according to their ministries to engage in group activities.



The Japan Union Conference (JUC) Children's Ministries department held special trainings in each Conference and Mission of JUC from February 1 to 8, 2020. These trainings were planned and organized by Pastor Masaru Kobayashi, JUC Children's Ministries director, based on the requests of the East Japan Conference (EJC), the West Japan Conference (WJC), and the Okinawa Mission presidents, teachers, and local church Children's Ministries leaders in each area. Dr. Linda Koh, Children's Ministries director from the General Conference, and Dr. Lisa Clouzet, Children's Ministries director from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, were the guest presenters.

The training itinerary began with worship at the Tokyo Central Church, Sabbath, February 1, where Dr. Koh presented the sermon and Dr. Clouzet gave the children's story. Dr. Koh's message focused on the important characteristics of discipleship. That afternoon, 74 members from 6 churches in the East Tokyo area met at the Tokyo Central Church for trainings.

Sunday, February 2, 44 members (including children) from eight West Tokyo churches gathered at the Koganel

Church. During the trainings, a special Adventurers program and activities were provided for the children. Following the trainings, the adult participants were able to visit with the children, hear about their activities, and enjoy some of the artwork that they had created while the seminars were taking place.

The Children's Ministries training team visited the Hiroshima Elementary School Tuesday morning, February 4. During the visit, they were able to tour the facilities, greet many teachers and children in their classrooms, and watch part of a musical program some of the children were presenting for their parents. That afternoon, church members and seekers from the Chugoku Shikoku area of the WJC met at the Hiroshima Church for trainings.

After traveling to Okinawa, the team met Friday, February 7, at the Kitanaka Saniku Elementary School. They had a tour of the school before meeting with 11 teachers. Friday evening, Dr. Koh presented a vespers program at the Okinawa Saniku Junior High School, where 58 students and teachers were in attendance.

Pastor Masaru Kobayashi and Dr. Linda Koh, Children's Ministries directors of JUC and GC

JAPAN UNION CONFERENCE CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES TRAININGS

Masaru Kobayashi & Lisa Clouzet
JUC and NSD Children's Ministries Directors





- 1 & 2. The series of Children's Ministries trainings began at the Tokyo Central Church on February 1, 2020.
3. Forty-four members (including children) from eight West Tokyo churches gathered at the Koganel Church.
4. The Children's Ministries training team went to Kitanaka Saniku Elementary School and met the school teachers.
5. The Okinawa Saniku Junior High School
6. In the Okinawa Mission, 92 Children's Ministries leaders and elders from 12 churches met at the Kitanakagusuku Church for training seminars.

Following vespers, the team met with some of the teachers for a Q & A session and a time of encouragement and prayer.

On Sabbath, February 8, Dr. Koh presented the sermon at the Kitanakagusuku Church and Dr. Clouzet presented the sermon at the Okinawa International Church. That afternoon 92 Children's Ministries leaders and elders, from 12 churches met at the Kitanakagusuku Church for training seminars. That evening, the team was invited to a special meal and program for 18 children and missing members at the Okinawa Shuri Church café. The children helped make the delicious meal and were excited for the adults to try it. Following the meal, Dr. Koh shared a short devotional with the adults and children. Her stories, accompanied by exciting visual aids, captured and held the attention of all in attendance.

The JUC itinerary was filled with many seminars and activities. Some of the seminar topics included "Attracting New Children to Church," "The Effects of Diet on Character Development," "Christian Parenting," and "Making Family Worship Fun and Easy." Throughout the week, Drs. Koh and Clouzet taught helpful principles and led the participants through interactive exercises to reinforce the concepts to be able to apply the principles in their current situation. There was also time given for questions and answers following each session.

The purpose of these trainings was not just to hold seminars, but also to provide an opportunity to encourage school teachers, Sabbath School leaders, church elders, parents, and students. The Children's Ministries team experienced generous hospitality in each of the areas visited. Throughout the week, they were also encouraged by the faithful dedication of the parents and those working with children of the JUC.

Raising and nurturing children for Jesus in these last days can be a challenging task, but with His wisdom and help, these challenges can be overcome. May we be encouraged by the words of Jesus in Matthew 19:14 (NKJV), "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Let us continue to embrace the children we have at present and show them that they matter and belong. Let us also continue to show appreciation and support for Children's Ministries leaders, teachers, staff, and parents as we work together for His sake on behalf of the children.



Korean Adventist education leaders at the 2020 KUC education council

Like Daniel, Paul, and Jesus: A Report from KUC Education Council



Richard Sabuin
NSD Education Director

Could our Adventist schools produce graduates like Daniel in the Bible? That was the main question in the opening presentation at the Korean Union Conference (KUC) education council, held at Gonjiam Resort, Korea, from January 8 to 9, 2020. Richard Sabuin, Education director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), emphasized the core values of Daniel and his Hebrew friends, that they stood out among the other selected scholars of Babylon's top university. Faithfulness to the Creator God, obedience to His commandments, commitment to His calling, and determination to serve Him—these are the values that our Adventist schools offer. Ellen White said, “It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world

and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come” (*Education*, 13).

All school principals, university presidents, and education leaders of the KUC and its conferences, attended this two-day meeting. They listened to reports from the schools and universities, addressed issues and challenges, discussed and formulated plans, and prayed together for God's guidance.

Reports from the primary schools excited the participants. The Gwangju Sahmyook Elementary School principal reported that in 2019 the school reached out even to parents. During the year, 60 parents were baptized, of whom about half are medical doctors. Somehow, these parents became attracted to Adventist education and to its message. Every year, all parents are

required to attend a two-day orientation on the Adventist philosophy of education.

In Busan Sahmyook Elementary School, seven of the sixth-grade students accepted Jesus Christ through baptism in 2019. In Seohae Sahmyook Elementary School, eleven students were baptized. These are just some examples of how Adventist schools in KUC aim to bring students to get to know Christ and have a relationship with Him. Exciting reports were also presented by the middle and high schools as well as by the two universities of KUC.

In his dedicatory message, Pastor Hwang ChunKwang, KUC president, encouraged all education leaders to be grateful for the grace of God, who has enabled each of them to be part of this sacred work. Quoting 1 Timothy 1:12-17, he highlighted the life of Paul who considered himself as a chief sinner, and yet God used him powerfully in His mission. When we completely dedicate ourselves to God's service, we can be a great influence to our students.

The KUC regularly conducts education councils every January. This is a gesture of unity in mission through Adventist education. "This is the last in this quinquennium, and we rejoice to see what God has done in these five years," Pastor Kang SeokWoo stated. Being the KUC Education director, he has played an important role in supervising all our schools in KUC.

Yes, Adventist schools are established to produce students who are faithful like Daniel, dedicated like Paul, and above all, students who are like Jesus.



Dr. Sabuin gave a presentation at the opening of the KUC education council.

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Evangelistic Series at Beitun Church

Byun SeongJun

NSD Communication Associate Director



Beitun Church in Taichong, Taiwan, held evangelistic meetings from December 8 to 14, 2019. Pastor Byun SeongJun, associate Communication director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), served as the speaker, and the Golden Angels, the NSD singing missionaries, were actively involved with evangelism during the week by singing and working together with the church's youth members.

Before the evangelistic meetings began, Guo Jiajing and Kim SeonMin, two student missionaries of Public Campus Ministries (PCM), preached the gospel at a nearby university campus for three weeks by running a small group mission. Due to the efforts of the PCM missionaries, many of the meeting attendees were well prepared to listen and accept the word of God. They were willing to learn more about Jesus from the



Beitun Church held evangelistic meetings with Pastor Byun SeongJun, NSD associate Communication director, and the Golden Angels, the NSD singing missionaries.

precious words delivered through the speaker every night. Special concerts by the Golden Angels were also held in downtown Taichung and on campus, giving a boost to the evangelistic meetings with even more gracious praise.

