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Five PMM churches and PCM missionaries in Taiwan held a Korean language camp meeting at Taiwan Sahmyook Health Care Center, from July 12 to 15, 2020.

When You See All These Things, You Know That He Is Near Right at the Door

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, many people are suffering from physical or financial crisis. When we hear news related to coronavirus, we feel uncomfortable and afraid of the current circumstances. Some people are losing their jobs. We are now living in a time of worry, fear, and uncertainty. Thus, we may have this question in mind: “Where is God in this pandemic situation?”

In the Book of Job, we can see a man suffering from disease and the loss of fortune. His name is Job. He was a rich and righteous man. In Job 1:1, we can read that Job was “blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.” We need to remember that Job was not a wicked man, but a righteous man. Then what happened? Satan came and destroyed everything he had. “So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head” (Job 2:7). You can see that Satan is the one who brings disasters upon the people.

We need to understand that Satan is the evil one who tries to destroy people’s lives. And as the end of the world comes near, there will be more disasters. When Jesus talked

about the signs of His second coming, he mentioned “pestilences” (Luke 21:11), and we know this means epidemics.

As we see all these signs happening more, we need to understand that Jesus’ second coming and the end of the world are near. But we don’t have to be afraid. God gave us this promise in Isaiah 41:13 “For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear, I will help you.” We don’t have to be afraid of anything because God is with us. He will take good care of us. Under the shadow of our God, we can find our refuge and fortress.

Satan is still working around us and causing troubles. Pestilences and all the disasters are what Satan causes. But God has control over Satan. We should not be afraid when these disasters come. But when these things happen, we need to wake up and be prepared to meet the Lord!



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Mission First in All Activities to Reach the World

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2020 Taiwan Public Campus Minis Combined Summer Camp

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE OF TA



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Kwon SoonBeom
Pastor at Beitun Church

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Taiwan is a country of 23 million people. Like other countries in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division territories, Taiwan has many obstacles in evangelism, such as aging of society and the country's folk religions. Moreover, about 70% of Adventists in Taiwan are indigenous residents, who comprise less than three percent of the total population, compared to the Han Chinese, who make up more than 90 percent. Since the majority of Adventists are indigenous people, it is unavoidable that mission work in Taiwan mostly focuses on indigenous people, neglecting to preach the gospel to the Han Chinese. They evangelize other indigenous people of the 16 tribes and the Adventist parents pass their faith onto their children.

Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) and Public Campus Ministries (PCM) are a breakthrough of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division in such a situation. PMM missionaries plant churches in large cities in Taiwan and carry out their mission work there. Thus, the gospel message is naturally delivered to the Han Chinese living in large cities. Also, PCM missionaries, who were first dispatched in 2019, have been sent with the significant assignment of "Campus Mission," addressing the challenges of an aging society and stepping up for urban mission.

PMM and PCM missionaries, most of them foreigners, have given fresh energy that has the possibility to change mission strategies for Taiwan in new, creative ways. Korean missionaries have done mission work using the Korean Cultural Wave, which has lasted more than a decade in Taiwan. They offer free Korean language classes at their churches and at college campuses. Many young people who have warmed to a Korean language class enter a church as new believers.

Recently, churches in Taiwan have been facing new obstacles due to COVID-19. In the earliest days of the coronavirus outbreak, the situation in Korea was serious, so Taiwanese people were wary of Koreans. The Taiwanese government advised their citizens not to travel to some foreign countries, including Korea; in addition, Korean people were banned from Taiwan. As a result, the number of students who participated in language classes decreased. The government of Taiwan cut off international exchanges quite earlier than other countries, and opted for international isolation. This decision made Taiwan safer from the coronavirus.

Despite the difficult situation, PMM churches decided to host the third summer camp meeting for Korean language class students and other students on campus. The Korean volunteer team, who had been preparing for this camp since the end of 2019, was unable to visit Taiwan due to COVID-19, but PMM and PCM missionaries in Taiwan pledged to do their best; nevertheless, they had limited human resources.

Beitun Church, Hsichu Golden Star Church, Pingtung Church, Taitung Church, and Dali Church joined efforts for the camp. In order to prepare and run such a big event, human resources are just as important as finances. Before the

camp meeting, small group leaders were selected with recommendations from church pastors and missionaries of those five churches. The planning team of 20 people was set up to work and pray together.

A camp meeting can be costly, time-consuming, and somewhat inefficient. Why hold a Korean language camp meeting in Taiwan? Ellen White gave us these recommendations: "In every town and city there are large numbers who do not attend any place of worship. Many of these are attracted to the camp meeting. ...Through this means thousands will be won to Christ" (*Testimonies for the Church* vol. 6, 71).

The NSD PCM department provided approximately one-third of the expenses required for the camp meeting. Pastor Steven Wu, president of the NSD Taiwan Branch Office, also offered financial support for this camp

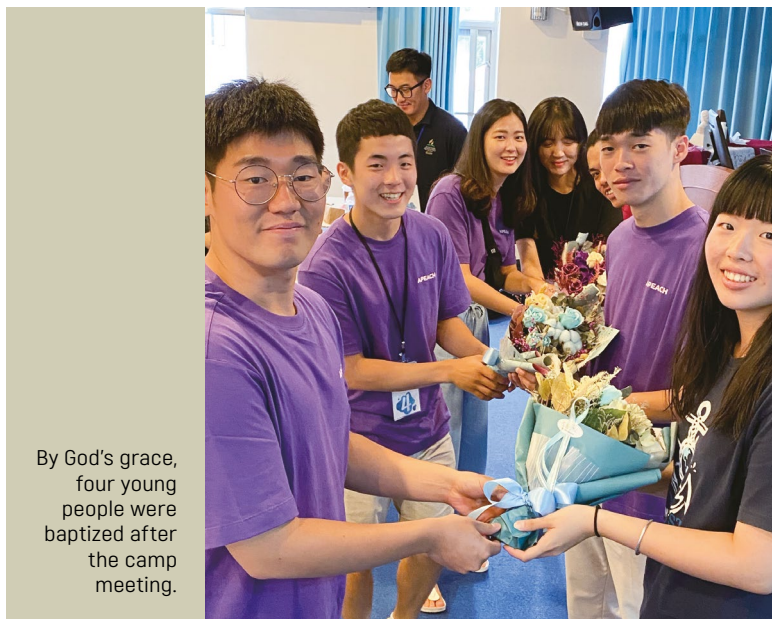
meeting to support this valuable work of nurturing young people in Taiwan Adventist Church. The remaining money was covered by the dedication of the five churches. Our devotion and obedience to God and His grace toward us were needed more than ever.

Before we started the camp meeting, the PCM missionaries conducted small group evangelistic meetings for four weeks to make seekers who were prepared for God's words. Participants were from the colleges and Korean language classes and some new believers from each church.

The Korean language camp meeting was held at Taiwan Sahmyook Health Care Center from July 12 to 15, 2020. Most of the participants were students of National Tsinghua University, National Taichung University of Science and Technology, National University of Pingtung,



1. The camp meeting started with praise and worship time to open the hearts of attendees.
2. The registration team is ready to welcome camp meeting participants.
3. Pastor Yang HeeWon of Dali Church served as the speaker.
4. Small group activities took place after each sermon.
5. A Korean cooking class was held during the camp meeting.
6. Korean language classes led by the PCM missionaries were provided three times.



National Taitung University, and Ajou University, where PCM missionaries have carried out their mission work. The total number of participants was 75, and among them 40 were new believers.

Pastor Yang HeeWon of Dali Church delivered messages under the theme of “Message of Happiness.” The sub-themes of the sermons were “The Beginning of Everything: God’s Love and Creation,” “God’s Plan of Salvation for Humans,” “God, the Only Way,” “Total Change,” and “Confession.” His sermons contained practical lessons for young people.

The participants listened to the sermon with high concentration. They had an opportunity to affirm the

value of their existence. Many people realized the love of Jesus when they listened to the message. After each sermon, they divided into small groups to share their stories about their lives after meeting Jesus.

The PCM missionaries were the most committed people in this meeting. They led Korean classes in a creative way, and prepared various programs to deliver the gospel of Jesus to the attendees. There was also a devoted missionary carrying a wheelchair throughout the camp to help a participant with disability. The missionaries were greatly moved and delighted to see the people with whom they had built a relationship on campus accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.





After the camp meeting, four young people were baptized. It was a special time not only for the individuals baptized, but also for those who have already accepted Jesus, and for all who will accept Jesus in the future. Furthermore, many young people wrote a letter of resolution that they are willing to study the Bible and to know more about Jesus.

When we find meaningful change in our lives as we meet God, we realize that His Word has great power. God has prepared many people for one soul to be born again. He has sent missionaries for students in Taiwan and made the pastors and church members help them to take a step to God. We glorify God who always meets our needs in a special way beyond what we think. We pray that through PCM Ministries God will prepare young people as future leaders of Taiwan Adventist Church.



Participants had a small group prayer meeting in the beautiful natural surroundings.



