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The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held its Leadership Council at the Jeju Mission Leadership Training Center from July 5 to 8, 2021.

# God Will Do Great Things for Those Who Trust in Him

When Jesus sent his disciples into the world with the Great Commission, they seemed unprepared. But when they received the Holy Spirit and went out to preach the gospel, the Bible says, “These that have turned the world upside down” (Acts 17:6, KJV). If the disciples did not go, nothing would have happened. But when they went out to preach the good news, they changed the world.

Ellen G. White put it this way: “The burden of the needs of our cities has rested so heavily upon me that it has sometimes seemed I should die.... The cities must be worked” (*Evangelism*, 34). Mrs. White felt an enormous burden as she thought about the big cities. It was the same burden that Jesus and His disciples had when they were about to go out and spread the gospel to the world. This should be the same burden in our hearts. God has called us to be his disciples and missionaries. If we go to the world as the apostles did, we will turn the world upside down.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has an extraordinary vision and mission. It is to proclaim the Three Angels’ Messages around the globe. In the book of Revelation, John said, “Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people” (Revelation 14:6). We have this everlasting gospel to preach to every nation, tribe, and people. The vision of Adventist church leaders is a global leadership vision that can be described in Revelation chapter 7. “After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the lamb” (Revelation 7:9). We are to call the people to participate in this multitude that no one can count.

Again, Ellen White wrote, “There will be thousands converted to the truth in a day who at the eleventh hour see and acknowledge the truth and the movements of the Spirit of God” (*Last Day Events*, 212). How can this great event be accomplished where thousands of people are converted in a day? It can only be achieved through

God’s hands when His people are filled with the Holy Spirit, which is the latter rain.

We need the power of the Holy Spirit to win the souls of the people around us. For this purpose, we need to fully surrender ourselves. If we have any sins that have not been repented, we need to confess all to the Lord and wait for Him to fill us with His Holy Spirit. And then, we will be ready to go forward and powerfully spread the gospel message to the world.

Every Union, Conference, and Mission leader and director needs to work not only for one city or country but also for the commission that God has given us globally.

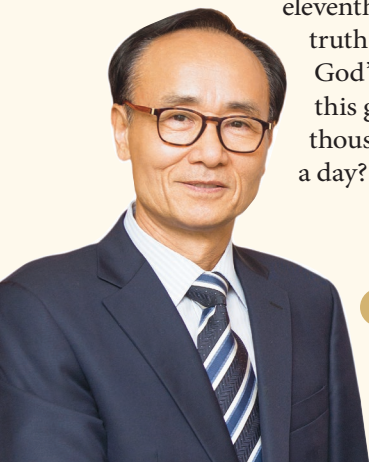
In Ziklag, when King David forgot the mission God gave to him to be a king of many nations—instead worrying about his own safety—he lost everything he had. Ellen White said, “David looked on appearances, and not at the promises of God” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, 672). But at the end of 16 months, “In this hour of utmost extremity David, instead of permitting his mind to dwell upon these painful circumstances, looked earnestly to God for help” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, 692). When David turned back to God, he brought everything back.

This Bible story gives us a crucial lesson that the leaders of God’s people need to return to God and lean upon His power. Most of all, they need the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus, “God will do great things for those who trust in Him” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, 493).



## NSD MISSION STATEMENT

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



**Kim SiYoung, President**

Northern Asia-Pacific Division

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# Northern Asia-Pacific Division Leadership Council

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held its Leadership Council at the Jeju Mission Leadership Training Center from July 5 to 8, 2021. The council meeting was held simultaneously online and on-site while strictly following the government’s guidelines for COVID-19. The officers and directors of the NSD, Korean Union Conference (KUC), and the five local conferences in Korea attended onsite, while leaders and directors from Japan Union Conference (JUC), Taiwan Conference (TWC), and Mongolia Mission (MM) participated online.

The main focus of this meeting was the *I Will Go* mission strategic plan. The General Conference is promoting the *I Will Go* strategic plan to encourage all members to participate in the gospel commission with joy while using their spiritual gifts in witnessing for Christ.

The first meeting began with the online opening message of Pastor Ted N. C. Wilson, GC president. Quoting from Isaiah 6:1-8, Pastor Wilson said, “God has a plan for each of us, wherever we live, and when God calls us with a mission, we need to respond saying ‘Here am I, Send me!’”

After the opening service, Pastor Kim SiYoung, NSD president, welcomed the leaders and directors from NSD, KUC, JUC, TWC, and MM. Pastor Richard Sabuin, NSD executive secretary, gave a presentation on



**Byun SeongJun**  
NSD Communication Director



GC president Ted Wilson delivers an opening message online.

the *I Will Go* strategic plan with the title “*I Will Go: Where, When, Who, How.*”

On the evening of the first day and the morning of the second day, Pastor Erton Köhler, the newly elected GC executive secretary, talked about the role of leadership. Köhler emphasized that we, as church leaders, must preach the gospel quickly and passionately, realizing the urgency of the times above all else. To accomplish this, he urged attendees to ask for the Holy Spirit to work in them, preach boldly, move forward in faith, make bold financial investments, provide administrative support, and use technology effectively.

On the evening of the second day, Gary Krause, the director of the GC Adventist Mission department, spoke with the theme “*I Will Go and Adventist Mission*” On the third day, pastor Vyacheslav Demyan, vice president of programming for Hope Channel International, presented on “Digital Evangelism.”

Also, on the morning of the second and third days, MM, TWC, JUC, and KUC, reported on the progress of their *I Will Go* strategic plans, and how they are being promoted and progressing in each field.