Nai Zhen, a baptized young student, is currently the head of the student club for the study of Korean culture at the National Tachung University of Science and Technology. In 2018, when she was a freshman in college, she joined the club and learned about our God through many channels and welcomed Jesus Christ as a personal savior. She experienced the love of God as she went through the Korean club, the small group, and the Korean language camp in June 2019.

Before she was baptized, she helped the first batch PCM missionaries and played a major role in the ministry of campus mission. After her decision for baptism, more people have entered the church because of her positive influence. Pastor Kwon SoonBum, who serves the Beitun Church, has for many years experienced how valuable the influence of friends is in youth ministry in Taiwan. Nai Zhen also hopes to become a campus missionary in the future. In addition, we would like to thank the other young people for opening their minds and preparing their hearts through this evangelistic series.

1. Kim SeonMin and Guo Jiajing ,two PCM missionaries of Beitun Church
2. Nai Zhen, a newly baptized member, with Pastor Byun and the church pastor Kwon SoonBum
3. Student club for the study of Korean culture at the National Tachung University of Science and Technology



The Public Campus Ministries (PCM) department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held an intensive training for the second batch of PCM missionaries from January 29 to February 3, 2020, at the Health Center at Taiwan Adventist College. Eleven missionaries from South Korea, Taiwan, Honduras, the United States, and Haiti gathered in one place for one great goal, “Missionaries in All Campuses.” Among them was a missionary from Pak Tin Church in Hong Kong who served from January 2019 as a member of PCM first and has decided to continue to serve again. The other 10 missionaries will serve for New Life Church, Beitun Church, Hsinchu Golden City Church, and Pingdong Church in Taiwan. Pastors from these churches also joined the training session in order to share their visions and plans with the PCM missionaries and to pledge commitment to campus mission.

The missionaries started each day communicating with God. Every morning, they meditated on the word of God in the Book of Philippians and went outside to exercise in the beautiful nature God has given.

Church pastors served as speakers. They tried their best to deliver both theoretical and practical knowledge of the gospel work through lectures, with topics including Bible panorama, biblical truth, small-group planning, practices of campus ministries, self-management, and building a missionary vision. The missionaries were trained to teach the Bible through the “Memory Chain” method, through which people memorize one Bible verse, make a linkage to memorize another verse, and keep memorizing other verses in the same way.

During Sabbath School on February 1, every participant had an opportunity to share why they applied to PCM. In the afternoon, youth members of Beitun Church, where PCM missionaries have served since 2019, were invited for the training session. They shared their feedback, experiences, and thoughts about the church’s campus mission, allowing attendees to better understand college students in Taiwan and gain practical ideas on how to deliver the love of God to them.

Throughout the intensive training, all programs focused solely on lifting up the name of Jesus through campus mission in Taiwan. The eleven PCM missionaries determined to work hard to share the love of Jesus with Taiwanese youth and lead them to Him.

2020 Taiwan PCM Missionary Intensive Training



Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Ministries Director

PCM missionaries were trained to teach the Bible through the “Memory Chain” method at the training program.



Dandelion Mission Goes to Dali Church in Taiwan

Dandelion Mission, the missionary team under the Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA), and Women's Ministries of West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) held evangelistic meetings at Dali Church in Taiwan from November 16 to 20, 2019. The series, titled "Happy and Successful Life," was a success, greater than the church expected, attracting about 100 people every day. This is a surprising number, considering that Taiwan has a Christian minority, making up less than five percent of the population.

Pastor Shin JongSeong, who serves the Dali Church as a Pioneer Mission Movement missionary, posted special prayer requests several times during the series through a social network service. Even though the church had to rush to get more seats and more food, the Dandelion Mission members, Pastor Shin and the church members were excited.

Ms. Jeon YoungSook, director of WCKC Women's Ministries, conveyed the keys of a happy and successful life with daily themes: "Conditions of Happiness," "Happy Relationships," "Immigration to a Happy Nation," "Where Life Is Going," and "The Age of 100-Year Lifespan." She concluded that only the love of Jesus Christ can lead people to true happiness. "Unlike human love, God's love is unchanging. He who died on



Six people got baptized through the evangelistic series held by Dandelion Mission at Dali Church.



the cross for your salvation is still waiting for you. True peace and happiness are found only in God," said Ms. Jeon.

The mission team presented programs that introduced Korean culture. In a cooking class, participants learned popular Korean dishes. They also had traditional Korean dresses available to try on for those who were interested in "Hallyu," the Korean cultural wave. In addition, health check-ups and body massage were provided for visitors.

The mission team worked hard every day from dawn until late at night without ceasing. In the mornings, they went around schools, parks, and shopping centers, handing out leaflets to the people they met. In the afternoons, they went out on the street wearing Korean traditional costumes and sharing about Jesus Christ through their songs. God's messages were preached at the evening meetings, followed by social hour between the mission team and those interested in studying the Bible. Every night, the mission team finished their work with a prayer meeting.



During the five-day series, the Dali Church had three baptismal ceremonies. A total of six souls accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and were born again by baptism. One of them couldn't help but confess her faith in Jesus late Saturday night and was baptized. On the last day of the series, four young people were baptized in Sun Moon Lake, the largest lake in Taiwan.

Throughout the evangelistic meetings, Pastor Shin was touched by God's grace and the efforts of Dandelion Mission. "It was not the first time to have an evangelistic meeting in Dali Church, but this was different. People were rushing into the church. I felt convinced that God had prepared everything for us and had led us to bear fruits," said Pastor Shin. Many high school students and college students came to the meetings and developed a good relationship with the mission team. Their beautiful fellowship will continue and help young people grow in God.

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Class on Public Evangelism at Saniku Gakuin College

Ron Clouzet

NSD Ministerial Secretary

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was a guest professor at the Adventist college in Otaki, Japan, where he taught a course on public evangelism. The class was a very intensive course, held daily from about 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from January 14 to 17, 2020. The fifteen lectures included biblical lessons on evangelism, preaching in the New Testament, the prophetic nature of the SDA Church, principles for evangelistic success, types of evangelistic meetings, the evangelistic countdown, working with volunteers for public meetings, public evangelism strategies and sermons, writing the evangelistic sermon, delivering the sermon, preaching with presentation software programs, leading people to decisions, and the theology and practice of baptism.

The class was an undergraduate course with 14 students enrolled. The lectures included interactive segments and time for questions and comments. Students read about 400 pages from select sections of Ellen White's book *Evangelism*, took a comprehensive examination, and will preach a 10-sermon harvest evangelistic series in a local church in Japan as part of their course requirements. They have nine months to plan and complete their public evangelistic preaching assignment.



This approach is very different from what is typically practiced in Japan, but there is a new openness to seriously implementing evangelistic principles for evangelistic success. The students will follow up with this assignment, trusting that the Lord will be with them all the way.



Revival Meetings for North Korea Defectors

In Korea, approximately 30,000 North Korea (NK) defectors live in freedom. They slipped across the border to find food and eventually came to South Korea for freedom via other countries. Some of them contacted devoted Adventists and were converted into Adventists.

A revival meeting was held at the Leadership Training Center of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) on Jeju Island from January 28 to 30, 2020. The purpose of the yearly revival meeting for NK defectors is to strengthen their faith and educate them to be future voluntary missionaries to North Koreans when North and South Korea are unified.

The Bible was taught in the morning and evening with specific topics. During the daytime they went out to see the scenic beauty of Jeju Island and to develop friendships while walking in nature. Thirty-four NK defectors attended the revival meeting, but almost half of them were non-Adventists. That's why the Adventist

fundamental beliefs needed to be taught. Dr. Joo MinHo, NSD Adventist Mission director, taught them biblical truths about the afterlife and Adventist lifestyle. Pastor Lee ByungJoo, Sabbath School & Personal Ministry director of the Korean Union Conference (KUC), lectured on the Bible and the Sabbath. Pastor Lim SangWoo, vice principal of KUC Bible Correspondent School, covered two topics, Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life and Jesus' Second Coming.