Testimonies of the Korean Language Camp Meeting Participants

- Every moment I had with my Taiwanese friends was happy. Of course, three nights and four days are too short for me to deliver the gospel of God and for them to accept it. But I'm sure they learned about God through this camp meeting and tasted His love. Although the camp is over, our mission is still in progress. I will be a missionary who always prays for them and continues to build a good relationship with them. (Kang SaRah, PCM Missionary from Hsinchu Golden Star Church)
- It was not easy to come to the camp meeting because I had a family situation, but I've never regretted coming here. As a team leader, it was a rare opportunity for me to introduce Jesus to young Taiwanese. Thank God for guiding me here. (Huang Yuye from Ping Tung Church)
- While working as a missionary, I had felt lonely being alone in an unfamiliar place with an unfamiliar language. It was a time of consolation for me to work together with young people for the camp meeting. (Kim KangHan, PCM Missionary at Pingtung Church)
- This was my second time to participate in the Korean Language Camp Meeting in Taiwan. Compared to the last time in 2018, this camp meeting was more special to me, because I was not just a participant but one of the members who were responsible for running this camp meeting. Furthermore, two of my friends to whom I had delivered the gospel at the small group



evangelistic meeting for four weeks were baptized. I was so moved to see them baptized and so delighted. (Nam DongHyun, PCM Missionary at Beitun Church)

- It was a wonderful summer camp where we could feel the joy of having time together, passion for praising the Lord, and happiness from the word of God. The more my body got tired, the more my heart was filled with joy. The more painful my throat got praising God, the more I was moved. I thank God for allowing me to join the summer camp where we learned a lot about the love of Jesus. (Kim DongHyun from Beitun Church)
- I had studied the Bible with my church pastor before the camp meeting and I had already made up my mind to be baptized, but I was not able to get baptized during the camp meeting because my family, who endorse Taiwanese folk beliefs, did not support my decision. During this camp meeting, I shared my troubles and emotions with tears. Still, it is difficult for young people in Taiwan to be baptized due to their family's folk beliefs and ancestral rites. (Cai Pinxuan from Hsinchu Golden Star Church)
- The most impressive time during the camp meeting was the time when participants shared their testimonies. Pinxuan came out and said she wanted to be baptized, but her parents opposed it and it hurt her. We had already known that her parents did not support her, and we had prayed for her before. Pinxuan always smiled and didn't express how painful the situation was, so I thought she was okay with her situation. I recall that when I got baptized, my family and church friends celebrated it and asked God to bless me. Thinking about my experience, I feel sorry for her. And I thought that her firm decision to be baptized was so beautiful. I pray that her faith will grow through this experience.

I was reminded that God is alive when my friends, who had studied the Bible with me, went to the church pastor one day and told him that they wanted to be baptized. On the last day of the camp, four people were baptized. Since it's the first baptismal ceremony in my missionary term, it was more meaningful for me. I believe that any prayers for saving souls are not missed and God always listens to us. Thank God for allowing us to bear fruits from the camp meeting. (Jeong SeongHwa, PCM Missionary at Hsichu Golden Star Church)

On the third day,
participants
visited the
Formosan
Aboriginal
Culture Village
in Nantou
County, Taiwan.





MISSION UNUSUAL TOKYO: IMPLEMENT CHRIST'S METHOD

The population of the Greater Tokyo Area is over 40 million, but in central Tokyo City, there are about 10 million people—and only 10 Adventist Japanese churches and international churches with about 900 worshipers every Sabbath. So in central Tokyo City, one Adventist needs to reach more than 10,000 lost people. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) is called “the most challenging field,” and Tokyo is a huge challenge!

To tackle the challenge, we, a team of the Mission Unusual project, will use a wholistic approach to mission. Mission Unusual will plant churches for the next five years, but the mission will continue here to expand and influence people's lives until Jesus' coming.

Our focus is not merely on worship services and ministry activities. Building relationships and getting involved with people is our focus, finding out people's needs and meeting people's needs—that is to say, practicing Christ's method here in Mission Unusual Tokyo.

Mission Unusual was approved by the General Conference Mission Board on October 5, 2018, to increase the number of cross-cultural missionaries it sends into the 10/40 Window for the special task of establishing new work among unreached people groups. Mission Unusual is focused to reach major cities in the 10/40 Window. As a test case, the first city chosen for this approach has been Tokyo. Mission Unusual Tokyo was also approved by the Japan Union Conference Board on July 16, 2019.

“As we seek to carry out the great commission, we should think about pioneer church planting. Let every church create another church. A new church does not mean a new church building, but a new worshipping congregation. It can be a house church. It's all for winning one more soul!” said Elder Masumi Shimada, president of the Japan Union Conference.

“On behalf of the NSD, I would like to extend our great thanks that the General Conference chose this great city of Tokyo,” said NSD president Kim SiYoung.

Due to COVID-19, the project seems to be going at a slow pace because missionaries and their families haven't yet arrived on the field. However, our team of Japanese pastors have already started working at the heart of Tokyo City. One of the sites being used as a house of worship every week with the wholistic approach is an Adventist's private residence. Aya mingles with her neighbors within a town in the City of Tokyo, seeking their needs. "There are many broken families around me," says Aya, who is a wife of a kind husband and three lovely boys. She has closely connected with single mothers and their children who are unchurched or de-churched. "To me, they are my sisters and my kids," Aya adds.

Every month, Aya and our team have visited people in poverty who sleep every single night beside a wide river in Tokyo City, the Sumida River. A homeless man shared, "Hey, I feel your kindness. You guys make me smile." We were so glad.

"Mom, I want to come here again and give away rice balls. Please take me again!" Aya's child asks her in the car on the way home.

Until foreign missionaries arrive, we have been preparing a support system to make Christ's disciples by planting missional groups and churches. We will keep you updated as Jesus leads this plan and uses it for His glory. In the meanwhile, brothers and sisters in Jesus, you can support Mission Unusual Tokyo, too. Please pray for God's guidance on the program so that it grows exponentially the next five years to glorify the name of Jesus.



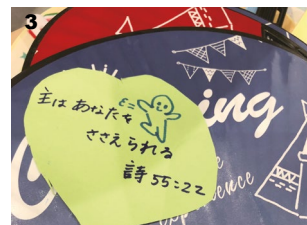
Nozomu Obara

Associate Program Director of
Mission Unusual Tokyo

1 & 2. A Japanese team of Mission Unusual Tokyo visited homeless people in Tokyo with food and necessities.

3 & 4. Children decorated fans with post-it notes on which Bible verses were written.

5. A prayer meeting was held to pray for the 10 million people in central Tokyo City who do not know Jesus.



Preaching the Gospel through Magazines in the Post COVID-19 Era

Kim JongKeun
Korean Publishing House
Promotion Director



Signs of the Times like a Lamp

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world. Social distancing has become the norm, and contact-free lifestyle has risen. The virus has also brought changes in evangelistic work. Because traditional evangelism delivers the message face-to-face, now comes the era of the great crisis in terms of evangelism. However, there is an unchanging method of gospel work that God has planned for this crisis: gospel publications.

Signs of the Times and *Home & Health* are major publications of Sijosa, the Korean Adventist Publishing House. They are delivered to houses every month. This gospel work did not stop, even when church doors were closed and public worship services were replaced with online worship.

As the promotion director at the Sijosa, I often visit churches in Korea to promote our gospel work. However, when the churches were closed due to the rapid spread of COVID-19, I was no longer able to visit churches. All churches and institutions canceled their invitations. This is the first time this has happened in the 110-year-history of Sijosa. The future of my work seemed bleak and hopeless, but the gate of heaven was open. I knelt down and confessed my sins and people's sins to God, asking His forgiveness as Ezra did: "While Ezra was praying and confessing, weeping and throwing himself down before the house of God, a large crowd of Israelites—men, women and children—gathered around him. They too wept bitterly" (Ezra 10:1).



Two major publications of Sijosa, *Signs of the Times* (above) and *Home & Health* (below)

God Answered My Prayer in a Special Way

In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the SDA Language Institute Church suggested that I give a promotion sermon online. I felt like I had found an oasis in the middle of the desert. On April 18, 2020, Sabbath morning, I delivered my *Signs of the Times* promotion sermon online. The church members listened to the message in real time through YouTube. The title of my sermon was “*Signs of the Times* is like a lamp.” I spent the last 10 minutes of my sermon for promotion. I appealed to the attendees to take on the role as a lamp in this last dark age and encouraged them to make a donation to send *Signs of the Times*. Last year’s donation from this church was 658 copies, but this year’s donation was 701 copies. Praise the Lord!

Do You Come to Even This Countryside Church?

When the COVID-19 situation was alleviated, I was able to have the chance to preach face to face. The doors of churches started to open. One day, I received a joyful phone call in my office. “Pastor Kim, could you come to the Jeongseon Church in Gangwon Province for promotion this coming Sabbath?” “Yes, I certainly will. Thank you.”

I gave my first face-to-face promotion sermon of this year at the Jeongseon Church on May 15-16, 2020. Last year, the church donated 25 copies, and this year, they donated 230 copies. Praise the Lord!

- May 22, Sahmyook Central Church: last year – 304; this year – 521.
- May 23, Soonchang Church: last year – 114; this year – 230.
- May 29 -30, Bitgoeul Church: last year – 182; this year – 765.
- June 6, Incheon Central Church: last year – 236; this year – 408.
- June 12-13, Euijungboo Church: last year – 233; this year – 334.
- June 19 -20, Gyomoonri Church: last year – 210; this year – 833.

After six weeks of promotion, there was already an increase of 2,060 copies as compared to last year!

Mookdong Church Donates 2,000 Copies in One Day

On the Sabbath of July 4, 2020, I was scheduled to visit the Mookdong Church in Seoul. Due to Covid-19, the church provided worship service two times with half of the church participating in each service. The first worship service started at 10 a.m. mostly with adults, and the second part started at 1 p.m. with children and their parents.

Pastor Kim JongKeun delivered a promotion sermon at Mookdong Church and a donation of 2,000 copies was made in a day.



Entering the church building, I found a quotation from Ellen G. White posted on the wall of the church that church members have kept in their mind: “If God’s people had the love of Christ in the heart; if every church member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-denial; if all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home and foreign missions; our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we would be invited to enter. Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving the message of mercy to the world, Christ would have come to the earth, and the saints would ere this have received their welcome into the city of God” (*Selected Messages Book 1*, 82).