The NSD’s departmental directors were given time to present their plans. Pastor Kim YoHan, Adventist Mission director, reported on *I Will Go* and Mission to the Cities. Pastor Oh BumSeok, North Korea Mission director, introduced the missionary work to be carried out for the North Korean people during this quinquennium. During his report, Pastor Oh suggested training 100 North Korean Pioneer Mission Movement pastors, training 100 North Korean defector missionaries, training 200 young missionaries, training 600 lay missionaries, and forming 1,000 North Korean missionary prayer groups. Pastor Choi HoYoung, Youth department

director, reported on the youth projects and emphasized various plans such as: the third NSD International Pathfinder Camporee in 2023, 100K Youth Evangelism, media festival, youth conference, and discipleship training. Pastor Byun SeongJun, Communication director, announced plans to develop digital evangelism content, build a digital platform, train digital missionaries, hold the GAIN (Global Adventist Internet Network) Asia forum, and distribute the Bible Heroes game.

On the evening of the last day, during the dedication service, NSD president Kim SiYoung introduced the experience of King David from 1 Samuel 30. He said that leaders might make mistakes and face difficulties when relying on themselves, but we need to look to God and trust in Him. Pastor Kim emphasized that it is possible to gain strength and courage by relying on God. When David did not rely on God and moved to a foreign city, he lost everything, including his wife and children, but restored them by relying upon God. Pastor Kim appealed that we should ask God first before we put any mission plan into practice.



NSD president Kim SiYoung gives welcome remarks and NSD associate secretary Kim SunHwan translates.

Participants of the leadership council were able to report on the current strategy progress of each Union/Conference/Mission. The church leaders further developed the *I Will Go* plan through the online and offline meetings. In addition, the participants witnessed how to better understand the *I Will Go* plan through presentations and reports on different topics. Pastor Kim SiYoung said, “We ask for more prayers and participation so that we can overcome various mission challenges within the NSD through the *I Will Go* strategic plan, so that each church and organization’s mission work can be successful.”



1 & 2. Erton Köhler [1], GC executive secretary, and Gary Krause [2], the director of the GC Adventist Mission department, participate in the council online as speakers.  
3. Richard Sabuin, NSD executive secretary, gives a presentation on the *I Will Go* strategic plan.



# NEW LEADERS IN THE NSD

Pastor Jonas Arrais was called as the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Ministerial secretary and Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries director at the 2021 NSD Midyear Committee meeting. Before he was called to NSD, he was an associate ministerial secretary at the General Conference from 2005-2020. He was also the editor of *Elder's Digest* magazine and a specialist in training and equipping pastors, local church elders, and deacons/deaconesses.

Pastor Arrais holds a Bachelor's degree in Theology, a Master's of Divinity degree, and has earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Andrews University. Originally from Brazil, he has 37 years of experience as a pastor and five years as Associate Ministerial Secretary for the South American Division. He is the author of the following books: *A Positive Church in a Negative World*; *Wanted: A Good Pastor*; and authoring with his wife, Raquel Arrais, *Joys and Challenges of the Pastoral Family*.

He is married to Raquel Queiroz da Costa Arrais and they have two married sons, Tiago and Andre (both are Adventist pastors). They are also blessed with four grandchildren.



## Jonas Arrais

## MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Since the church is a mirror of its leadership, the Ministerial Association of the NSD is committed to serving Jesus Christ and His church by ministering to pastors and their families, local church leaders, administrators, departmental directors, and Ministerial Association secretaries in its territory. They are to be trained, equipped, and mobilized to proclaim the everlasting gospel and to fulfill its divine mission to prepare a people to meet their soon-coming Lord.

## ADVENTIST CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES

The Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) department serves as the ecclesiastical endorsing agency of professional chaplaincies for the NSD to provide competent and responsible care for the religious needs and spiritual well-being of all persons associated with the institution or organization they serve. The ACM supports and sustains Adventist chaplains in their ministries and assists qualified Adventist clergy to transition from pastoral ministry into the chaplaincy ministries of college and university campuses, in community agencies, health care facilities, military forces, and other entities. Adventist chaplains are expected to actively engage in reaching out to the unreached with the gospel and inviting them to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

# Raquel Queiroz da Costa Arrais

**R**aquel Queiroz da Costa Arrais, was called to serve as director of Family, Children's, and Women's Ministries during the Northern Asia-Pacific Division's 2021 Midyear Committee. She holds a bachelor's degree in education, and a master's degree in pastoral ministry from the seminary at Andrews University in Michigan, USA. She is currently reading for a master's degree in Arabic studies from Middle East University, Beirut, Lebanon.

Before coming to NSD, she served as Women's Ministries associate director at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (2005-2021). Originally from Brazil, she has worked in the South American Division as Women's Ministries and Shepherdess associate director (2000-2003) as well as Children's Ministries director (2004-2005). Her service in the Adventist Church began as an educator and administrator in many institutions in the South American Division.

Raquel Arrais is married to Pastor Jonas Arrais. They have two married sons, Tiago and Andre who are both pastors, and four grandchildren. Ms. Arrais grew up in a pastoral family and is a third-generation Seventh-day Adventist.

Family Ministries, Children's Ministries, and Women's Ministries are vital for the mission of the church. It is a combined force that plays a leading role in making disciples and keeping the church nurtured, healthy, and in harmony as a family of God.

This department embraces the *I Will Go* mission strategy encouraging, equipping, mobilizing, and inspiring, families, children, and women to respond to the Great Commission by serving the Lord with love and compassion using God-given gifts to spread the gospel and see Jesus coming soon to take us home (Acts 1:8).