Before all the programs were over, the NK defectors participated in a Golden Bell competition. This revival meeting was successful in strengthening the faith of Adventists and encouraging Bible study among non-Adventists.



Joo MinHo

NSD Adventist Mission Director

About 20 students from Saniku Gakuin College participated in a Bible camp, organized by the Campus Ministry department of the college, in Aikawa, Sagamihara, Kanagawa, Japan. “These students are here because they want to learn about the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Some of them are not Christians, and they want to know about the distinctive teachings of the Adventist Church,” Pastor Joseph Duarte and Pastor Yoshihiro Fujita, the two college chaplains, explained.

The weekend of January 24 to 26, 2020, was spent on Bible study, especially on Daniel and Revelation. About one hour after arrival, the meeting began with a sundown worship to welcome the Sabbath, followed by a presentation on Daniel 2. Pastor Keisuke Hori, a part-time chaplain on the Tokyo campus of the college, elaborated on the dream of Nebuchadnezzar and its interpretation as revealed by God to Daniel. He pointed out to the students some historical facts connected to the meaning of the dream. “We are living in the time of the ten toes, and the only thing that will take place after this is the coming of the Jesus Christ,” Pastor Hori concluded.

On Sabbath morning, Pastor Fujita talked about Daniel 7, and Pastor Joseph Duarte on Daniel 8 and 9. Some students who had questions continued with small group Bible study after Sabbath lunch. They sat down on the floor, opened their Bibles, and took notes as Pastor Duarte explained to them about the 2,300-day prophecy of Daniel 8. Questions came even from students who are not Christians. They were really curious about the prophecy. That Sabbath afternoon, all participants enjoyed God’s creation in a nature walk on a hill near the campsite.



Bible camp focused on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

Toru Takahashi, a theology student, highlighted the life of Nebuchadnezzar, from calling God as the God of Daniel to acknowledging Him as his God. That was the message for the sundown worship in closing the Sabbath. After dinner, Pastor Richard Sabuin, Education director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), led a Bible study on Revelation chapters 12 and 13. He pointed out that the remnant of Revelation 12:17 is the last remnant, the power described in Revelation 13:11-18 is the last world power, and the messages of the three angels of Revelation 14 are the last messages before the coming of Jesus Christ.

Sunday morning was not for leisure. Even before the participants left the campsite, they spent almost two hours studying the Bible. They had packed and loaded their luggage on the vans, but their Bibles were still in their hands. They learned more about the identity of the beasts in Revelation 13 and how we are to be prepared to stand firm and be faithful to Jesus Christ until He comes again. The group left the campsite right after that presentation.

The students do many things together on the campus, but coming together with one purpose, to study the Bible deeply, was special for them. We pray that more students will join the next Bible camp. This is in line with the aim of the education work in NSD, namely, to make students disciples of Christ.

Bible Camp of Saniku Gakuin College

Richard Sabuin

NSD Education Director



Tent Church in the Square of Seoul Station



Kim BeomTae

Reporter of adventist.or.kr

On a Wednesday afternoon in late autumn in 2019, I visited the square at Seoul Station. Light rain fell from the dull sky, and the wind made passersby zip up their jackets. Thirty minutes before 2:00 p.m., people started to set up a blue tent. A large screen, microphones, speakers, and other equipment were also ready. Volunteers wearing yellow raincoats did their part in spite of the growing raindrops. Men were busy pegging the tent to the ground to keep it from collapsing in the wind, and women wiped the chairs that were wet from rain. Lastly, they put up a banner, which read, “Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water” (Revelation 14:7). In addition to the Bible verse, the banner included the words “Seventh-day Adventist Church.” It was the Tent Church in the square of Seoul Station, which has one of the highest foot traffic in Korea.



Seventh-day Adventist
Tent Church in the
square of Seoul Station



The Tent Church in the square began with street evangelism by Jeong EunSook, a pastor's wife. Then, several people joined her. They purchased a tent, a truck, and other equipment, and decided to hold worship service on a regular basis. Whenever there were difficulties in running the church, the difficulties were overcome in unexpected ways. The volunteers could not but have a firm belief that God was with them. As of February 2020, the Tent Church has been going on for three years.

Every Wednesday, there is a worship service at the Tent Church, which lasts for about two and a half hours. Programs usually include praise and worship time, a sermon, a quiz game, and snacks. Current and retired pastors have seldom turned down an invitation to speak at the church.

A variety of people have gathered at the Tent Church, including people passing by the station, homeless people, and foreigners, to join the worship. Sometimes, people who had once been an Adventist or people whose family member is an Adventist have come to the church. Foreign Adventists visiting Korea have recognized the Church logo on the banner and have come into the tent.

For every worship service, about twenty volunteers help to organize the service. They support the Tent Church in various ways, including setting up equipment, playing instruments, ushering, leading praise, packing snacks, and distributing leaflets. Volunteers come from far and wide, regardless of which local Conference or mission team they belong to.



Deaconess Choi JeongJa has helped the Tent Church since its beginning. “The more people gather here, the easier the work will be for everyone. I am willing to do whatever little I can do for the church,” says Choi. She finds it worthwhile in seeing people being filled physically and spiritually. Deaconess Jeong MyeongSoon agrees with Choi. “I hope that, with my small effort, people visiting the church will find the love of Jesus and have an opportunity to find the truth,” Jeong states.

In every worship service, the Tent Church prepares to give away 150 packages of snacks, which normally include kimbap, fruit, and a small carton of soymilk. Gospel tracts are also in the package. Everything is funded by donations from other Adventist churches and individuals. There are people who make regular donations to support the ministry of the Tent Church.

On this particular day, the church opened with praise and worship time, followed by a sermon delivered by Noh WonHye, leader of the Tent Church volunteer team and a pastor’s wife from the Gonghang Church. Some attendees recognized her, waving a friendly greeting. Citing Psalms chapter 136, she preached the living God who works for people. “We should believe that God is always with us and rely on Him. Even though some of us here are going through hard times, let us not forget His promise of the second coming,” said Noh.

During the worship, the rain grew heavier; thunder roared and lightning struck. The volunteers remarked that this was the first time it had rained so much since the church started. However, no one stopped carrying out their responsibilities. A music concert was

held at the church on the day I visited. Various music from solo performances to chamber music ensembles brought heavenly peace in the tent during the heavy rainfall.

I asked Noh why this Tent Church ministry is necessary. “Since many of the attendees of the Tent Church need comfort from God’s word, the Tent Church is a perfect place for delivering the gospel of God. A lot of people have learned about the Adventist Church here, found the love of God, and accepted the Adventist faith. There have also been homeless people, whose lifestyles have changed in a positive way. Moreover, Adventist church members can self-examine their state of faith and train themselves as missionaries through volunteering,” she answered.

Attendees have responded especially well to music. The volunteering team at the Tent Church has plans to give people ocarina lessons and later hold a musical presentation. The sole purpose of these plans is to help people easily step into the church.

The Tent Church will continue to be set up every Wednesday, 2:00 p.m., in the square of Seoul Station. The church will preach the everlasting gospel to people who are lonely, excluded, or busy getting around without an ultimate purpose or hope for life. The rain of the Holy Spirit will fall upon the cold-hearted city.

Above: Volunteers set up a blue tent in the rain.

Below: Music concerts are sometimes held at the Tent Church.



In recent years, natural disasters and other heartbreaking news seem to be occurring all the time. As Seventh-day Adventists, we at the Japan Publishing House recognize the signs in regards to the second coming of Jesus, as recorded in Matthew 24 and Luke 21. As we watch the fulfillment of the signs in Matthew 24 and prepare for His second coming, we must also pay close attention to Matthew 25. In verses 32 to 33, Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will

sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” In the parable of the sheep and goats, Jesus asks us how we treated the “least of these” people. Did we feed them, give them drink, give them lodging, give them clothing, visit when they were sick, and visit them in prison?