I was also touched by this passage, and so I made the appeal, asking people to donate *Signs of the Times* and *Home & Health* with the love of Christ. The Holy Spirit strongly worked among them, from the elderly to young parents; even children donated copies. For six years, I had been preaching at churches, encouraging people to donate, and this was the first time I experienced a 2,000-copy donation in a day. I thank God for this miracle and give glory to Him who has made all things possible.

Sending Magazines: One of the Most Effective Ways in Contact-Free Era

COVID-19 has completely changed life, and people are having to adjust to a new normal. So are churches. Instead of passing out leaflets or booklets to people on the street, church members are participating in the campaign of sending *Signs of the Times* and *Home & Health*, which is one of the most effective ways of mission in a contact-free era.

The total donation during the first half of 2019 in Korea was 69,448 copies. In the first half of 2020, the total was 63,383 copies. It seems that donations decreased by 6,065 copies year-to-year, but it can be called a miraculous number when we consider the situation that for several months, churches were closed or opened with limited

setting after COVID-19 became a pandemic, and the 63,383 donations happened during June and July. It is a miracle only God can work. I believe that God will keep using the publishing ministry in these last days and finish the mission work through the campaign of sending gospel books and magazines, including *Signs of the Times* and *Home & Health*.

“More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications” (*Colporteur Ministry*, 151).

“Publications must be multiplied, and scattered like the leaves of autumn. These silent messengers are enlightening and molding the minds of thousands in every country and in every clime.” (*Colporteur Ministry*, 5)

Preaching the Gospel Is the Greatest Concern in the Last Days

Going around to visit churches in Korea, I realized a few things regarding donations this year. First, Adventist members are prepared in their hearts to dedicate themselves for gospel work. If church leaders are of one mind with the laypeople and appeal for the publishing ministry, members will always devote themselves. Also, God touches the hearts of church members and leads them to dedicate themselves to the spreading of the gospel like He touched the heart of King Cyrus to order the

return of the Israelites home. It is not the work of man but the work of God. Therefore, if a church understands the significance of the campaign of sending magazines and participates in this gospel work, it can experience unexpected and surprising results.

Whenever I have faced challenges in doing my work, I have been empowered by these quotations. “The property which He has placed in their hands is the means that He has provided for the spread of the gospel” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, 529). “Whatever one’s calling in life, his first interest should be to win souls for Christ” (*The Desire of Ages*, 822). “But He answered and said to them, ‘I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out’” (Luke 19:40).

Crisis is another chance, and God accomplishes gospel ministry according to His will in any circumstances. Adventist magazines are God’s mission tool, doing work people cannot do in this contact-free era. The primary concern of Adventist members in these last days should be soul-winning. I pray that we all donate our wealth for the publishing ministry, such as *Signs of the Times* and *Home & Health*, so we can finish the gospel work rapidly and go to heaven, our home, together very soon.





Reaching Out in the Midst of the Pandemic



Enkhbayar Mishigdorj
MM Health Ministries Director

Although COVID-19 has limited many activities, the Health Ministries department of Mongolia Mission (MM) held activities for the World No Tobacco Day on May 31, 2020. Our original plan was to conduct a public meeting and a “No Smoking Youth” parade. Instead, we used the social media platform and other ways of making our activities possible.

We had an event of exchanging a cigarette for a disposable mask in Ulyastai, Zavhan Province, while distributing “Stop Smoking” leaflets in public places. These activities reached more than 100 people on the street. Young volunteers from the Adventist churches carried out this outreach work.

Through Zoom teleconferencing platform, we held a training session to train instructors for our anti-smoking program using our own resources. We had three instructors during the week of online training. So far, through our anti-smoking program, we have recruited more than 50 people who would like to quit smoking, and we have chosen three people to join our program by phone or online. The program continues for three months to support them to quit smoking, and we will try to have more people to benefit from the program.

Please pray for our first online anti-smoking program and our three precious participants. I do believe

that through our positive approach, they will be able to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

In the meantime, the MM Health Ministries department has run a “Drug Free Youth” Facebook page since 2014 with around 800 subscribers. In order to promote our drug-free movement, we used one of the famous Mongolian Facebook groups to promote our page. After a one-day promotion on May 31, 2020, “Like” and “Share” of our page highly increased, and now we have more than 7,000 subscribers.

In order to attract young people with a positive approach to being drug free, we also started to run a promotion through TikTok, a social networking service for short-form mobile videos.

Using social media platforms is a simple but effective way to reach our young people in Mongolia. As Jesus always has a special way to reach more souls, we need to try our best to reach souls even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Let us keep in mind that we are His instruments to use all possible approaches to share the gospel of God.

Mongolia Mission held an event of exchanging a cigarette for a disposable mask in public places.



Spread the Word: NSD Discipleship Training

From August 5 to 6, 2020, the Sabbath School & Personal Ministries (SS/PM) department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) conducted a discipleship training, via the Zoom online platform. The original plan was to conduct the training in four different places: Ulaanbaatar, Tokyo, Taichung, and Seoul. However, due to the current pandemic, the training was done through an online platform. About 175 participants joined the training, including pastors from Japan Union Conference, Korean Union Conference, Mongolia Mission, and Taiwan Conference, and some department directors of NSD.

Pastor Jim Howard, associate director of the General Conference (GC) SS/PM department, was the main speaker. He spoke two hours each day. On the first day, Pastor Howard highlighted the importance of spreading the word through different ways. He introduced the forthcoming book *Spread the Word*, one of the GROW* series books published by the GC SS/PM department. Basically, the presentation covered the content of the book, which includes some seed-sowing essentials on sowing the seed bountifully, sharing the words with our friends, and the power of invitations.

Part of the presentation was also on literature ministry. Pastor Howard emphasized the reason literature ministry is important in spreading the word and that every member is a literature evangelist. He also talked about how a local church can run a literature ministry. Along with literature ministry is the significance of media ministry in spreading the word of God. With many different social media platforms used by people these days, our local churches may train church members to be active in media ministry. However, although we can spread the word through social

media, nothing can substitute the role of house-to-house ministry, offering people Bible studies.

On the second day of the training, Pastor Howard talked about how to make our Sabbath School alive. He talked about the different roles of Sabbath School officers, the importance of Sabbath School teachers, and how to make our Sabbath Schools as centers of evangelism. The participants enthusiastically listened to the presentation, indicated by many questions that they asked at the end of the presentations. In order to answer all questions, the meeting was extended for another hour.

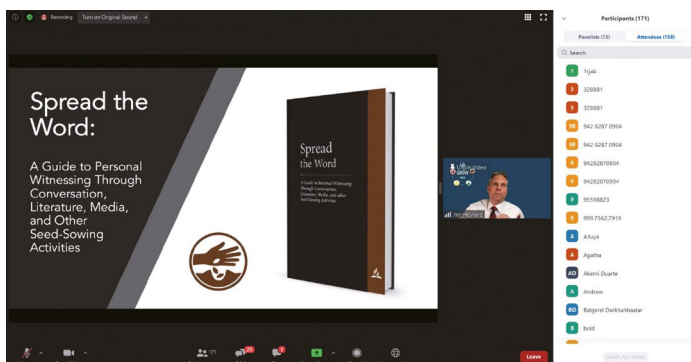
Of the five books of the GROW series, the NSD has translated the book *Discipleship Handbook* into Korean and Japanese. A Mongolian translation is being done on the book. The other book that is in the process of translation is the *Fundamentals of Faith*. We are aiming to translate all these books to meet the needs of our church members in the NSD.

The NSD SS/PM department appreciates the contribution of Pastor Jim Howard and the support of all SS/PM directors of the Unions/Conferences/Missions in NSD. We thank the NSD IT Committee under the leadership of Pastor Stanley Ng, and Polly Park, the SS/PM department assistant, for making the Zoom meeting a successful one.

* GROW Your Church, an initiative of the GC SS/PM department, provides education and resources to help local churches in the great mission of making disciples. Following the growth model of Jesus, we can break down the process of making disciples into five essential phases: Prepare, Plant, Cultivate, Harvest, and Preserve.



Richard Sabuin
NSD SS/PM Director





The online spiritual revival week attracted more people than expected.



Chinese Church at Sahmyook University Has Spiritual Revival Week

The World Mission Center and the Chinese Church at Sahmyook University in Korea had a week of spiritual revival from July 13 to 18, 2020, using an online platform. The event targeted Adventist young people who came to study in Korea from Chinese-speaking countries. The university aimed to revive the spirituality of those students during the COVID-19 pandemic situation. The series of meetings were recorded at the seminary building of Sahmyook University and were broadcast on a Chinese livestreaming platform.

Pastor Jeong SeongChul, who is in charge of the Chinese Church at Sahmyook University, served as the speaker for the revival week. Under the main theme of “Revival Amidst Troubles,” he delivered a series of sermons that shed light on persons in the Bible who achieved spiritual revival during times of trouble, such as Joseph, Samson, Moses and David. He encouraged attendees to meditate on Jesus on the cross and accept Him as a source of all life.

Before the event was launched, it drew much attention from young people in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and Malaysia. The university had expected that around 700 people would participate in the meeting. However, the number of pre-registered people was more than 2,000 only three hours after the university began promoting the meeting. During the week, the average number of platform visitors reached 13,000, and every day, around 2,000 people watched from beginning to end.

“Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, churches have been closed and worship services have been limited in many countries. Young people may be thirsty for the word of God. The success of this week-long event reflects how much young Adventists long for gathering together in Jesus Christ,” said Pastor Jeong.