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

**T**he NSD department of Family Ministries seeks to nurture and strengthen individuals, marriages, and families by promoting unity among family members, connecting with the community, and empowering every family for discipleship, service, and mission. It is a ministry that provides tools to help individuals communicate more effectively, deepen their commitments in marriage, and assist in becoming better parents. Family Ministries helps families grow in love to live in harmony within the family of God.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**T**he Children's Ministries in the NSD territory seeks to reach every child regardless of race, language, socio-economic status, or religion with the Good News of the salvation of Jesus. We seek to reach children in schools, at churches, on the streets, or in our organized programs. For the church to reach the thousands of children with the gospel, we need everyone, both adults and children, to be proactive in sharing the love of Jesus.

- We want to inspire and unite our Adventist children to participate in this new initiative, *I Will Go*, and to become involved in the mission of the church.
- We want to lead our children and go alongside them to witness and proclaim the everlasting gospel to all their friends.
- We want our children to go and serve others in their communities, building friendships and sharing the love of Jesus with everyone they meet.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The department of Women's Ministries in the NSD exists to uphold, encourage, and challenge Adventist women as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of His world church. Our mission in the larger sense is common to all Christians—that of uplifting Christ in the church and in the world. But more specifically, we are called to:

**NURTURE:** Reach Up to God—To help women in their devotional time and personal growth, enabling them to be nurturers in the church and community.

**EMPOWER:** Reach In with God—To equip women for their activities

and projects for the church and community.

**OUTREACH:** Reach Out with God—To help women use small group fellowship; social networking as a base for a vibrant place to build one-on-one connections and transform lives; evangelism to reach others in their community.

My prayer is that we cooperate with God during this special time in history as we “GO” reaching men, women, young people, and children with the love, hope, and healing of Jesus for eternity. Thank you for your prayers and support as we share this journey together.

## PASTOR HAN SUKHEE IS ELECTED AS THE NEW MONGOLIA MISSION PRESIDENT

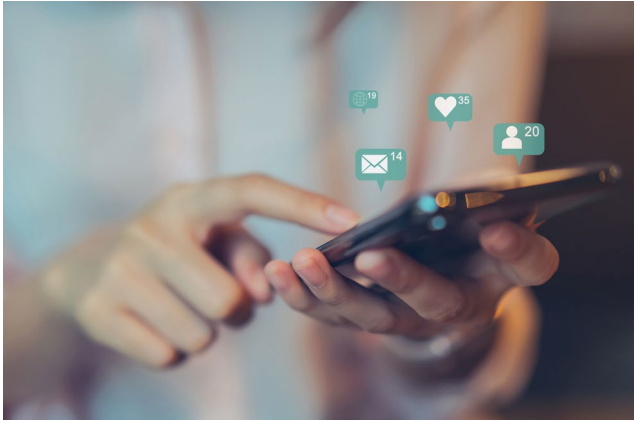


Pastor Han SukHee, who served as Communication director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, was elected as the new Mongolia Mission (MM) president to replace Pastor Kim YoHan, beginning June 1, 2021. Pastor Han said, “The boat that stayed at the port is safe, but that is not the purpose and reason of the boat’s construction. And in accordance with that purpose, just as the boat must move toward the vast ocean to catch fish, I will move forward to the vast territory of Mongolia to catch precious souls through spreading the everlasting gospel and leading people to Jesus Christ.”

Pastor Han has made the *I Will Go* project his top priority of this session and has set a goal of pioneering 10 new churches and baptizing 1,000 people by 2025. Some of the goals set out are as follows: First, to foster competent leaders in each church; second, to develop local churches as fully self-nurturing; third, to invest in the expansion of community services and centers of influence in local areas; fourth, to reinforce small group evangelism, health seminars, and online evangelism in each church. With a majority of the 2,500 Adventists below the age of 40, the future of the Adventist Church in Mongolia is bright.

Meanwhile, three Korean pastors’ families have been sent to Mongolia as Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionaries, sowing the seeds of the gospel. It is expected that more pastors from Korea will be able to apply as PMM missionaries in the future and establish a vision of global mission work by dedicating themselves to evangelizing the Mongolian territory.





# NSD Digital Evangelism Initiative

**Kim YongHun**

NSD Communication Associate Director

During this quinquennium, the General Conference has launched a new strategic plan of *I Will Go*. This initiative involves all church members in reaching the world, inspiring and equipping them to use their God-given spiritual gifts in witness and service for Christ. To accomplish this goal, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) is focusing on digital evangelism, which includes Internet and media evangelism.

Because the world is changing rapidly, digital evangelism strategically uses the Internet, mobile, and social media platforms to meet the needs of others while sharing the gospel with family, friends, and neighbors through the online world. We need to maximize the potential of media and Internet technology for digital evangelism. Therefore, we encourage each church as well as all church members to actively involve themselves in digital missionary activities and digital evangelism.

## Objectives

1. To recruit and train digital missionaries for digital evangelism.
2. To create gospel content in the form of texts, images, videos, audio, and Bible verse cards to share through various social media platforms.

3. To support the ministries of the Hope Channel, Adventist World Radio, and Bible Correspondence School by maximizing the usage of their gospel content while mass distributing them.

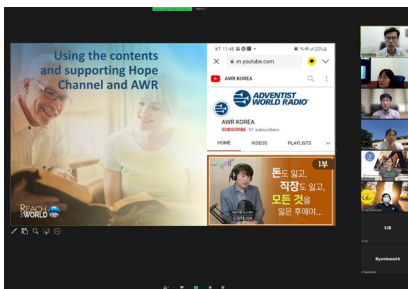
## Goals

### 1. Personal

Every digital missionary can participate in the digital missionary training held by the church organization and actively engage in creating and sharing the gospel content to lead people to Jesus Christ starting with family and friends. Each missionary will fully support the digital evangelism work of the local church and pastor where he or she attends.

### 2. Corporate

Church leaders from all levels of church organization, Division/Union/Conference/Mission, will designate a director/associate director who will oversee digital evangelism and establish a budget for digital evangelism. The designated person will recruit and train digital missionaries. And he or she will support local churches in preparing and organizing digital evangelism.