I asked myself what I could personally do to serve the community. What could

Japan Publishing House do as an organization to serve the community? I prayed for ideas.

During that time, the opportunity to send the *Signs of the Times* magazine to the Kumamoto Prison opened up. Every month we were able to send 20 copies to the prison, 17 copies for prisoners and 3 copies for the workers at the prison. At the end of 2019, we conducted a *Signs of the Times* gift presentation ceremony at the Kumamoto Prison director’s office. The prison director joyfully said, “This magazine will help the



To the Least of These: *Signs of the Times* Hope Delivery Movement

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prisoners rehabilitate and prepare to be better citizens of society.”

Furthermore, we were able to connect with a non-profit group called “Mother House.” Igarashi Hiroshi, a man with three previous criminal convictions and a total of 20 years in prison, is the pioneer and director of this group. While in prison, he accepted Jesus Christ and repented. After completing his prison sentence, he started “Mother House” to help make a society with no second offenses or repeated criminal convictions.

Listening to his story, I found out that while he was in prison, he read the book, *From Death-Row Convict to Pastor*, written by Seventh-day Adventist pastor Aragaki Saburo. Igarashi said, “That book really encouraged me. Thank you!” Not only that, Igarashi was enrolled in Voice of Prophecy (VOP) Bible Correspondence School while he was in prison. Furthermore, the VOP Correspondence School teacher in charge was Dr. Yamagata Toshio, who was president of Saniku Gakuin at the time. The Lord led in a truly amazing way! I felt that it was indeed true that seeds sown will surely bear fruit and be ready to reap. Through this encounter, we gained an opportunity to send 800 copies of *Signs of the Times* every month to prisoners. This was the beginning of Japan Publishing House “*Signs of the Times* Hope Delivery Movement.”

At the last Japan Union Conference year-end meeting, I said, “We may not be able to personally visit the prisons and share the gospel with the prisoners. However, *Signs of the Times* will become an angel visiting prisoners and preaching the gospel to them for you!” A few days after my short appeal, one of the executive committee lay members called and said, “Please let me donate 100 subscriptions for the prison ministry. After hearing the testimony about Mother House, I was convinced that it is God’s work. Providing



Above: A *Signs of the Times* gift presentation ceremony was held at the Kumamoto Prison director's office in December 2019.

Below: The Japan Publishing House is planning to send 820 magazine subscriptions to prisoners in the Kumamoto Prison.



an opportunity for prisoners to know God and find new hope is a wonderful work. Please allow me to be part of this prison ministry!” That was 100 magazine subscriptions in one phone call—in other words, \$5,000 USD. I was shaking with excitement and encouragement!

Loneliness does not necessarily mean being alone. Loneliness is when you have nobody to share your thoughts, experiences, and other things with. Many people are

trying to find the purpose of life under the pressures of loneliness. What is needed is for somebody to understand. What is needed is for a place, a person that accepts you the way you are. In order to change a human heart, the power of support is needed.

One philosopher said the following words. “If you have a troubled/worried friend, you should be a place of rest for your friend.” I believe as an Adventist, this is our mission.

Prison is perhaps one of the most unreached areas in Japan. “There is wonderful and precious hope for everybody!” Through *Signs of the Times* magazine, we can share the light of hope and truth with the prisoners. We are planning to ask church members to donate money to send 820 magazine subscriptions to prisoners.

Let us not forget that we were also once prisoners in bondage to the world. In the prison house of sin, our destiny was eternal destruction. Yet, in such a time, Jesus Christ came to visit us to rescue us. “Behold I stand at the door and knock” (Revelation 3:20). We did not first love God but God first loved us. Jesus came to visit us and knocked on the doors of our hearts. We are bound in sinful chains called “selfishness.” We must not forget the grace of God. As we appreciate the grace of God in our lives, let us use our lives to go knock on other people’s hearts to lead them to Jesus Christ. This is the way of life for Seventh-day Adventists who eagerly await the second coming of Jesus Christ.

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Igarashi Hiroshi, the pioneer and director of Mother House, and Pastor Hanada



Russian Adventist School in Ansan, Korea

Richard Sabuin
NSD Education Director

(From left) Richard Sabuin, five teachers of the school, and Ivan Riapolov, ESD Education director



A Russian school in Korea? Yes, there is a Russian Adventist School in Ansan, Gyeonggi Province of Korea. The school officially started in 2019 when the Multicultural Family Happiness Sharing Center (MFSC) of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) was granted legal permission by the government to run a language education institute. The license allows the school to operate from kindergarten to high school. Now 102 students are enrolled, 30 in kindergarten and 72 in elementary school.

Since the elementary school follows the Russian curriculum, using Russian as the medium of instruction, the school is currently affiliated with Komashinsky private school in Russia. Last year, when the school had its first graduation, students received their diplomas from the Russian school.

In order to connect the school to an Adventist school in Russia, the NSD invited Ivan Riapolov, Education director of the Euro-

Students and teachers of Ansan Russian Adventist School with books they were given



Asia Division, to visit the school. Together with Richard Sabuin, NSD Education director, they spent time talking with the five teachers of the elementary school. Two of the teachers are Adventists. However, none of them has ever experienced Adventist education. Training sessions are needed for these teachers. In addition, Professor Riapolov has indicated that he will work on recruiting Adventist teachers from Russia for this school.

Interestingly, without prior information about the number of teachers and students of this school, Professor Riapolov came to Korea bringing the exact number of books according to the number of teachers and students. He brought five sets of books for teachers and 72 books

for the students. It was a miracle, indeed! The students were happy to receive a Christian storybook. They were excited to listen to the words of encouragement given by Professor Riapolov. At the end of the prayer that he offered for the students, a loud response of amen came from the students.

“We really need Adventist missionary teachers who speak Russian. We will provide their accommodation and stipend when they work for the school,” said Pastor Kim GeunSoo, director of the MFSC, who is also director of the school.

Also, Pastor Yoon SuhChul, associate director of the center, shared some of the challenges the school has had in the past. “In 2019, the school was about to be sued for accepting students without having a school building, and there was no license for the school,” he explained. They were given just two weeks of grace time, and the school found an ex-karaoke bar, which they renovated to become a school building. “We are planning to expand the space of the school by adding more rooms on the second floor of this building,” Pastor Yoon said confidently.

We praise the Lord for how He established the school, a new elementary school in the NSD. We are looking forward to seeing the school grow since the permit allows it to receive up to 257 students. The ultimate purpose of the school is to train young children in the Lord and to make them disciples of Christ!



(From left) Richard Sabuin, Yoon SuhChul, Kim GeunSoo, Ivan Riapolov

Spiritual Training for Adventist Soldiers



The 47th Spiritual Training for Adventist Soldiers was held from December 12 to 15, 2019, at the office of the Korean Union Conference in Seoul, Korea. The event, which was organized under the theme of “Adventist Faith,” was attended by about 70 Korean soldiers.

“I hope all of you will have the experience to meet Jesus Christ while serving as a soldier,” said Joo HeeHeon, a military counselor, during his welcome remarks. He added, “If you do your job faithfully as an Adventist soldier, you will have the chance to tell people about Jesus.”

Bible meditation in small groups was an important session during the training. In the past, ex-soldiers who kept the Sabbath while they were serving in the army were invited to share their experiences and advice. However, following their ways wasn’t always helpful since there has been a time lapse since the speakers served in the military. Also, the circumstances of each unit were different. That’s why this training focused more on sharing thoughts and experiences with one another in small groups. Four leaders, who prepared this small group session a month prior to the training with earnest prayer, led each group of 15 soldiers. Based on the Bible meditation textbook, they had time to learn how to have a closer relationship with God.