Meanwhile, the World Mission Center and the Chinese Church at Sahmyook University will carry out online leadership training every week using ZOOM. Through the training, they plan to foster youth leaders. They will keep trying to figure out how the university can serve as a world mission hub, especially for young people.



It is Fall 2020, and the number of confirmed coronavirus cases is still increasing. It seemed like the epidemic in Korea was subsiding, but the second wave began, and social distancing returned. Churches are going back to online worship due to government guidelines of limiting face-to-face worship services. People's fatigue from coronavirus is approaching its limit. People cannot eat at restaurants. They cannot enjoy relaxing at a café. Much of the restaurant sales volume is being converted to packaging and delivery.

Everything is going digital. Worship is done online, and food orders are being placed through smartphone apps. For several months already, children have been unable to go to school and are taking online classes at home on computers. Many office workers are working from home, and people are unable to go out on holidays. Instead, they are accessing various media content at home using smartphones, TVs and computers.

Last April, the number of global mobile app downloads increased by 25% compared to the second half of 2019. Also, according to statistics, in April, smartphone users around the globe spent an average of 4.3 hours a day on mobile platforms. This is a natural result since people can't get outdoors due to the pandemic situation.

Although the use of smartphones can be detrimental to physical and mental health, since people are using their smartphones anyway, it would be better to provide content that is more physically and mentally helpful so that people can come into contact with the health

messages, the Bible truth and Jesus Christ. This is a good opportunity to introduce the Three Angels' Messages and save precious souls.

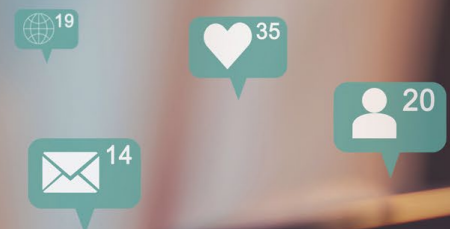
I also started online digital evangelism through YouTube, using the skills I gained while working as a Media Center manager of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Nowadays, I watch various digital evangelism channels and try to learn from them. In addition, I am receiving requests for advice and cooperation on digital missions from pastors and people from various fields.

A few days ago, a local church pastor called me to ask me how to do online church service programs and how to do digital evangelism. Below are some key points from my advice to the pastor.

First, in order to start online worship services and digital evangelism in the church, you need to invest money and time. For example, when trying to broadcast a worship service held in a church, you need to install video equipment, such as a camcorder, video switcher, and audio mixer for video production. In addition, you will need a group of team members who are willing to spend their time on a regular basis to operate the equipment and to produce the video content.

Second, ideas and efforts are needed to produce creative content. Many pastors and internet missionaries start digital missions through various channels, but there are times when they feel discouraged and eventually give up due to insignificant views compared to the financial investment and efforts they made. This is a natural result

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in a way. You cannot get a passionate response simply by sending out church worship sermons. More creative ideas and practices are needed. For example, try to upload sermons on interesting topics or prophecy studies in the Bible that many Christians are curious about, and include excellent graphic materials and effects that support them. This will help more viewers listen to the words and messages delivered in your channel.

Third, respect copyright, and do not violate copyright laws. Although many pastors are starting digital evangelism these days, they often lack knowledge about copyright issues. Copyright holders are musicians and artists who have produced music, photos, and videos through creative efforts spending much time and energy, and we need to respect their efforts. It is not a true Christian attitude to steal their rights without permission. You must purchase and use music, photos, and videos through proper channels. And if you don't have enough financial resources, you can get help from sites that provide copyright-free music, photo, and videos.

Fourth, it is necessary to continually develop your channel while benchmarking other channels. Already, many digital missionaries are uploading Bible talks and sermons through various channels. In the beginning stage, you seldom get a lot of subscribers and views. But if you consistently produce and upload high-quality content for a period of time, such as a few months or years, the views will steadily increase and when one video has outstanding views, then the other videos will also follow the same path. Until that time comes, you must continue to develop your channel.

Fifth, we must pray that the Holy Spirit will work so that many souls can receive the Gospel message. More Internet missionaries should be trained in the post-coronavirus era. Digital evangelism is possible in various ways. If we could spread the Bible truth on various platforms, such as YouTube, KakaoTalk, Line, WhatsApp, Naver Band & Café, WeChat, and PodBang, and receive positive responses for the Adventist church, more people will be able to receive the 'Three Angels'



Messages and they will be prepared for the second coming of Jesus Christ. Above all, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit when we preach the words of God.

Face-to-face contact between people is becoming increasingly difficult due to COVID-19. Not only social distance but also personal distance is blocking our ways to the people. But at times like these, we need innovative minds to reverse our ideas, to turn crisis into opportunity. Remember what the apostle Paul said: "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22). Remember "all possible means." The apostle Paul made an effort to reach out to others in order to save various types of people in different circumstances, and thereby saved many souls. My prayer is that this missionary spirit that was in Paul will be rekindled in our hearts.



Byun SeongJun
NSD Media Center Manager



Unexpected Blessings Received from COVID-19 in Japan

In Japan, COVID-19 began to spread around February 2020. At that time, after careful precautions and advice, we left the decision of whether to continue Sabbath worships, lunch fellowships, and other church programs up to the individual local church leadership. After the nationwide announcement of the declaration of the state of emergency on April 16, all of the churches were closed. On May 25, Japan ended the state of emergency nationwide. Therefore, many churches with much precaution began to resume their church worship services in June. We still need to take precautions to prevent the rapid spread of COVID-19.

During the declaration of the state of emergency, many churches provided online streaming through YouTube and other online platforms so that church members could have Sabbath worship in their homes. Previous to COVID-19, only about 10 churches throughout Japan provided online worship services. During the COVID-19 pandemic, 65% of the pastors in Japan began to provide online worship services for their church members. Through online streaming, we had more than 2,000 users access the worship services. Prior to COVID-19, we had an average worship attendance of about 6,000 people nationwide. Many of the 2,000 online users may have represented entire families, so it is safe to assume

that at least more than half of the church members participated in online worship services.

We have had a lot of positive feedback regarding online worship services during COVID-19. Long-time inactive church members began to participate in online worship services, and many non-Christian family members have joined the online worship services. Many churches that conducted prayer meeting via Zoom have reported that more church members participated in the prayer meeting than before the COVID-19 outbreak.

Churches also sent hardcopy worship DVDs to the many elderly church members who have no access to the Internet. Due to the stay-at-home order, many church members spent more time studying the Bible and strengthening their relationship with God.

In order to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, we are not able to gather together freely and enjoy church activities as we did before the pandemic. During these times, let us count the blessings that God had given us and move forward in fulfilling God's mission.



Toshio Shibata

JUC Secretary



Sahmyook University Gives **COVID-19** Relief Scholarship to Students

Sahmyook University will be offering a 300,000 KRW (approximately 250 USD) COVID-19 relief scholarship to all students who were enrolled during the first semester in order to support them in the COVID-19 crisis. The university recently made the decision after gathering input from the scholarship committee and the student council.

First, 100,000 KRW will be provided in cash in August 2020 as a cost-of-living grant to all 5,281 students who registered for the first semester. The remaining 200,000 KRW will be reduced from tuition fees of students who register for the fall semester as a tuition scholarship. Those who are planning to take the upcoming semester off can receive the same tuition waiver when they return to school.

The total budget for the COVID-19 relief scholarship is 1.43 billion KRW (approximately 1.2 million USD). The financial resources have come from the university's academic scholarship budget. The school explained, "We did not have the midterm exam during the first semester due to COVID-19, so it was difficult to accurately evaluate academic performance as we had done before the pandemic, so we decided not to offer merit-based scholarships to students this semester."

Faculty members of Sahmyook University also made a contribution to the scholarship fund. A total of 236 people, including 138 professors and 98 employees, participated in the COVID-19 relief scholarship fund, raising about 63,000 dollars.

"We hope this special scholarship will help ease the financial burden for students," said Kim IlMok, president of Sahmyook University. He continued, "I appreciate all the members who participated in the scholarship fund, professors who have been doing their best to provide education for their students by holding classes online, and students who do not lose hope and pursue their studies. I hope that all of us will continue to pull together to overcome difficult times."



Three Local Conferences in Korea Hold Online Spiritual Camp Meetings



Because churches have been a major source of COVID-19 cases in Korea, the Korean government has been banning large gatherings of churches. Therefore, the spiritual camp meetings of three local Conferences in Korea, which were being planned as in-person events but on a smaller scale compared to previous years, turned to online meetings.

Southeast Korean Conference Camp Meeting

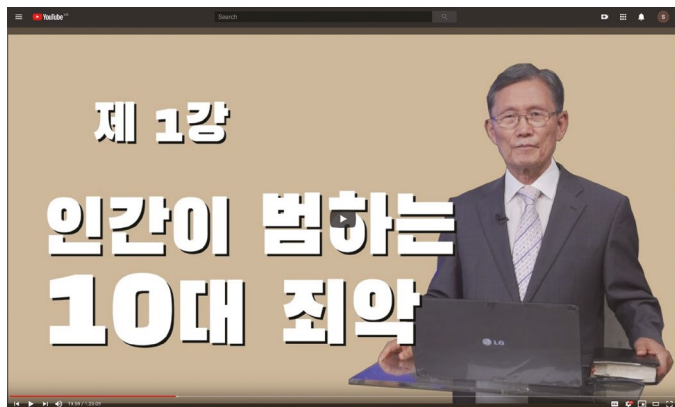
The Southeast Korean Conference (SEKC) had originally planned to hold their camp meeting with only 110 people

who would need to pre-register and then provide internet livestream for other church members of the SEKC. However, as stronger social distancing was required, the SEKC decided to have the camp meeting online.