On August 17, 2021, the NSD Communication department held its first meeting for the NSD Digital Evangelism Initiative on Zoom. Pastor Byun SeongJun, NSD Communication director, shared a broad outline of the initiative's objectives, and goals with Communication directors and media center workers of Unions/Conferences/Mission under the NSD. After Pastor Byun's presentation, attendees discussed on specific ways of implementing digital evangelism in their mission territory—human resources, budgets, team organization, and more. Attendees decided to develop a specific action plan for their Unions/Conferences/Mission and to meet again. It is expected that digital evangelism will serve as a powerful tool to reach out to people in the NSD territories.



## Inauguration of Creation Displays

All Seventh-day Adventist schools are places where children and young people may learn about God, the Creator of the universe. With the dominance of evolutionary theory in secular schools, Adventist schools

are to defend and promote the biblical creation. This is because creation is the basis for knowing God and His powerful words. Other biblical doctrine such as Sabbath observance, Christian family life, sin and salvation, the Godhead, the philosophy of work, are all related to creation.

For that reason, the Education department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) in collaboration with the Geoscience Research Institute (GRI) of NSD came up with the idea of providing every Adventist school with a creation display or a creation museum. In this initiative, schools should have a space, a room or a corner in the school building, where creation artifacts are to be displayed. The purpose is to remind students that creation is real, and God is real. It is to teach them that the world did not come to existence by chance or accident.

To fulfill this purpose, for the last year, the NSD Geoscience Research Institute and the Education departments have purchased creation artifacts and fossils from Tucson, Arizona, USA, and distributed them



Pastor Sabuin explains the meaning of providing every Adventist school in the NSD territory with a creation display.



(From left) Choi ChongGeol, NSD GRI director, Kim SiYoung, NSD president, Richard Sabuin, NSD Education director, and Kim NakHyung, NSD Stewardship director.

NSD Education department prepares a space in the director's office to display creation artifacts.

to all Adventist schools in the Japan Union Conference, the Taiwan Conference, and the Mongolia Mission. Each school has received creation items worth \$1,000 USD. In response to this initiative, all schools have prepared a space to display these artifacts and fossils. Adventist schools in the Korean Union Conference have had creation museums in place for more than 10 years already.

Since it is not possible to visit all the schools right now due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a launching or inauguration of these creation displays was done in the NSD headquarters in Paju, Korea, on June 16, 2021. In the office of the NSD Education department director, a space has been prepared with some shelves to display similar artifacts and fossils that were given to the schools. Half of the office of Education is dedicated for this purpose, symbolizing that the Education department of NSD exists to introduce God to all students, and to bring them to the knowledge of their Creator.

At the symbolic inauguration of the creation displays, NSD president Kim SiYoung thanked Choi ChongGeol, NSD GRI director, and Richard Sabuin, NSD Education director, for their effort in making this happen. "We need to introduce God to many students studying in our schools, who have not known God and accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior," he said. All NSD employees attended the special event and witnessed the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Although it was a small event, it represented the most important value in Adventist education. Let us pray that all our Adventist schools continue to be a place where many children and young people come to know God and form a personal relationship with Him.



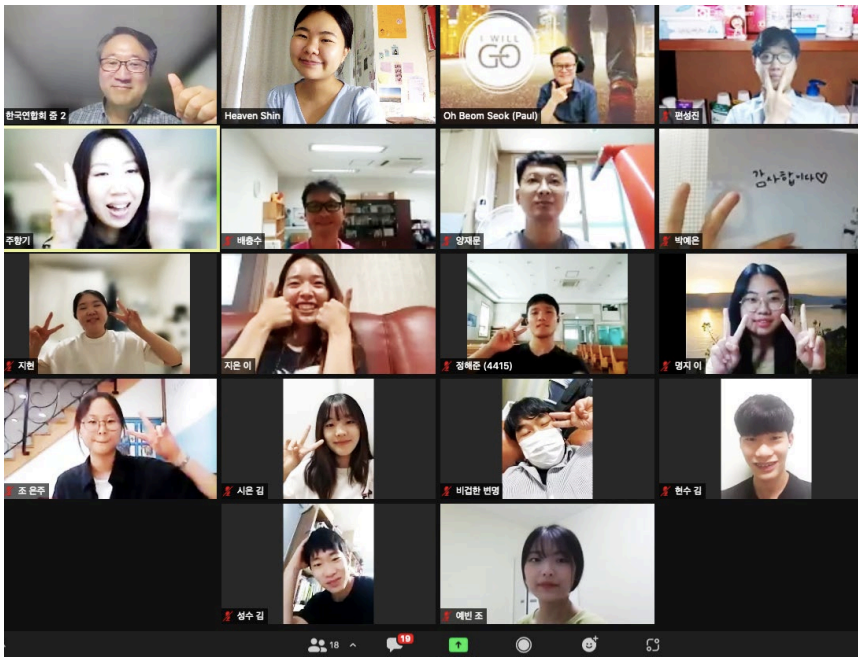
**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD Education Director



# Training Youth – North Korea Missionaries “Bukbukbuk”



**Oh BeomSeok**  
NSD North Korea Mission Director



Bukbukbuk, the group of young missionaries for the North Korea mission, gather through Zoom to receive missionary training.

On August 19, 2021, thirty young missionaries being trained for the North Korea mission appeared on a computer screen. Those being trained are enthusiastic college students, along with some high school students and young professionals—a doctor, nurse, teacher, lawyer, and social worker. These young people have set their dreams to become missionaries to North Korea.