Pastor Sutherland, who is a Seventh-day Adventist pastor who also serves in the U.S. Forces Korea, was invited as one of the guest speakers. His serving as a chaplain allowed attendees to be proud of themselves as Adventist soldiers. In his lecture, titled “Military Life and Faith,” Pastor Sutherland urged the attendees to be brave as Adventist soldiers and God’s children.

Moreover, chaplains from local Conferences in Korea gave a series of lectures under the theme of “Historical Value of Adventist Faith.” Their lectures dealt with a faithful life following the Bible, Adventist identity, the distinctive beliefs of the remnant church, and other subjects.

The attendees had an opportunity to give their testimonies to other soldiers. Also, various programs were provided for the attendees to share their thoughts and feelings with one another. “Sometimes I have troubles keeping the Sabbath and the Adventist faith. It makes me feel better to have some time to talk with other soldiers who are going through the same experience with me. I thank God for being with us always and thank Adventist church members for praying for Adventist soldiers,” said one of the attendees.



The Mongolia Mission (MM) began its Pathfinder ministry in 2003. At that time, the four churches in Ulaanbaatar joined together to form the “Nomadic Club.” Five years later, in 2008, the Ulaanbaatar Central Church first began an independent Pathfinder Club, called the “Pioneers.” According to the annual report in 2016, the MM had four active Pathfinder clubs. From 2017 to 2019, the MM Youth Ministries department encouraged branch churches to set up Pathfinder clubs with a focus on children and teenagers. Over the past three years, seven churches have started Pathfinder clubs, and now the Mongolian Mission has 11 official Pathfinder clubs.

On the Sabbath day, November 30, 2019, the “Seven Lamps Club” was inaugurated in Erdenet City, about 220 miles from Ulaanbaatar. The club was launched with 28 children and five teachers. Pastor Gantugs Dashdendev from Erdenet Khoroolol Church introduced the name of the club, indicated that the “Seven Lamps” was from Leviticus 24, Numbers 8, and Revelation 4.

The church was blessed that the inauguration ceremony retained members who had been lost, and some church members brought their children, adding joy to the ceremony. The Seven Lamps Club opened a Discovery Class for children ages 1 to 5, the Adventurer

Class for children ages 6 to 9, and the Pathfinder Class for children ages 10 to 15, respectively.

Pastor Buyanbileg Ishjargal, MM Youth Ministries department director, strengthened the newly launched Pathfinder club through the word of God, and Pastor Munkh-Orgil Lkhagvaa, MM Children’s Ministries department director, inaugurated the club with a prayer of blessing.

On January 25, 2020, the Amazing Grace Church started the “Seventh Trumpet Club” with 16 children, being registered as the 13th official club of MM. Elder Enkhchuluun Khuderchuluun, Amazing Grace Church leader, and the club teachers jointly drafted the club’s quarterly plan and presented it at the ceremony. At the ceremony, Pastor Lkhagvaa encouraged members with the powerful word of God, emphasizing that the Pathfinder club should help children to find the right path in Jesus. Elder Khuderchuluun said, “There are many girls and boys in our church who are eager to know God, and we’re glad that more children are able to come to know God through our Pathfinder ministry. We are also blessed to have an experienced teacher. I am confident that the Seventh Trumpet Club will be the future of the Amazing Grace Church.”

The MM’s Pathfinder Ministries look forward to opening two more church clubs in March 2020. I want to ask that you remember the Mongolian Pathfinder Ministries in your prayers.

Pathfinder Ministry in Mongolia

Munkh-Orgil Lkhagvaa
MM Children’s Ministries Director



Left: Seven Lamps Club in Erdenet
Below: Seventh Trumpet Club in
the Amazing Grace Church





Spiritual Ambassador Project at Tokyo Adventist Hospital

“Godly physician (medical worker) is Christ’s ambassador, who may be the instrument in the hand of God of the saving of the soul” (Ellen G. White, *Manuscript*, vol. 13, 175).

“God calls upon every true worker to be an ambassador of love. All the manhood and womanhood of our spiritual being is to be called into activity” (Ellen G. White, *Review & Herald*, vol. 3, 559).

The Origin of the Project

The “Spiritual Ambassador” project in the chaplaincy of the Tokyo

Adventist Hospital was imported in 2017 from late Dr. Roscoe J. Howard, Missions for Adventist Health System (AHS, now AdventHealth). As chaplains of the hospital, we were motivated to seriously consider how to make our Adventist mission a part of every corner of our workplace.

The project started in 2003 at Florida Hospital, one of the two entities in the AHS. When a nurse shared her concerns to an administrator, saying that she did not think “the mission of the hospital” was incorporated into patient care nor in interactions with

one another as much as she wished, the administrator had it be the topic of discussions among leaders and employees. Then it became a campaign throughout the hospital. The hospital called for workers who had the desire to provide Christian service above and beyond their job duties, and that was the beginning of the Spiritual Ambassador project. It was said that by April 2017, there were 4,500 Spiritual Ambassadors in 45 hospitals in AHS.

According to Dr. Howard, this project has helped AHS to maintain its mission to extend the healing ministry of Christ although not all the hospitals added to the system were mission-based. Most of the Spiritual Ambassadors at some of the new hospitals were not Christian, but they were proud to be chosen to do extra work to help their hospitals to be more caring toward patients and co-workers. “When spiritual needs are met in the work place, the staff will be more effective in their service to our patients and guests,” stated one of the Tokyo Adventist Hospital leaders.

There are three basic common needs that are driving the soul of its mission: trust, belonging, and hope. Spiritual Ambassadors are expected to extend Christ’s healing ministry by experiencing and helping others experience trust, belonging and hope. We were grateful to know that all of them were found in Christ our Lord.

Kickoff at Tokyo Adventist Hospital

The proposals of the project at the executive meeting and the managers’ meeting here at Tokyo Adventist Hospital were accepted unanimously. Managers were requested to recommend one or two people in their departments who are trusted by others and respect our mission. Thirty-seven of those who were recommended were willing to take up the role of Spiritual Ambassador.

A regular meeting of Spiritual Ambassadors

Dr. Nishino Toshihiro, president of the hospital, played a great role in building up the system as a spiritual leader of the hospital.

The first meeting for Spiritual Ambassadors was called in May 2017. Some of the executives were there as they were appointed as honored Spiritual Ambassadors. Dr. Nishino congratulated the beginning of the project and encouraged the members by reviewing their mission. Then, chaplains explained the philosophy of the project, and each Spiritual Ambassador expressed the desire to be a tool to make our hospital a more Christian-like place. We all agreed that the first thing we could do was to help the workers feel cared for at the workplace. Spiritual Ambassadors were encouraged to discuss with their leaders the challenges and hopes which are unique to each one's workplace. A copy of Ellen White's *The Ministry of Healing* was handed out to each member as the textbook.

Above: Spiritual Ambassadors sang a special song at the baptism of their colleague.

Below: Bookmarks including a health message were made by Spiritual Ambassadors for their patients and colleagues.



Into Actions

Spiritual Ambassadors wear their pin, which helps identify their role. The Spiritual Ambassadors were invited to the chaplain's office whenever they felt a need to talk about their ideas. One by one, they started to put their care for co-workers and patients into actions, including the following:

1. Put a prayer notebook in the staff room.
2. Post "the scripture for the month" in the meeting room, which both patients and employees use.
3. Encourage the staff to write thank you notes to each other.
4. Conduct a monthly NEWSTART Recognition campaign.
5. Set aside time for prayers at every meeting.
6. Make a list of the patients who are in special need during the night shifts and pray for them at the morning staff meetings.
7. Post Bible verses on each patient's door.
8. Invite chaplains to the morning staff meeting every Sabbath or once a month.
9. Invite the hospital's subcontractors to the evangelistic meetings.
10. Help with religion-related programs planned by the hospital.