On July 26, 2020, the SEKC delivered pre-recorded sermons and remarks on the www.adventist.or.kr website and the official YouTube channel of the Korean Union Conference. The SEKC ran an event in order to promote the online camp meeting. Those who uploaded a picture of themselves participating in the online meeting received the chance to win a box of Sahmyook soy milk as a gift.

“Even though social distancing seems to make it difficult to fulfill our mission of soul winning, we should not be discouraged, but make a new breakthrough. I hope that this meeting will be a special event that seeks wisdom from heaven and finds a new way to deliver the gospel of God to our neighbors,” said Kim WonSahng, SEKC president, during his welcome remarks.

Pastor Nam DaeGeuk, former president of Sahmyook University, was invited as the speaker. Under the main theme of “Past Life and Future Life,” he delivered a series of sermons with sub-themes, including “Ten Major Sins People Commit,”



A series of sermons was delivered by Pastor Nam DaeGeuk at the SEKC camp meeting.

“Five Principles of Seed-Sowing,” “Adventist Identity,” “Adventist Mission,” and “Eight Steps of Happy Life.” Citing quotations from Ellen White’s book, *Selected Messages*, Pastor Nam emphasized, “Even though we commit a horrible sin, God opens the way to salvation for us. We must listen to God urging us to repent in the age of COVID-19.”

Pastor Baek SangBong, who is SEKC ministerial secretary and in charge of the SEKC camp meeting, mentioned that it was time to explore possibilities of online mission work. “Since some people watch the camp meeting with their family or church members, one viewer may indicate multiple people. After considering number of views and reports from local churches, it is estimated that approximately 3,556 people participated in the online camp meeting, which outnumbers the offline participants from last year’s camp meeting.”

Middlewest Korean Conference Camp Meeting

The Midwest Korean Conference (MWKC) had a spiritual camp meeting from July 24 to 26, 2020. Pastor Kin ShiHwa, who is in charge of Ipjang Church, served as the speaker. The whole meeting was recorded at Ipjang Church. Four sermons were delivered under two main themes, “Who Are Seventh-day Adventists?” and “Commandments of God.” More than a thousand Adventist church members who belong to MWKC joined this online event.

The camp meeting started with the opening address of Kim YongBeom, chair of the camp meeting committee. He said, “Even though this first online camp meeting can cause inconvenience, our worship service needs to adapt to the post-coronavirus landscape.” He urged participants to keep moving forward with the love of Jesus.

Sermons preached by Pastor Kim ShiHwa emphasized that it is both important to love God and to love others. “If we love our neighbors as we love God, then we can say that we keep God’s commandments. Those people are the members of the remnant church who proclaim the gospel of the Three Angels’ Messages to the world,” said Pastor Kim. In his last sermon, he challenged participants to abide by the commandments of God, be good to neighbors, and make the church heaven-like.

In order to more actively boost participation in the camp meeting, the MWKC offered various events on KakaoTalk, a widely-used mobile messenger service in Korea. Preschoolers were asked to draw pictures of the speaker of the meeting, and elementary school children had a drawing contest with the theme of the “Commandments of God.” Activities of writing short poems, taking pictures of participating in the online camp meeting, and reciting the Ten Commandments were open to all ages.

Southwest Korean Conference Camp Meeting

The spiritual camp meeting of the Southwest Korean Conference (SWKC) was held for four days, from Friday evening of July 24 to the following Monday. Right after the decision was made that the 2020 camp meeting would be an online-only event, the SWKC sent every church member in the SWKC an invitation card, which read, “The COVID-free spiritual camp meeting will be delivered to your house and your church,” encouraging people to come to the online meeting. As a result, 88.7% of local churches of the SWKC participated in the event.

Pastor Lee KukHeon, professor of theology at Sahmyook University, delivered five sermons with the theme verse of Luke 21:28, “Stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” His sermons included the story of early Adventists who overcame the Great Disappointment in 1844, holding fast in Adventist faith.

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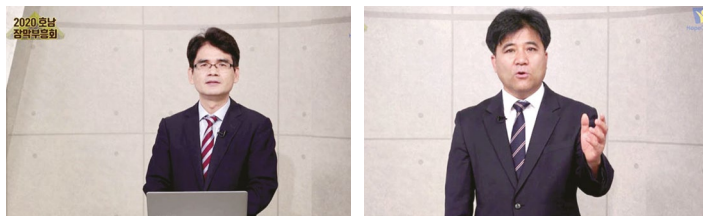
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In addition to sermons delivered by Pastor Kim ShiHwa, the MWKC offered various events at their online spiritual camp meeting.



The SEKC invited two speakers, Pastor Lee KukHeon and Pastor Park SeokBong for their four-day online camp meeting.

Pastor Park SeokBong from the Gimje Church was also invited as the speaker, preaching three times under the theme, “Spiritual Life to Get Over the COVID-19 Crisis.” What he found out was that due to social distancing rules to protect ourselves against COVID-19, feelings of loneliness, anxiety, and depression have increased. “Adventists should be able to propose a spiritual life that overcomes the COVID-19 challenge.”

It is obvious that an in-person, offline camp meeting has advantages that the online cannot easily provide. In the offline camp meeting, participants can have face-to-face friendships, feel the excitement of participants who are deeply moved by the Holy Spirit, and enjoy various indoor and outdoor activities. However, it is notable that online meetings have no limitation on the number of participants and it is easier to attract young people who thirst for the word of God. The camp meetings of the three Conferences are available on YouTube.

Adventist Chaplain Completes Important Milestone

Ron Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Secretary

On June 14, 2020, Asa Nemoto, from Japan, graduated with a Master's of Science degree in Chaplaincy from Loma Linda University in the United States, making her the first in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) to obtain this degree. Her training included four units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), a specialized clinical training for chaplains.

Ms. Nemoto is currently working full-time in the chaplaincy department at the Loma Linda University Medical Center. Her immediate plans include applying for the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC)/Board of Chaplaincy Certification Inc (BCCI) board certification once she earns 2,000 hours of work experience. Ms. Nemoto would eventually like to contribute to the future of chaplaincy in Japan. She is open to God's leading, and her desire is to introduce the importance of spiritual care inside and outside of the Adventist churches in Japan. Asa would like to one day help establish a chaplaincy training program for seminary students in the Japan Union Conference, which would enhance the opportunities to reach out to more people waiting to hear about God.

Three years ago, Asa Nemoto left her job in the corporate art field and moved to another continent and culture to follow God's calling into chaplaincy ministry. With His help, she has successfully finished this phase of her journey. Her story does not end here, and we wish her God's richest blessings as she continues serving others for His sake.



Asa Nemoto became the first person in the NSD to obtain a Master's of Science degree in Chaplaincy.

Meeting of Pastors and Staff of Mongolia Mission

Dorjderem Narankhuu
MM Communication Director

The pastors and staff members of the Mongolia Mission (MM) had a meeting from August 26 to 27, 2020. It was the first meeting since the coronavirus outbreak in early 2020. As the government of Mongolia and the State Emergency Commission allowed social gatherings of fewer than 50 people, the meeting was held in accordance with the rule.

In the two-day meeting, attendees discussed mission strategies, especially activating small groups during the social-distancing period. Because MM president Kim YoHan was not able to participate in the meeting, he delivered video messages.

Two days was a short period of time to share what we have done and what we are going to do, but it was good enough to motivate our pastors in Mongolia. In the same sense, we could not help but wonder how outstanding it will be to finally be together forever after the second advent of Jesus. "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near" (Hebrews 10:25).



Outreach Effort of ADRA Mongolia

Dorjderem Narankhuu
MM Communication Director

On June 9, 2020, ADRA Mongolia signed a memorandum of understanding with Mongolia Mission. As a result, an ADRA volunteer team was established, and they donated a total of 2,000 face masks to the people of Ulaanbaatar and in seven provinces in July 2020. For this outreach program, local church members actively participated in distributing masks.

Also, ADRA Mongolia sent an amount of 100 USD to each of 315 households that have faced difficulty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including single parents consisting of 90 households, 100 households from Bayangol District, and 125 households from Chingeltei District. We ask that you pray for the fruitful and long-term partnership between these two organizations.

"Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be" (Job 8:7). We hope to implement many projects for the glory of God.



Youth Ministries in the Post-COVID-19 World



Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in early 2020, many church activities have been constrained. Youth ministries is not an exception. In order to figure out new ways to carry on youth ministries in a post-coronavirus world, the Youth Ministries department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) called a meeting with the directors of local Conferences from July 13 to 14, 2020, at Anmyondo Training Center, Korea.

One of the main topics was to develop outdoor activity programs for youth, since outdoor activities have been found to be much safer than indoor activities in the COVID-19 situation. In collaboration with Children's Ministries, "Gideon 300 Project," a mountain-climbing program is ready to be launched. This program is designed for Pathfinder clubs to climb 100 of the most beautiful mountains in Korea and to have a prayer

meeting on a mountain top. If a Pathfinder club takes a picture at the top with anything that represents them as Pathfinders, such as uniforms, t-shirts, or banners, and posts the picture on an official network site run by the Conference's Youth Ministries department, the club will be certified as participants of the Gideon 300 Project. Adventurer clubs, which target children ages 6 to 9, are encouraged to climb hills over 1,000 ft.

The Youth Ministries also designated several Adventist institutions, such as campuses of Adventist schools, Sahmyook Medical Centers in Seoul and Busan, and the Sahmyook Food Factory, as heritage sites for Adventists. If a Pathfinder club visits these sites, they will also be given a certificate as participants of the Gideon 300 Project.