The group is officially called “Bukbukbuk” in Korean—the three letters with the same pronunciation are aligned, but each letter has different meanings. The first “buk”

indicates North, which draws us into awareness of North Korea and to pray for the country. The second “buk” holds the meaning of a book, and implies reading as many books as possible to gain knowledge regarding North Korea. And the last “buk” means drum, which signifies to sounding out to deliver the gospel message as the drum does.

Back in 2018, ten young missionaries formed Bukbukbuk, and it has gradually grown in number to reach 30 members. They meet on a regular basis, holding seminars, prayer meetings, and retreats at least three times in a year.

The main speaker of the August event, Kim YongIn, is the director of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Korea. He talked about the connection ADRA has maintained with North Korea and the importance of young people being equipped as experts in each field in society. Pastor Yoo KyungHo, the associate director of Youth Ministries of the Korean Union Conference (KUC), preached about Daniel’s life of dedication and what can be learned from him as a missionary in Babylon. The lectures gave attendants greater opportunity to faithfully devote themselves to God. Participants then separated into small groups and discussed and prayed together on how to effectively prepare for the North Korea Mission.

Pastor Im SangWoo, associate director of the KUC North Korea Mission and the one who planned the event, emphasized not waiting to put off the task for an indefinite future for an indefinite future, but to live with the assurance that we’re already missionaries.

Jesus said, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” (Matthew 24:14). North Korea is certainly one of the remnant missions where the gospel message must be delivered before Jesus comes. I pray that these young people play an essential role to carry on the Three Angels’ Messages to North Korea and facilitate our Lord’s Second Coming.

# NSD North Korea Mission

**Oh BeomSeok**

NSD North Korea Mission Director

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) has a special department that other divisions in the Adventist church do not have, and that is the North Korea Mission department. To spread the gospel to North Korea, where the door to the gospel is still firmly closed, the NSD North Korea Mission works closely with KUC to train missionaries who can be dispatched to North Korea. In addition to Bukbukbuk, there are several mission teams called NK PMM, Priscilla and Aquila, and North Korean defector missionaries.

## North Korea Pioneer Mission Movement (NKPM) (NKPM)

The NKPM are a group of trained pastors who have committed to serve as missionaries when the doors open to North Korea; they have been training since 2017. A total of four theory and practical field trainings have been conducted twice



Twenty pastors of the NKPMM second batch receive their training.

a year for two years, and 14 pastors have completed the course and qualified as NKPMM missionaries in 2017-2018. Currently, 20 pastors of the second batch have received their training. Pastors who have been trained in this way are assigned to a designated mission field in North Korea, and when the doors open, they are set to allocate themselves to that area to reestablish churches and preach the gospel.

## Priscilla and Aquila

These lay missionaries will reside in North Korea when the doors are opened and take part in missions while working at regular jobs like Priscilla and Aquila in the New Testament. Their training started in 2018 and has been conducted regularly twice a year. A total of seven theoretical and field training sessions have been completed with about 100 missionaries participating.

## North Korean Defector Missionaries

There are 33,721 North Korean defectors living in South Korea, with about 1,000 North Koreans finding a way into South Korea every year. By seeing north and south groups come together we have a glimpse of a brighter future. However, only 0.3 percent of North Korean defectors are currently Adventists. In order to evangelize defectors, leaders are working together with Uimyeong Mission church, a North Korean refugee church. We expect this church to be a starting point for the North Korean Mission when the doors open.

Ellen White said, "It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Christ's Object Lesson, 69). In the meaning of this quotation, North Korea Mission is one of the areas that could hasten the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. We hope that well-trained missionaries will be empowered by the Holy Spirit and earnestly spread the Three Angels' Messages to North Korea so that Jesus can come soon.



North Korean Defector Missionaries.



Priscilla and Aquila is a lay missionary group for the North Korea Mission.



## Pastors' Training for Healing Ministry

The Health Ministries department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) conducted a primary course called “Pastors’ Training Program for Healing Ministry” at the Mission Leadership Training Center of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) on Jeju Island from May 13 to 15, 2021. This training program was designed to provide proper education about the NEWSTART healing ministry as well as clarify the Adventist health message to prevent misunderstandings of various natural remedies.

At the training course, 40 pastors interested in health evangelism joined together to study the principles of NEWSTART and how to apply them in their ministries at local churches.

### Lectures on NEWSTART Lifestyle

Pastor Seo DaeDoo, director of the Salem Healing Center, was invited as an instructor. He shared his experience on health evangelism that emphasized the importance of a NEWSTART lifestyle and how it can restore an unbalanced lifestyle. Pastor Seo is a pastor with unique experiences. He ran a sanitarium hospital in Yeosu in the past. And in Canada, he successfully changed a Korean Church into a NEWSTART church when he was serving there.

During the training, Pastor Seo presented seven lectures with titles, such as “NEWSTART health message in the era of COVID-19,” “How to prepare a health lecture for COVID-19,” and “Application of NEWSTART for local churches.”

Pastor Park SangHee, KUC Health Ministries director, gave a sermon during the training where he shared concerns about the deterioration of NEWSTART within churches and that it was an urgent issue for church leaders and members. NEWSTART, which originated at Weimar Institute in California, is an acronym for Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest, and Trust in God, and its principles are a distinguishing feature of the Adventist Church. “To establish it correctly is absolutely necessary for the mission of the Adventist Church and for the latter rain movement,” Pastor Park said.

### Group Study and Activities

There were group study and outdoor walking activities in the program. They read the book *Ministry of Healing*, written by Ellen G. White in small groups and shared their opinions and ministerial visions. The outdoor walking in the forest refreshed the tired minds and bodies of the participants.

They agreed that the useful lectures combined with vivid experiences from the instructor restored their resolutions. During the testimony session before the dedication service, one of the participants said, “I have usually had negative preconceptions about NEWSTART. But through this training, I have seen a clear and strong vision to correct my prejudices and I want to implement this mission in local churches.”