Mini Chaplains

Weekly Bible study among the Spiritual Ambassadors started right away, and one of them became baptized in 2019. Twenty-four

Spiritual Ambassadors, including non-Christian members, were present at the baptism to support and celebrate her decision. They also sang special music prior to the baptism. Beautiful bonds are there among the Spiritual Ambassadors that make them feel connected.

Spiritual Ambassadors' meetings have been called regularly, and the 4th one was held November 2019. At every meeting, we review the characteristics of Christ, who is the center and the engine of this project. New members are introduced, and everyone welcomes them wholeheartedly. They are playing mini chaplain's role at each department and are well recognized by the staff. Now, there are 46 Spiritual Ambassadors at Tokyo Adventist Hospital, wondering how to help the hospital to be more Christ-like both for the patients and their co-workers. May the love and hope of the soon coming Jesus be at the center of the project and be acted out at every corner of the hospital.

"Christ desires to manifest His presence in the sickroom, filling the hearts of physicians and nurses with the sweetness of His love" (Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, 226.)



Hideko Nagata

Head chaplain at Tokyo
Adventist Hospital

Youth Rush Mongolia

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MM Publishing Ministries Director



In October 2018, the Publishing Ministries department and Youth Ministries department of Mongolia Mission started the Youth Rush program, with the encouragement of Elder Almir Marrino, Publishing Ministries director of the General Conference. Youth Rush is a publishing ministries project for volunteer youth literature evangelists.

At first, we were worried about whether the young people in Mongolia would be interested in this program and how they would feel about this challenging ministry. By the grace of God, eighteen young people applied for the Youth Rush Mongolia program. We provided them a training on literature evangelism, prayed with them, and sent them out.

From the first day, participants enjoyed the program and did not hesitate to share the gospel. Every evening after finishing the work, participants and directors gathered to share experiences, challenges, and different kinds of adventures. In spite of some difficulties, they went back with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. We did not do much for them, but the Holy Spirit led them and gave them courage.

Since the first Youth Rush program session went well, we organized two more sessions of the program. One session takes two weeks, and we ran the program twice, in January and in June 2019, during the students' winter and summer vacations. There have been 32 young people who have been involved in the Youth Rush Mongolia program so far. As a result of three sessions of this literature evangelism program, 2,044 books were sold, 10,880 doors were knocked on, and 324 people prayed with our participants.

Now this program is well known among young people in the Adventist Church in Mongolia. We believe that through the efforts of our young people, we will keep bringing God's message to thousands of people in our community. Furthermore, we would like to deliver our books to people in the countryside who are far from urban civilization and hunger for God's truth.



Since it was launched, 32 young people have participated in the Youth Rush program in Mongolia Mission.

a nation of faithful people, a people who would live by faith in Him, and not by the whims of feelings and what false gods could offer.

The church of the Old Testament grew, and while they lived in Egypt, they became a large nation (Exodus 1:7). Satan sought to destroy them, but God delivered them from their taskmasters. "When Israel was a child," God recalls, "I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son" (Hosea 11:1). Thus, the calling persisted. God decided it was time to formalize this relationship with a covenant, a mutual vow of love and allegiance to one another. That's why Israel was led to the foot of Mt. Sinai. God, representing the groom in a wedding, said, "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people. . . . And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation." And Israel, as the bride, responded to God in kind: "Then all the people answered together and said, 'All that the Lord has spoken we will do!'" (Exodus 19:5-8).

But the Church proved to be unfaithful to God, wandering after other gods despite the promise of covenant faithfulness to Him. Ezekiel 16 shows how very painful Israel's unfaithfulness was to God. He did everything for His bride, the Church (2 Corinthians 11:2), but she kept betraying Him, being intimate with others. Finally, when Jesus came to this world, it was His own church who asked for His crucifixion (John 19:15-16)!

Whatever happened to the people called out to be with Him? Did no one respond? Jesus told a parable indicating how the calling will go on. Those called by His name often have excuses to not be with Him, but God will keep calling whoever is willing to come and fill His house (Luke 14:16-24).

The apostle Paul appeals to the Church: "I . . . beseech you to walk

A BRIEF THEOLOGY OF CALLING AND THE CHURCH

The word "church" is translated from the New Testament Greek word *ekklesia*, meaning those "called out" (*ek* means out, *kleso* means to call). So, by definition, the Church refers to those who have responded to God's call to be with Him. God created this concept of the Church in order to counteract the devastating effects of sin in the world.

This calling began immediately after sin appeared. God called out to

Adam: "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9). He called to Cain, the first murderer: "Where is your brother?" (Genesis 4:9-10). The first question reflects our vertical relationship, us with God. The second deals with our horizontal relationships, us with others. Then, as the world got further and further away from their Creator, God called Abraham to come out of Babylon and follow Him (Genesis 12:1-3). God's plan was to establish

worthy of the calling with which you were called” (Ephesians 4:1). The apostle Peter assures us that God’s Church is “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people,” that in the past, those outside of Christ “were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy” (1

Peter 2:9-10). And the apostle John tells us that God keeps calling: “Come out of her, my people” (Revelation 18:4). God’s Church comes out of Babylon, representing any system that falsifies who God really is. “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).

That’s God’s last appeal in the Bible. Come! And you will be part of God’s Church.



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1000 MISSIONARY MOVEMENT



Church Built by Praying Knees

Lee SeongEun
1000MM 53 Batch



First Vacation Bible School in the new church building

November 11, 2019, was the first day of the construction of our church building. The sun was scorching, and the construction workers were full of enthusiasm. My two partners and I, missionaries of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), also picked up shovels, rolling up our sleeves. Our busy days had begun. Every morning worship focused solely on the church construction. We pulled sand from the river, and we carried gravel and bricks. There was not a moment I was away from the construction site. Once a truck loaded with building materials got bogged down in the sand along the river, and all the villagers gathered to pull it out. Sometimes cars were ruined by rocks buried in the river, or they got a flat tire. That was our experience for the first three weeks of church construction. There were a few troubles, but the construction seemed to be going quite smoothly.

I was a theology graduate and knew almost nothing about construction. However, everything on the church construction, such as site preparation, design, materials, etc., was entrusted to me. Since the construction site was in the mountains, I had to work with

1. God's message of comfort showed up through a beautiful rainbow.
2. When the road was destroyed by the typhoon, oxen-driven carts were used to carry construction materials.
3. Construction workers did not lose enthusiasm in difficult situations.



a weak mobile signal and had difficulty communicating with workers and villagers. One day, I sat on the construction site, letting out a deep sigh full of worries. Rain began to fall, and it made me even more depressed. I had been sitting in the rain for a while when suddenly the rain stopped and a rainbow came up over the river in the village! I was moved by God's message of comfort in the beautiful rainbow.

Three days after I saw the rainbow, I heard there was a typhoon coming. It was the biggest typhoon in ten years. The kitchen and the terrace of my house were damaged. Some of my neighbors had their roofs torn off. Many people including me couldn't get out of town because the river was overflowed.

My biggest concern was the church construction. All the construction materials had to be conveyed from the opposite side of the river, but it was expected that it would take a month to recover the roads linking to the opposite side. The typhoon came on the second day of December, and we had to finish construction by

mid-January 2020. The construction plan was ruined.

While I was plunged into despair, my partners asked me to pray with them. They were the ones who always asked me to kneel down together whenever I felt stressed or nervous. Their faith made me feel ashamed, reflect on my faith, and get back up again.

Since the truck could not reach the construction site, we began to run carts driven by oxen and sometimes rent four-wheel off-road vehicles to carry construction materials. My partners and I were ready at the site, looking for something we could do. Church members so longed for a new church building that they came to clean the site every Friday and had vespers worship at the unfinished building. From the youth to the elderly, the whole town's attention was directed on the new church building that the missionaries were working on.