Another issue was how to expand Youth Ministries activities from offline to the Internet and social networks. The KUC Youth Ministries plans to promote small group activities using social network platforms or Zoom, a teleconferencing platform. Various video contents and applications for smart phones will be developed to support small group activities of young people.

A pathfinder camporee, one of the major events of the Youth Ministries, will be held by local Conferences in the second half of the year 2020. Also, a nationwide Pathfinder Bible Expedition Competition will be held on the Sabbath afternoon of September 26, 2020. Teams that pass the preliminaries held in each local Conference will join the online competition, and the event will be livestreamed on YouTube.



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New Encyclopedia of Seventh-Day Adventists Is Launched

Yutaka Inada
NSD Secretary



A brand-new online Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists (ESDA) is the Seventh-day Adventist Church's first online reference work. The encyclopedia currently contains more than 2,100 articles on Adventist history, crucial events and themes, organizations, entities, institutions, and people, with more than 3,500 photographs and a growing collection of videos. Hundreds of new articles and photographs will be added to the encyclopedia in the upcoming weeks and months, with thousands being added in the following months and years. The ESDA draws on the expertise of hundreds of authors and editors worldwide, from many cultures and ethnicities. It is a great tool, not only for those seeking to learn more about the Adventist Church but also for those looking to witness to others.

The launching ceremony for the new encyclopedia took place as an online event on July 1, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. (EST). The link to a video of the launching ceremony can be found under the title "Launch of the Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists Online."

In the ceremony, Dr. David Trim, general director of the ESDA, emphasized the necessity of the brand-new encyclopedia pointing out the fact that the previous encyclopedia was published almost 60 years ago and revised once 25 years ago. More than a half-century is enough time to change everything, including the Adventist World Church. Back then the Adventist churches and membership were heavily located in North America, but now because of Adventist mission, we now enjoy great diversity in the Adventist world church. This new online encyclopedia saves the time of going to the library to research and get information. Now people can just get their smartphone and get the information they want with a finger. The launching video includes messages from world church leaders, president Ted Wilson and all Division presidents, including Kim SiYoung, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD).

The new encyclopedia project was voted at the 2015 spring meeting by GC executive committee members. The NSD appointed Dr. Bruce Lo as the regional editor of the NSD and Dr. Lee KukHeon of Sahmyook University in Korea, Pastor Toshio Shibata, secretary of Japan Union Conference, Pastor Yutaka Inada, NSD secretary, and others have been associated with Dr. Lo. Many authors in the NSD territories have joined the project and contributed articles for the ESDA.



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Here is an interview with NSD president Kim SiYoung at the launching ceremony for the ESDA.

1. What is the importance of the ESDA project for your division?

I believe this encyclopedia is a God-given gift in our hands. It contains historical background and various information about churches in the NSD. I am sure it will be a useful resource in educating our children and young people, as well as serving as a great mission tool to properly introduce our church to those who are not familiar with the Adventist church.

2. What story from the ESDA has moved you or surprised you?

The sacrificial mission spirit and the devoted lives of missionaries in the early history of the church greatly inspired me. When these missionaries arrived in the countries of the NSD territories, the situation was extremely challenging. During their service, they faced a lot of trials and hardships, sometimes with the death of a spouse and young children in the mission field. But they never gave up. They moved forward in faith, preaching the Gospel. As a result, thousands of people were drawn to Jesus. These are powerful touching stories that remind me today to go forward with the same faith as the early missionaries.

3. How do you think the information in the ESDA about your territory could benefit pastors and members in your region?

It is important to understand how God has led His church in the past. The ESDA contains useful and detailed information on the history of how churches and institutions in our region started and developed under

various difficult circumstances. I believe this information will not only broaden the knowledge of pastors and fellow believers, but will also help them to know how they can serve God's Church.

The following information about ESDA is from the *Adventist World* website:

What is ESDA?

The encyclopedia is the fruit of a five-year project (to date) of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. It launches with 2,100 articles and 3,200 photos, most of them never published before. ESDA Online is a free resource that will be regularly revised: at least another 6,000 articles will be added, along with many more photographs, plus video, audio recordings, and original documents. In addition, existing articles can be corrected and augmented. While a version will eventually appear in print, the ESDA Online, which is constantly being updated, will be both more flexible and more accurate than any printed work could ever be—and also easily available to anyone with a cell phone, unlike bulky (and expensive) multi-volume books.

Why ESDA?

The old Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia was published in 1966; the second revised edition appeared in 1996. The worldwide Adventist Church has experienced dramatic shifts in that time, not least in global membership. The old SDA Encyclopedia was written by a small group at the church's headquarters in Washington DC, representatives of a church that was still largely of European descent. Furthermore, since the

1990s, Seventh-day Adventist historical scholarship has been almost transformed. Finally, numerous errors in the old SDA Encyclopedia have been identified, while many more sources have been discovered.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church thus needs a new “go to” reference work, reflecting the astonishingly diverse and truly global church of the twenty-first century. There is also need of an online encyclopedia that allows all the possibilities of the digital age.

One concept for such an online work was conceived in the *Adventist Review* office, and the current Encyclopedia has drawn on some ideas from it. Adventist scholars have produced short reference works, but they relied on the old Encyclopedia for their information, and the works were not available online.

And so it was that, in 2014, the executive officers of the General Conference asked the Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research (ASTR), located in the world headquarters, to produce a replacement for the venerable SDA Encyclopedia. David Trim, director of ASTR, came up with a plan for a truly global and online encyclopedia, which the world church funded. Because it was to be an entirely new work rather than a revised edition, it was given a new title: *The Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*.

It has been prepared by hundreds of researchers and authors and dozens of editors from around the world, writing on the institutions, organizations, and first church members and church leaders of their own nations and people groups. All articles have been peer reviewed, which has expanded the number of Adventist scholars, administrators, and church members who have contributed to the project.

Trim has overseen the Encyclopedia as editor, while the role of managing editor was filled by Benjamin Baker initially, and, since 2018, by Dragoslava Santrac. According to Trim, Santrac is a key contribution with her energy and enthusiasm.

Plans for Fall Evangelism in Place

Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, will be leading evangelistic meetings in the Mokdong and Gangseo churches of the West Central Korean Conference in October 2020. Prior to the meetings, he spoke to both churches online on August 22 about Jesus’ call to His disciples. With the sermon title “What Happens When You Follow Jesus,” the speaker highlighted two lessons taught by Jesus: 1) when you follow Jesus you have everything you need, and 2) you reach everyone God wants. In other words, following Jesus results in lacking nothing and leading others to Him; that’s why He said: “You will be fishers of men.”

Originally, there were plans for a live evangelistic training at the church, but the government told churches to close due to the latest COVID-19 outbreak in Korea. Instead, a two-and-a-half-hour training video was made for the church members to be better prepared for the upcoming meetings. The video directed leaders and members to focus on four specific ministries over the next two months: prayer-walking in the community, outreach to missing members, one additional community outreach event, and 40 days of prayer to intercede for non-members. Both pastors and church members are looking forward to seeing God’s harvest this coming fall.

Dr. Clouzet preaching with Pastor Yun HanSu of the Mokdong Church



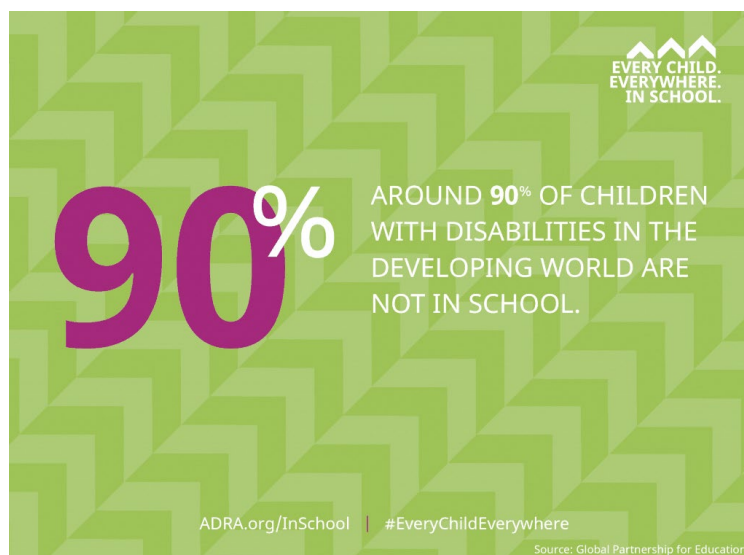
The reality that all children around the world can have access to education is one step closer after the petition for “Every Child. Everywhere. In School.,” spearheaded by the Adventist Church and its global humanitarian arm, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), surpassed one million online signatures in July 2020.

“It’s indeed a blessing to see our global church family and ADRA standing up together in support of millions of children who don’t have access to education around the world,” states Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. “Our brothers and sisters have shown that we can be a powerful voice for change when we work together. Thank you to everyone who helped us reach one million signatures and for your strong commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of so many children worldwide. But our work doesn’t end here. We must now become agents of change in our communities and use our voices to ensure that every child, everywhere, has access to education and can reach God’s potential for their lives as they prepare themselves and others through the power of the Holy Spirit for Jesus’ soon coming.”

Dr. Ella Simmons, ADRA board vice-chair and general vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, says, “Adventists around the world have spoken loudly and clearly that we care deeply about assuring access to education to millions of vulnerable children so that they can learn and thrive. The commitments of our church family and ADRA united to bring awareness to this global issue speak volumes. Thank you for standing up for the rights of all children everywhere. Let us continue to increase our efforts and magnify our voices on behalf of the children who have no voice.”