Pastor Park pointed out that “the confusion of the Korean churches has been increasing due to the lack of

correct information. In the meantime, many pastors have become passive in emphasizing and practicing the NEWSTART message.” He urged participants to experience the healing power of the NEWSTART lifestyle first. It was stated that fostering pastors as healing ministry experts is one of the core projects for KUC, and it is expected that more pastors will join the training program next time.

### Future Plans

In addition to “Pastors’ Training Program for Healing Ministry,” the KUC Health Ministries department is planning to provide a 10-day program for pastors. They will not only participate in the training but experience the effects of the NEWSTART lifestyle themselves during the program. The department also has a plan to set up specialized NEWSTART churches. These plans are from an expectation that the Adventist members can practice the NEWSTART principles in a balanced manner and experience God’s healing power. Thus such positive

influences will spread into the neighboring churches and local communities.

Furthermore, in 2022, the KUC Health Ministries department plans to launch a mobile NEWSTART application and divide it into three specialized groups of people: the public, the severely ill, cancer patients, and adolescents. These apps will help users to continually check on the practicing of the eight NEWSTART health principles and provide various information, such as healthy recipes, to help everyone to carry out the NEWSTART lifestyle in their daily lives.

“It will not be easy for pastors to apply the NEWSTART principles because of different pastoral environments,” Pastor Park said at the end of the meeting. “Even if there are difficulties, do not compromise and just try to deliver the NEWSTART message with faith. God, who blessed Daniel, will bless all the pastors who practice the health principles,” he added.

## Seohae Sahmyook Middle and High Schools Hold Evangelistic Series



Twenty-six students were baptized after the evangelistic series at Seohae Sahmyook Middle and High Schools.

The Seohae Sahmyook Middle and High Schools conducted a youth evangelistic series from July 5 to 10, 2021. The series was conducted in cooperation with Sahmyook University theology students who are from Chungcheong Province where the schools are located. Korean alumni of 1000 Missionary Movement also helped with the series.

Under the title of “Inside Out,” Pastor Shin JaeSeong, who serves Shinyang Church and was invited as a speaker, delivered sermons twice a day. His sermons dealt with various emotions of human beings, such as fear, depression, anger, heartache, joy, and love.

In addition to the sermons, small group activities made up an important part of the evangelistic series. Each theology student went into a classroom and listened to students who needed a chance to talk about their emotions and wounds in their hearts.

Before the series began, the theology students had already contacted those who were seriously considering baptism but were still undecided. Teachers and other students had also set aside a time to pray for those students. During the series, the theology students offered one-on-one talks and Bible studies.

After the series, 26 students accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and were baptized. But the baptisms were not just the result of a six-day evangelistic effort. To bear the fruits of souls, the schools had put forth a strategic effort from the beginning of the semester. They divided students by the status of their religious life and faith, and offered a religion class for each group.

# Health Evangelism in Mongolia

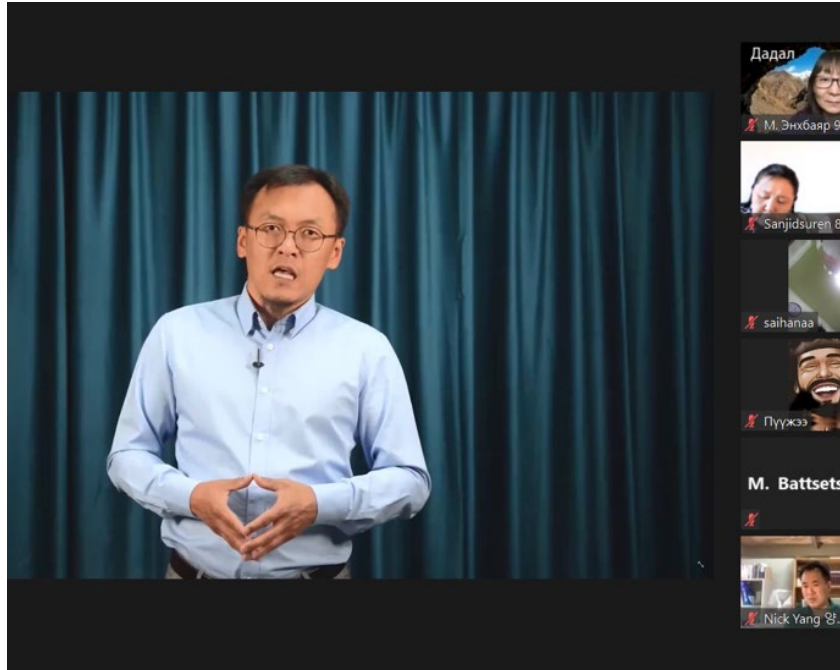
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MM Media Missionary

The Mongolia Mission (MM) conducted a health evangelistic series from June 28 to July 8, 2021. Out of the 30 churches in MM, 458 people attended the evangelistic series with almost half of them non-believers.

The health evangelistic program was based on the Seventh-day Adventist church's core health message, CELEBRATIONS®—an acronym for 12 healthful living principles: Choices, Exercise, Liquid, Environment, Belief, Rest, Air, Temperance, Integrity, Optimism, Nutrition, Social Support and Services. Joanna Kim, director of the Light Health Training Center in Korea, served as a speaker. Mongolia Mission expresses appreciation to her because she has often visited Mongolia and has made a great effort to deliver the Adventist health message to the Mongolian people. Also, we want to remember all those who supported this series behind the scenes.