It had not gone smoothly, but the construction was completed. Several days before the dedication service, the Taal Volcano in the Philippines erupted, and volcanic earthquakes

started to rock Taal and its neighboring villages, including where the 1000MM Training Center was located. The director of the 1000MM was not able to come to the service. My colleagues in the theology school in Korea were scheduled to come, but their flight tickets were canceled. It seemed that Satan kept getting in the way. However, God won, and the church building was completed. On the Sabbath of January 18, 2020, the dedication service of the new building was finally held. My colleagues in Korea purchased other flight tickets and were there for the service.

I have never been so impressed in my life. I experienced a lot of troubles, but I also experienced God's helping hands. Only then was I able to ask myself why I had worked so hard on the construction. It was because of the growth of faith. During the construction, the faith of the church members grew. This church was not built on the ground; it was built on the faith and prayers of the members. Above all, the church was not what I did, but what God did.

In *Patriarchs and Prophets*, Ellen White said, "God was the designer, and Noah the master builder." Yes, God designed everything, and we followed His orders. Someone said to me, "There will be no mistake if your plan comes up while you are praying." I knew nothing about construction, but I am sure that our church is strong because it was built by praying knees, not just heads.



Church members so longed for a new church building that they had a worship service at the unfinished building.



Lee SeongEun (middle) and his two missionary partners



Notes From 1000MM 53rd Batch Missionaries After Completing Their Service



LEE YEONGRAN

“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Romans 11:29, NKJV).

People sometimes say that God listens to the prayers of missionaries more carefully than anyone else's. I applied to the 1000MM because I wondered if God was abiding in me. I honestly doubted that God would respond to my prayers. For the past one year, I have witnessed the Lord's presence. He was living in me and answered my countless prayers, regardless of how large or small. He heard my long-cherished wish and made it come true. I thank God for not only answering my prayers but also expanding my horizons.



MIN HYEWON

A year went by so quickly. The year I served God as a part of the 53rd batch 1000MM was the most precious and meaningful time, and I wouldn't change it for anything in the world. I think our lives are like musical instruments, each having its own individuality and characteristics. And depending on who plays the instrument, the tones are very different. God wants to play our lives beautifully. He wants us to be rendered by His will. For me, a year of precious time was just the beginning of the concert God was playing through me and my colleagues. I hope to make beautiful music with my conductor God until the end of the Earth.



KIM YUJIN

When I joined the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), I was 22 years old. I had just dropped out of college. I felt like falling from a cliff, but God taught me how to survive throughout the year, just as an eagle pushes its young off the nest to teach them how to fly. All I had to do was obey God and hold His hand. When I decided to hold His hand and completely rely on Him, my world took a total 180-degree change. The negative feelings inside me, such as frustration and hopelessness, disappeared, and I began to look forward to where God would lead me. The joy that comes from abandoning everything I had planned and worked on and only following God's will is incomparable to anything. I want to tell Adventist youth all around the world that God is still reaching out to them. Please do not hesitate to hold His hand.



YUN SUNGHWA

My one year as a 1000MM missionary was the happiest time of my life. Before I became a missionary, I had only thought about myself. I had strived for a lot of money and success in the world. During my service in the 1000MM, I found out that true happiness can be found in being accompanied by God. I realized that life is short and everything in this world is perishable. Compared to eternal life in heaven, worldly things are worthless. When Jesus called Peter, he gave up everything he had and began to follow Jesus. Today, many people try to find an easy and comfortable road. The path to becoming Jesus' disciple is narrow, lonely, and fearful, but it will certainly lead to eternal life.



OH HYUN

Over the last one year, a lot of things have changed in me, but I can tell that the change is not over. I figured out the meaning of our motto, "Once a Missionary, Always a Missionary." Even though my service as a 1000MM missionary has been completed, my service to God is not over. Wherever I go, I should be a missionary in that place. Time will pass, and my life can change. However, the one thing that won't change is that I am a missionary. I will move on and share the love of God with people around me. I will look forward to His kingdom, not by myself but with those I have reached. I sincerely hope that more young people will join this movement in their precious time and have an opportunity to know God personally.





A group of the 55th batch missionaries from Mongolia

Love of God Leads Me to Love Others

Gansukh Otogonbolor
1000MM 55th Batch

Greetings from the 1000 Missionary Movement campus!

I am a 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) 55th batch missionary from Mongolia. My name is Otogonbolor, but on campus people call me Amanda. I am happy to share my testimony.

When I was in Mongolia, God told me to join the 1000MM, and I followed His voice. I needed money to come here, so I worked for two months. My parents are not Adventists, so when I told them that I had decided to go to the Philippines and join the 1000MM, they were reluctant to let me. I prayed to God for a month on this matter. After that, my mother agreed, but my father still did not accept my decision. I prayed to God more earnestly. About a month after that, my father just told me to be careful. The Lord answered my prayers, and I was really thankful that He had called me; therefore, I was not discouraged.

When the Mongolian missionaries including me came here, we were fascinated by the lovely nature around us. During the first month of staying on the campus, I kept asking myself why I was here, why God had called me here. I prayed every morning and every night to find the answer.

After a month exactly, God answered my prayers. On a Friday afternoon, my colleagues and I were riding a jeepney on the way to our campus. I was tired and fell asleep. After a while, I suddenly woke up and the answer from God hit me: the love of God had led me here.

I realized that I am here to share the love of God. The word of God in Jeremiah 31:3, “I have loved you with an everlasting love therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you,” has been one of the most important lessons I’ve learned. God first loves us, and it makes us return His love. I found out God loves me, and I did not want to keep it to myself. I couldn’t but share God’s everlasting love with those who do not know it yet. Once I figured out the answer why I was here, I did not feel afraid or confused any more.

“Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). If God calls you, listen to His voice and follow Him because He will lead you where you go and provide for you whatever you need.

Regular morning assembly of missionaries



Completion ceremony for English training



Resolutions from 55th Batch Missionaries Finished with English Training and Ready to Be Dispatched to Mission Fields



Go YeEun

I want to dedicate all of myself to God for a year. I am sure that this is something that God planned even before I was born. I don't know an inch ahead of my life. However, I know that His plan for me is perfect. I want to be a missionary, a vessel of God who has a strong spirit to dedicate everything to God.



Chun HyungJoon

I confess that I cannot live a moment without God. I confess that even the breath that I breathe every day is given from Him. I determine to live for those who live hopelessly, not knowing Him. I will live only for the sake of the Lord.



Park JiNa

I promise to God that 1) I'll be grateful every moment. 2) I'll do my best where I'm given a mission. 3) I'll get back up even if I fall. 4) I'll talk to God before I do anything. 5) I will spread the love of the Lord.



Park WoonJoo

"Let the season of Christ come, with the gospel in one hand, with love in the other hand." While being trained as a missionary, day by day, I have found my real self, ingrained in selfishness and arrogance. I want to put my old days behind and move on to my mission field with only the gospel of God and His love. I want to let the season of Christ come to my mission field. I am young and weak, but by the power of the Holy Spirit, I will pour my everything into the mission He has given to me.

During my year of service as a 1000MM missionary, I will share all my difficulties and thoughts with Jesus. I want to be more patient and be able to listen to those who need to be listened to. I hope that I can love everyone around me and pray for them. I believe that all of my experiences here will help me to become more like Jesus.



Park JiEun



Multicultural Soccer World Cup

Kim GeunSoo
Director of MFSC

On November 3, 2019, the Multicultural Family Happiness Sharing Center (MFSC) successfully held the 6th Multicultural Soccer World Cup. The event was hosted by the Ansan-si Sports Council and organized by the MFSC. The opening ceremony of the event was attended by lawmakers of the Gyeonggi Province, councilors of Ansan, and many other guests, as well as 1,200 athletes from the members of 32 teams. The soccer matches were played on November 3 and 10, 2019.