Getting It Done

Grassroots efforts for the education campaign kicked off in October 2019 with the Adventist Church and ADRA urging support for the nearly 300 million children, adolescents and youth globally—or one in every five—who are



Adventist Church and ADRA Gain One Million Supporters for Every Child. Everywhere. In School. Education Petition

Adventist Development and Relief Agency

out of school, according to a UNESCO report. This is a staggering number of children worldwide who need quality education and who should be able to live free from exploitation and intergenerational poverty. As a result, ADRA and Adventist church members in nearly 200 countries pledged their support to this issue, and momentum to get online signatures spread, including countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the South Pacific.

As the impact of the coronavirus grows, the importance for advocating for out-of-school children has significantly increased. Today, more families have become vulnerable due to joblessness, illness and other issues, which has affected their ability to pay for education leading to more children being out of school. In fact, there are 75 million school-aged children living in 35 crisis-affected countries who cannot get an education due to increased vulnerability, school closures and other issues as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a 2020 UNESCO report.

According to Michael Kruger, president for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, “We are facing a growing education gap, especially among vulnerable children. While one million signatures is a phenomenal milestone worth celebrating, we are only at the beginning. We are developing new global alliances with key organizations to amplify our voices. We need your ongoing support and commitment to ensure that we continue to make progress on this important issue. This is why we will be providing resources so that individuals, groups and churches, can speak up on this issue of access to education. We will also share essential details to give you a clear roadmap of what we need to advocate for. Let's join forces and take this initiative much further.”

What Comes Next?

With the achievement of one million signatures and widespread support, the next step of the global campaign is for the Adventist Church and ADRA to come together to localize this effort in individual countries. The decisions about how education is delivered and funded are not made by global leaders, but by national and state leaders.

To localize this effort, the campaign will focus on the following:

Define a clear ask to your government. Each country will create goals tailored specifically for their country's education needs, and hone in on relevant education issues. Some key priorities will include: (1) Advocating for increased allocation of education funding in developing countries; (2) Increasing foreign aid assistance for education; and, (3) Improving social inclusion for marginalized children.

Communicate your ask to your national leaders. Once the ask is identified, each country will strategize how to approach policy makers and law enforcers to ensure all children have the opportunity to get an education. Key to this effort will be to communicate the campaign to the most relevant leaders and decision makers in each country. These communication pieces will need to

include information about the campaign, the importance of education, what they can do to ensure every child is in school, the success of our global petition, and the tremendous grassroots support that is behind us.

To support the next phase, ADRA is developing a policy report that will analyze the state of out-of-school children around the globe and the policies and actions needed to address this. In addition,

ADRA is also developing a resource kit for church ministry departments, local churches, youth groups and schools to continue their involvement beyond the petition. These resources will be available for distribution in October 2020.

In addition, ADRA has started an advocacy master class to build, implement, and evaluate an advocacy strategy tailored to a country. The course is designed to help countries understand how to effectively engage their leaders to bring about change. Additionally, a resource packet, including draft letter templates, a policy report, meeting guides, and more, will be made available at ADRA.org/InSchool/Resources.

Further information and resources about the Every Child. Everywhere. In School. initiative can be found by visiting ADRA.org/InSchool.



Eight Days of Prayer in the East Side of Ulaanbaatar

Oyuntuya Batsukh
MM Family Ministries Director

The churches located in the east side of Ulaanbaatar organized “Eight Days of Prayer” in July 2020. The pastors of Amgalan, Gaikhanshigt Hair, Emmanuel, Maranatha, Nalaikh, Central, Tsaiz and Ehlel churches took turns holding an online livestreaming session, including morning prayers. Praises, prayers, and words of God were brought to participants during these days. The number of attendants at minimum was 92 and at maximum 122 people for the online sessions. In total, approximately 1,142 people attended the services during the event.

Topics of prayers were submitted daily through the comment section of the livestreaming platform, in which attendees actively participated. The pastors of the eight churches delivered a series of sermons, under the title of “God’s Love Is Forever,” a reference to Psalm chapter 136. The word of God motivated attendees to focus on His love and to have more gratitude toward Him.



Mongolian Adventist Youth Group

Buyanbileg Ishjargal
MM Youth Ministries Director



The Youth Ministries department of Mongolia Mission undertook the following activities in order to support the faith of Mongolian young people who are living in the world of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In March 2020, they held an online concert and donation drive. The proceeds from the concert was used for purchasing 500 face masks which were then distributed in April under the theme of “I Care.” They tried to make this a regular service, and they collected 1,500 face masks together with the volunteer team of young people and distributed them as a warning against the COVID-19 spread in July. Young people of Ulaanbaatar City Church and eight churches of local provinces helped to distribute the masks.

Furthermore, during the times of country-wide lockdown, a series of Bible classes on the book of Daniel were prepared and uploaded online, encouraging young people to keep faithful and to not despair amid the challenging time of COVID-19.





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Two-thirds of 2020 is gone already. What a strange year this has been! The COVID-19 pandemic has changed everything about our lives, work, travel, and health priorities. For many, it is like a nightmare from which they wish to wake up from soon. They want things to go back to normal!

But things may never go back to the way things were before January 2020. In past issues of *News & Views*, we have already explored the possibility that this world tragedy

may unleash a number of other natural disasters leading to the end of time. God's people must be ready for that possibility.

Few things will help us get ready for the end more than immersing ourselves in Scripture. Think about this: Jesus said His words are life (John 6:63). That means the lack of His words are spiritual death to our souls. The Bible teaches: "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (Psalms 119:11). Storing Scripture in the heart

is a deterrent to sin. Since 1844, we have been living in the antitypical—or symbolic—Day of Atonement, and that day was dedicated to review one's relationship with God. It was a day to "humble your souls... that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord" (Leviticus 16:29-30).

Why not dedicate the last six months of this year to memorizing several chapters of Scripture, or even entire books? David Livingstone, the great medical missionary in Africa, memorized Psalm 119, the longest chapter in the Bible, by the time he was only nine years old! J. N. Andrews, the first Adventist missionary overseas and a Bible scholar, had memorized the entire New Testament as well as great sections of the Old Testament. Why not try this year to memorize Scripture?

What Ellen White Says About Memorizing Scripture

Ellen White places great importance on the studying and storing of Scripture in our minds, especially during the last days. One relevant chapter, towards the end of the book *The Great Controversy*, is entitled "The Scriptures a Safeguard." She warns there how critical it will be for God's people to have God's Word in their hearts during the last moments of earth's history. "The last great delusion is soon to open before us," she wrote, and Satan's counterfeit will be so deceitful upon the world that it will be impossible to know the truth "except by the Holy Scriptures" (*The Great Controversy*, 593).

In that same chapter, she wrote: "It is the first and highest duty of every rational being to learn from the Scriptures what is truth, and then to walk in the light and encourage others to follow his example" (*The Great Controversy*, 598). This is important, especially for pastors to pay attention. Just

Tips to Memorizing Scripture

The following may be helpful tips to memorize Scripture:

1. Prayerfully choose a book or a set of chapters to memorize.
2. Write the verses on index cards or in a notebook.
3. Repeat the words aloud—hear yourself say them.
4. Speak the words with understanding, not in a robotic, mindless way.
5. Memorize one or two verses at a time and keep building.
6. Repeat, repeat, and keep repeating each verse.
7. Review, review, and continue to review previously memorized portions.
7. Redeem the time: while you wait for the train, or wake in the morning, or wait at the doctor's office.
8. If all else fails, there are Scripture songs you can learn; they are easier to memorize.

two pages later, we read: “Temptations often appear irresistible because, through neglect of prayer and the study of the Bible, the tempted one cannot readily remember God’s promises and meet Satan with the Scripture weapons....The teachings of Christ must previously have been stored in the mind in order for the Spirit of God to bring them to our remembrance in the time of peril” (*The Great Controversy*, 600).

Ellen White encourages parents to help their children commit passages of Scripture to memory (*Child Guidance*, 511-512). She admonishes believers: “We must be better acquainted with our Bibles. We might close the door to many temptations, if we would commit to memory passages of Scripture” (*The Faith I Live By*, 9). She specifically speaks of entire Bible chapters: “Portions of Scripture, even whole chapters, may be committed to memory to be repeated when Satan comes in with his temptations” (*Review and Herald*, April 8, 1884, paragraph 4, also found in *Mind, Character, and Personality*, vol. 1, 95).

God’s prophet has a message for pastors: “Ministers should devote time to reading, to study, to meditation and prayer. They should store the mind with useful knowledge, committing to memory portions of Scripture” (*Gospel Workers*, 278). And finally, “The time will come when many will be deprived of the written Word. But if this Word is printed in the memory, no one can take it from us” (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 20, 64, also found in *Last-Day Events*, 67).



Ron Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Secretary

1000 MISSIONARY MOVEMENT



Trust in God and Never Give Up

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While I was still on the 1000 Missionary Movement campus, waiting for dispatching, my mother called me and suggested that I just return home and serve God in our hometown. I convinced her that I should finish this journey with God’s leading, and surprisingly, she allowed me. However, early the next morning, I received a message from my mother. She said, “If you will not come home now, you cannot see me anymore and you cannot even enter my house again.” It truly broke my heart.





I was so confused whether to follow her or God's will. I found the prayer garden and gazebo, the perfect place for me to cry it out all to God. I meditated, fasted, and prayed, searching His will in this challenging time. The next day, I decided not to go home. I informed my mother of the decision, but I didn't receive a single reply from her.

I talked back to God and said, "Lord, if You want me to continue this journey, help me, and have my mother call or text me this week." My friends and colleagues prayed for me over my struggle. Suddenly, my mother called me and asked, "How are you?" We talked for almost an hour. She said that she was willing to support my decision if my mission field could change from Bohol to another place. She was really worried about the COVID-19 pandemic situation, and Cebu, which is close to Bohol, had increasing cases of infected individuals. I prayed to God to change my mission field.