The world is changing, and we now live in an age where information can be easily shared through various online social media platforms, especially with Internet usage increasing in Mongolia. Through running this evangelistic series, we were able to find that there are a lot of people who are thirsty for the health message. Behind one Zoom account, there were several people gathered to watch our health evangelistic series. Also, I can tell you that many of the attendees overcame challenges to participate in our Zoom meetings. A visually impaired person joined the meeting and listened carefully to our health message. She said that her heart was full of joy and happiness during the series. And there were those who participated from their sick beds. All the participants were in different circumstances and situations, but each one is so precious in God's eyes. I am so thankful to God



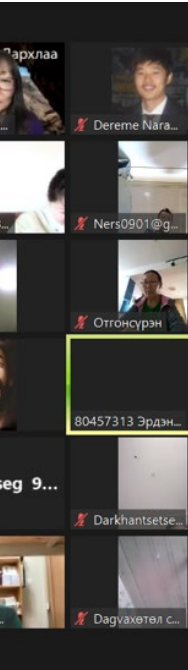
Pastor Nyamsuren Myagmar, MM ministerial secretary, gives a sermon during the health evangelistic series.

that the Adventist health message led many souls to meet the Adventist Church.

Now it's time to consider the next step. We have run an online church group, "the Home of Faith," and the MM media missionaries are now serving for this ministry. They have shared various contents including sermons and livestreamed Bible studies. Now the online church group has over 500 in membership and many newcomers joined after the health evangelistic series. We are trying to reach out to them individually, but it takes time. We pray that they will open their hearts and ask God to come in. I ask you to pray for the people in Mongolia.

We believe that the Adventist health message is the helping hand of the gospel. Through this series, God reached out His arm for the people in Mongolia. Many here need God's healing hand, and I am sure that God wants to heal and save us. Furthermore, we are living in the coronavirus pandemic. This health message, delivered via Zoom, was as precious as ever for Mongolian people in need.





The bereaved family of late Pastor So ByeongJik, who spent his entire life serving in the U.S., donated a scholarship fund of \$10,000 to Sahmyook University, in accordance with his will.

Born in November of 1942, Pastor So graduated from Sahmyook University as a theology major in 1970 and served in Daegu and the Busan area for two years. After marrying Ms. Im SunJa (one of the first graduates of Sahmyook University’s Department of Home Economics) in 1972, he moved to the U.S., graduated from the seminary of Andrews University in 1984, and was ordained as a pastor in the New York Conference in 1986.

Pastor So then served several churches as a senior pastor, including the Fort Worth Church in Dallas, the Houston Korean Church in Texas, the Riverside Korean Church, the Queens Korean Church in New York, and the Korean Central Church of New York until his retirement in September 2008. This faithful servant of God enjoyed retirement with his family in Washington and Arizona before entering into a peaceful rest in the Lord at the age of 78, in February 2021.

The donation ceremony of the scholarship fund was held at the president’s office of the Sahmyook University Centennial Memorial Hall on July 5, 2021. The ceremony was joined by the late pastor’s younger sister So JinAe, an adjunct professor at Sahmyook University’s Department of Art and Design, and her husband Park GwangSeon, a former director of Sahmyook Adventist Dental Hospital.

“Throughout his entire life in the U.S., he always cherished the fond memories of his four years at Sahmyook University, which he said were the happiest times of his life,” So’s family said. “He asked us to deliver this money to students with a calling to serve the Lord.”

## Retired Pastor’s Last Will of \$10,000 Donation to His Alma Mater



Pastor So ByeongJik



So JinAe, Pastor So’s sister (left), at the donation ceremony of the scholarship fund

Do you enjoy playing video games? Or do you enjoy reading the Bible? If you answered “yes” to these questions, then you will absolutely enjoy playing Heroes 2: The Bible Trivia Game!

In the words of Pastor Sam Neves, the associate director of Communications at the General Conference, the concept of Heroes 2 is the “gamification of Bible study.” The online game seeks to both help people gain interest in studying the Bible and to make Bible study fun. Thus, Heroes 2 is for people new to the Bible and for seasoned readers as well.

The basic goal of the game is to answer a round of twelve questions in the fastest time possible. Upon

installing the game, the player starts with Adam and Eve and then accumulates points to unlock questions on other Bible heroes. The player can also use power-ups called “Effects” that can be used to help answer a question or reduce the record time during a game. Heroes 2 also has a multiplayer mode—the player can challenge another person by sending them a link to the game and their record time. Not to mention, Heroes 2 has decent graphics for a trivia game

I had the opportunity to compete with 15 other players from around the world in the first ever Bible Heroes World Championship in May 2021. The finalists did a good job

in reflecting Jesus in their behavior throughout the tournament. The event was broadcast live and garnered thousands of views on social media. Non-Adventists and non-Christians also participated in and watched the event, resulting in a worldwide increase of Bible knowledge and interest. The event was won by a 14-year-old boy from the Philippines, proving that young people can be champions for Christ.

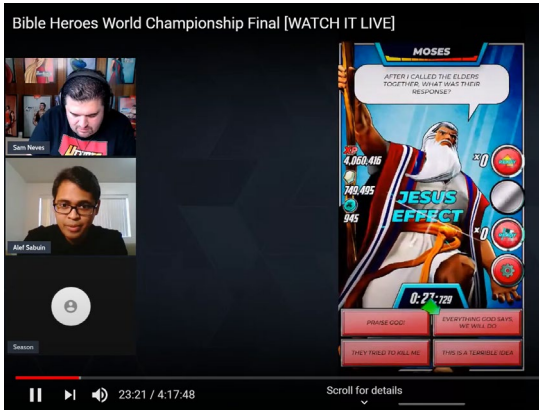
The development team says there are still many things to improve in the game, and they depend on volunteers to assist on their Discord channel. As of now, the team is working on 1,200 new questions, 3 new heroes, improving the game

# Bible Heroes World Championship — An Online Gamer’s Trivia Paradise



**Alef Sabuin**  
Former JUC Accountant





features, and translating the game into more languages. (It is currently translated into English, Spanish, Portuguese and French.)