The Multicultural Soccer World Cup games were held in seven stadiums in a tournament. The teams of foreign workers and Koreans from a total of 12 countries, including Vietnam, China,

Cambodia, Thailand, Liberia, joined together with passion and harmony through soccer. Eight out of 32 teams were made up of Vietnamese, and among them, two teams took first and third places.

Ansan-si, with approximately 90,000 foreign residents making up 12 percent of the city's total population, is now called a "Global Village." The MFSC has hosted the event since 2014 to promote harmony and social integration between foreigners and Koreans. Through the Multicultural Soccer World Cup, Koreans and foreigners have been able to resolve prejudices against each other, recognize foreigners as valuable members of the multicultural society, and overcome cultural conflicts and differences. In the future, the MFSC will continue to contribute to the community through various cultural and sports events.



One of the Vietnamese teams won the 6th Multicultural Soccer World Cup, which was organized by the MFSC.



2019 Thanksgiving Grand Festival for Foreigners

Kim GeunSoo
Director of MFSC

The Multicultural Family Happiness Sharing Center (MFSC) held a Thanksgiving Grand Festival on September 12, 2019, for multicultural families and foreign workers in celebration of Chuseok, the Korean equivalent to Thanksgiving. The event was organized by the MFSC and was sponsored by the Foreign Residents Support Headquarters, Woori Bank, and the Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency. A total of 150 people participated in the event.

One of the major events was talent competition. Fifteen teams from Indonesia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Cambodia, Russia, and Uzbekistan participated in the competition. The team that performed traditional Indonesian martial arts dances won first place, while the Korean performance team that performed K-pop and the Cambodian team won second and third places, respectively. Also, people from eight countries participated in the international cooking event, presenting various traditional foods from their own countries.

The ceremony featured a Korean non-verbal show *Nanta*, by a group named Superstar. In addition, a variety of cultural experiences, such as a Korean folk game competition, Korean traditional costume experience, face-painting and traditional games, were prepared to share the meaning of Korea's traditional holidays with foreign residents of the community.

Through this festival, we believe that Koreans, multicultural families, and foreign workers would better understand traditional Korean culture and respect each other's culture and diversity and that, although their hometowns are far away, they can all have an opportunity to create an inclusive society with a generous spirit.

Fifteen teams of foreigners competed in the talent competition, which was the major event of MFSC's 2019 Thanksgiving Grand Festival.





PMM Retreat in Taiwan

Joo MinHo NSD Adventist Mission Director &
Ron Clouzet NSD Ministerial Secretary

The Adventist Mission department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), directed by Dr. Joo MinHo, held a retreat for the Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) pastors working in Taiwan. The retreat took place at the Health Center in Taiwan Adventist College from December 18 to 20, 2019. The purpose of the retreat was to bring revival to PMM pastors and refresh their mission spirit. As of December 2019, fourteen PMM pastors are serving in Taiwan as church planters. At the beginning of the retreat, Pastor Noah Lai, president of the Taiwan Conference, expressed his thanks to the pastors for their cross-cultural mission work in Taiwan.

Drs. Ron and Lisa Clouzet were invited as the key speakers at the PMM retreat. On the first night, Dr. Ron, NSD Ministerial secretary, spoke about the story in Luke 5:1-11. Through Peter's experience of catching a great number of fish, Dr. Ron shared two important lessons: 1) If we follow Jesus, we can have everything we need, and 2) we reach everyone God wants. The next day, he introduced from the Book of Acts the six factors that caused the early church to grow explosively: corporate

prayer, the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, biblical preaching, miracles, love and unity in the church, and courageous leadership.

Dr. Lisa, NSD Children's/Family/Women's Ministries director, spoke about the five languages of love to strengthen the family relationship and about effective communication. On the second day, she taught about third-culture kids (TCK). TCKs often suffer alienation from their parents' country because they stay in the mission field for a long time since their early childhood. Sometimes they are bullied by their peer group because of their different skin color.

Pastor Jeon JaeSong, director of the 1000 Missionary Movement, was also invited to speak to PMM pastors as a senior. He shared the challenges and difficulties pastors face and encouraged them to be faithful to God even in the midst of such problems by trusting Him.

PMM pastors reported their mission activities in 2019 and presented their new plans for 2020. During the time of commitment, NSD president Kim SiYoung charged them to boldly go forward in doing God's mission.



Members of
Tokyo Korean
Church invited
Pastor Han
SukHee, NSD
HHMM director,
to hold an HHMM
revival meeting.



HisHands Mission Movement Revival Meeting in Tokyo Korean Church



From January 31 to February 2, 2020, the Tokyo Korean Church (Pastor: Nam, Hyung Woo) held a revival meeting of the HisHands Mission Movement (HHMM) to start a new year with the goal of making this a year of mission. Pastor Han SukHee, HHMM director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was invited to be the speaker for this meeting. With the theme of “Only Jesus,” Pastor Han introduced NSD’s various mission projects, saying, “The best preparation for mission work is asking myself if Jesus Christ is in my heart now and realizing the heart of Jesus toward sinners.” He also emphasized that if we are filled with the spirit of “only Jesus,” mission will naturally be a part of our lives even if nobody urges us to do it.

Since Pastor Nam HyungWoo started to serve the Tokyo Korean Church as a Pioneer Mission Movement missionary in 2019, the church members have endeavored to bring spiritual revival and church growth. In 2020, he is encouraging church members to read or listen to

the Bible more than once within a year. The church is also preparing to launch the “Seven-One Project,” which means that one church member will contact seven truth-seekers and lead at least one of them to Jesus, and at the same time, leave one day a week for mission work. In addition, from this year, the church will operate visitation teams for backsliders, absentees, and truth seekers through HHMM and activate small home churches for people who are reluctant to come to church.

May the blessing of God continually be with Tokyo Korean Church as they take a powerful step this year for gospel mission with the goal of making the church a place where people want to come, hear the word of God, and preach the gospel to others.



Han SukHee
NSD HHMM Coordinator



Spiritual Training for Golden Angels 17th Batch

Kim HyoKi
Golden Angels 17

On December 30, 2019, the eight members of the Golden Angels 17th group, including myself, gathered together at the office of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) for the first time. The eight of us, from Korea, Japan, and Taiwan, have decided to dedicate one year of our lives to God as singing missionaries.

Our music ministry officially started with orientation. And in January and February, we had a two-month spiritual training as missionaries. During the training period, we participated in morning exercise and meditated on Bible verses and the lyrics of the songs we are going to sing. Through these activities, we were trained as missionaries in a physical, spiritual, and musical way.

We also had an intensive training at the NSD Leadership Training Center on Jeju Island from January 7 to 13, 2020. This training focused more on our spiritual enrichment. Every morning, Pastor Kim NakHyung, coordinator of the Golden Angels, gave us special lectures based on the word of God to encourage our mission spirit. His strong messages reminded us that our purpose as missionaries is to ignite the fire of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of people. Moreover, from Pastor Cho DaeYeon, associate coordinator of the Golden Angels, we learned how to blend God's love with our music.

A devotional meeting and prayer time on Friday night was the most touching moment of the training. Starting a year of missionary life, we shared our testimonies with each other, such as how I met Jesus Christ, how

Above: Pastor Cho, associate coordinator of the Golden Angels, and the 17th group missionaries learn the lyrics of the songs they are going to sing.
Below: Eight members of the Golden Angels group



He led me so far and why I decided to dedicate a year to Golden Angels ministry. Listening to the testimonies, we cried together and we prayed together. It was a time to understand one another more deeply and make a firm resolution to devote ourselves. I thank God for giving me missionary colleagues. As we finished the devotional meeting, we were able to say: "Take my life and make it yours, Lord. I surrender all of me."

We, Golden Angels 17, are not perfect missionaries, so we are going to put everything down and allow God to lead us. This year, we will serve as missionaries who live by God's word and only praise God.

Lord, may You receive our one-year service as singing missionaries!



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