Days passed, and I heard that I would be transferred to Luzon, which is near the 1000MM campus. I was really happy and called my mother with the good news. She felt the same way I did, for God had answered our prayers. I committed everything to God. Indeed, He works in unexpected, amazing ways. Believing and trusting Him in any circumstances is the best thing we ought to do.

I arrived at my mission field on July 10, 2020. On that day, I asked the senior missionaries to pray for me since I had mixed feelings of nervousness, excitement, and fear. It seemed like I did not want to go. But the Book of Philippians popped in my mind and this verse gave me the courage to do the right thing and continue the mission: "Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:16).

During my second week at my mission field, the church started online evangelism for two weeks. The

culmination was on July 25, 2020, and praise the Lord, there were seven souls who accepted Jesus as their personal Savior, and on August 14, 2020, an additional two souls were baptized.

I am truly blessed in this place, for the people are so active, supportive, and generous. Despite all the discouragements I have felt at times, Jesus has never failed to answer my prayers and desires.

One day, I read a book that states, "Do not wait to feel that you are made whole but say, 'I believe it, and it is so, not because I feel it, but God has promised.'" Today, I am humbly starting to learn to play the piano and violin with the aid of senior missionaries, young people and above all, God. He helps me to develop the talents He entrusted to me for His ministry and His glory!

Amid everything that happens, I learn to depend wholly on God, believe in His promises and trust in His divine plans. Circumstances may change me, but He remains the same yesterday, today and forever. He is ever faithful! I am inspired by the quotation, "If it won't challenge you, it won't change you." Whatever challenges I may encounter, I rejoice, knowing it will help me grow in Christ and I will come off victorious in Him while doing mission work.

Let us always remember not to give up, for He has promised He will be with us until the end of time. Abide in Him, and He will abide in us. We may not understand everything, but be assured of the peace which passes all understanding. The real peace, true love, and pure joy which the world could not ever offer, we may gain. And as we rest in Christ, great miracles will follow. We will then experience the fullness of Him as we continue to step out in faith. Thus, friends, press on and keep moving forward until we fulfill the purpose He commissioned unto us. Pray. Believe. Rejoice!



After the COVID-19 Outbreak, How Is Missionary Work?

Sim EunSong
1000MM 55th Batch

Hello! My name is Shim EunSong. I am a missionary from South Korea, and I am currently serving God in the Philippines as a 55th batch missionary of the 1000 Missionary Movement. I believe many people are probably wondering how life is in the mission field, especially with the COVID-19 going around, and so, I have decided to briefly share about my life here in the Philippines.

The Philippines, which is still a developing country, has far more restrictions compared to other developed countries. Many are experiencing inconveniences due to the lockdown, for example, traveling from one city to another, and even from one barangay (district) to another. The most common public transportation system that people use in the Philippines are Jeepneys. However, they are now suspended in many places, causing the price of other transporting systems, such as tricycles, to double. Because of this situation, many people are having difficulties finding a way to get to work, leading the

country to reach an enormously high unemployment rate. That is why, due to so many people struggling to make a living, it makes me wonder if it is alright to tell them, “Do not worry, because God will make a way for everything.” Just by words alone, how many people would actually want to listen to me and show more interest in knowing about our religion?

My partner Jhuvy and I are serving God in a place called Pasong Langka, a small barangay in Silang, located in the Northern Philippines. This barangay has a total population of 4,000. Among them, 70% are Catholics, 20% are members of Iglesia ni Cristo (Christian church found in the Philippines), and the remaining 10% are either atheists or a part of other religions.

There are only a few Seventh-day Adventists here, so we do not have an Adventist church here yet. Nevertheless, the 54th batch senior missionaries who were here before us, through continuous house visitations and Bible

studies, were able to persuade 14 precious souls to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. My partner and I, along with our church elder, are currently visiting and nurturing the families who just got baptized. Also, we are looking for new families that are interested in knowing about God and are willing to have Bible studies with us. Each day, we try to visit three families and have Bible study with them.

At first, we tried to do VBS (Vacation Bible School) with the children here since all the students are staying at home due to the coronavirus. Unfortunately, this activity was cancelled due to our barangay being very strict about keeping social distancing. They did not allow us to do any activities that require gathering. Hence, we decided to incorporate our children's program every time we had house visitations. No matter how few the children were at each house, we did the same children's program, same Bible story, and the same crafts for the kids. We never got tired of it; rather, we felt more rewarded.

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" (1 John 3:16-17). Jhuvy, our church elder, and I have morning devotionals together before we go out for house visitations. One day, we talked together about this topic. We came to the conclusion that we should also help our neighbors who are suffering from this pandemic, so we prayed and decided to find financial sponsors who would be willing to help with this project.

That same evening, I got a call from the associate director of the 1000MM campus. He asked if any people around our mission field needed help financially, especially people who are suffering from this pandemic. He explained to me that there was a senior missionary from the 11th batch that had just donated some money for those who need help in the mission field. Amen! This could not be a coincidence! God is surely alive! He knows everything, and He had already answered my prayer even before we called upon Him. He noticed the hardships of those in Pasong Langka and listened to their prayers. God was already working through His people at His perfect time!

Through God's grace, we were able to help 42 families by distributing rice, noodles, canned goods, milk, and medicine (for colds and for high blood pressure) to each family. Through this great opportunity, we were privileged to share the love of God with our neighbors. Praise God that 15 new families showed interest in getting to know more about God. Also,

14 families whom we continuously visited were able to gather in one place, and a total of 30 adults and children gathered together and formed a small worship group.

Family worship, which we have been dreaming about for a long time, was getting somewhat closer to reality. We have found a place where we can have our worship, and we have decided to start our family worship here in August if there are no cases of COVID-19 found in our barangay. Through our outreach activities, many people have been blessed to see how God is a living God. I hope and pray that their faith will grow daily as they walk with God and will be willing to have a personal relationship with God.

Not only the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and certainly not the God of pastors or missionaries, but I pray that one day they can say, "The Lord is my God!" I kindly ask everyone to please pray for us, and please pray for all the missionaries who are working around the world, wishing that God may use us and fulfill His work through us. Thank you.



EunSong (right) and her missionary partner Jhuvy (left) did Vacation Bible School whenever they had house visitations.



Draw Me Nearer to You

Seo HyeRin
1000MM 55th Batch



After a seemingly never-ending campus life at the 1000 Missionary Movement Training Center, I was dispatched on June 30, 2020. And after a long time of quarantine, I finally went to Salvacion in the Philippines, my mission field, on Wednesday, July 22. There used to be a church in Salvacion; however, due to certain events, it is now gone. As the church disappeared, many church members left God, and now, only two families remain. They attend a church in Pioduran, about half an hour drive away.

I spent three days in Salvacion and was even able to do house-to-house visitations. However, when I went to Pioduran three days later to go to church, my mission field was changed to Pioduran after a church meeting. This is because the New People's Army (NPA), terrorists who are against the government, had come to the mountain where Salvacion is located. On July 27, almost a month after my missionary partner and I were dispatched, our real mission field was decided.

During my stay in Pioduran, there have been so many things that I am thankful for. I'm thankful for the wonderful people and co-workers, the beautiful nature, and also how there is always something to eat even though I am a vegetarian. Another thing I am really thankful for is that although I am not able to do anything except laugh and pray in my heart during home visitations since I do not know how to speak Tagalog (Philippine language), there are still some visitors that cry out of gratitude, and two of them even came to church to spend their Sabbaths with us!

However, as time passed, without myself noticing, I became lonely. I knew the people here are really nice people, but I was having a hard time getting close to them since I am an introvert and since I can't express myself well in

English. Also, after moving to Pioduran, I started complaining. For example, "Why are there so many ants in the Philippines especially when I eat and sleep? I don't want to eat because I have gastritis, but why do people keep giving me things to eat even when I refuse?" This caused me to become lonelier and sluggish and sad.

But thankfully, God did not leave my side; instead, He came closer to me. I was grumbling about how lonely I was, yet when I happened to look up at the sky, He showed me a cloud in a shape of a heart. And when I was crying, I heard a voice saying, "Why are you having a hard time when I'm here with you?" And through books, people, and the Bible, God talked to me. I was especially able to hear His words when my mother and a book I was reading said at the same time, "Abide in God, thank God and leave everything in His hands." And I was also able to see His grace when I read from a book, "When you fall into a pit, you get deeper and deeper. Look at me. Then I will wash the soil and dress it with my own righteousness and walk the path of life with you." Through this message, I became tearful and grateful.

After arriving at the mission field, I have realized that God is always with me and speaks to me in various ways, including the natural world, thoughts, the Bible, books, and people. I can't see Him, but I am able to know that He always loves me and guides me. I also realized that I had been far away from God while I had been having such a hard time. That's why I decided to get closer to God. Perhaps, God allowed this difficult time to fall on me so that I may realize these things and so that He may draw me back in order to do His work.

Currently, my mission field, Pioduran, has a church and many church members, but there are many backsliders as well. In addition, during the COVID-19 lockdown period, Pioduran allowed church members to gather together to worship, but it is difficult to fulfill our duty because we are not allowed to do activities with non-church members. Nevertheless, I believe that while I am here, I will deliver the love of God. We are also planning to build a church in Salvacion. Please pray for us. Thank you.



Seo HyeRin (2nd from left) and her friends

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- Submission: Submit entries with the accompanying submission form to the Union/Conference/Mission Children's Ministries director.
- Deadline: November 1, 2020
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