In Jesus' Great Commission, He tells us to "make disciples of all the nations." Doesn't this also include the "nation of gamers"? We are called to reach people where they are, and I truly believe that Heroes 2 is a powerful tool to share Jesus to the great online nation.

*The online Bible trivia game, Heros 2, is a free app designed by those at Hope Channel under the General Conference. The application not only includes testing knowledge of Bible characters, but it also covers "big" questions to challenge those seeking Bible truths, as well as an option for Bible studies and a 24-hour prayer team.*

*For more information go to [herosbibletrivia.org](http://herosbibletrivia.org).*

## Sahmyook Charity Shop

Sahmyook University's Charity Shop has stepped up to help struggling foreign students during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Operated by a group of volunteer women, the shop donated 30 million KRW (about \$26,000) to the university for school development and scholarships for students. The shop has been selling sponsored goods from various fields of society and donating the entire profit as scholarship funds for students since 2013.

Specifically, the group began supporting fifteen foreign students from Vietnam, China, India, the Philippines, Iraq, and Cameroon in 2020. The scholarship fund greatly benefits these struggling students because they are not eligible for the Korean government scholarships, and opportunities for part-time jobs have almost shut down due to the COVID-19 crisis. Added to the strain are their families in their home countries who face financial difficulties as well.

The Charity Shop's most recent fundraising event was for a Vietnamese student whose newborn baby had a symptom of stiffness in its fingers and required rehabilitation treatment. Also, the volunteer group held a giveaway event on July 16, 2021, for foreign students at the parking lot in front of the recreation center on campus. The students could receive clothes, cosmetics, bread, soy milk, and Korean rice cakes.

"We are glad to see our scholarship fund growing because it means we can extend help to more students in need," said Kwon YeongSun, president of the Sahmyook Charity Shop. "We pray that the students will grow into great and capable members of society when they go back to their countries."





A student majoring in Social Welfare at Sahmyook University visits the elderly to deliver porridge and COVID-19 prevention items.

## Social Welfare Majors of Sahmyook University Practice Sharing Through Community Chest Activity

Social Welfare majors of Sahmyook University drew people's attention as they practiced the "community chest" projects they learned in class delivering collections to support senior citizens who live alone in Nowon District, Seoul. The "community chest" activity has been going on for more than 20 years as a part of the course called Community Social Welfare, one of the core courses of the major.

Sahmyook University's Social Welfare professor, Jeong JongHwa, and students organized a donation delivery ceremony at Sanggye-dong Elder Care Support Center in Nowon, Seoul, on June 23, 2021, and delivered a bowl of porridge and preventive items for COVID-19.

Last semester, students of the required course taught by professor Jeong learned theories and practical know-how about community social welfare in a systematic manner. In this course they are taught basic concepts, marketing, various strategies, and how to develop supporters of the "community chest."

The students planned, organized, and carried out the fundraising project all by themselves. Through this activity a number of single-household elders, disabled, and North Korean children received help. In recognition of the long-standing goodwill and work, in 2018, this project was selected as one of the best practicums among all the university "community chest" activities by the Community Chest of Korea.

As the COVID-19 pandemic hampered offline fundraising, the project organizers for the spring semester this year devised a plan for an online activity. Under the catchphrase "Be the Vaccine for the Elderly Living Alone," they passionately promoted the campaign on social media for 44 days, collecting a total of 1.3 million KRW (about \$1,130). The campaigners purchased and delivered porridge to those elderly who struggle to eat because they no longer have teeth, and who do not have family support. Students also delivered necessary items for COVID-19 prevention to the Nowon Elder Care Support Center.

Following the example of the 24-hour Prayer Room at Global Camp Meeting by the General Conference, the Japan Union Conference (JUC) held a fasting and prayer day, entitled “777,” on July 7, 2021. The program, which was held online, started at 7 a.m. and ended at 7 p.m. The preaching and seminars were led by presidents of local conferences under the JUC district leaders of local churches, and leaders from the Adventist college and academy in Japan. Office workers of JUC also participated in the program, praying in one accord with Adventists in Japan.

At this year’s “777,” the number of participants peaked to 178. Since some were assumed to be participating at their churches with other attendees, the total number of participants was estimated at more than 200 people.

**Feedback from Participants**

- During the “777” fasting and prayer day, I had a chance to meet and pray with Adventists in the Northeast district of Japan. As those Adventists spoke about what is happening in their district, I was thankful that I am a part of the Adventist Church family. (From Okinawa)
- In order to participate in “777” through Zoom, my son set up the computer for me. I was deeply blessed since I was able to participate in the fasting and prayer for 12 hours. (From Hokkaido)
- From 3 p.m. to 3 a.m. (California time), I was able to participate in “777” by Zoom. While I worked from home during the event, I listened to the stories and prayers. I was grateful that I could participate in this 12-hour program in California, far away from Japan. (From California, U.S.A.)

# Fasting and Prayer Day “777”

**Eisaku Morita**  
Assistant to the President of JUC  
for Evangelism



# *I Will Go,* Beyond Hope and Expectations!

The new term of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) started in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. But by the grace of God and His guidance, KUC was able to quickly adapt to the “unusual” missional challenges and difficulties. Here are some of the steps KUC took in initiating the *I Will Go* mission strategy.

March 9 to 10	Workshop for KUC officers and directors.
March 14	Inauguration of <i>I Will Go</i> control tower team and appointing Pastor Park ChungTaik, KUC executive secretary, as chair of the <i>I Will Go</i> committee.
March 25 to 27	<i>I Will Go</i> information session for officers and directors of local conferences and institutions.
April	<i>I Will Go</i> survey (nationwide, 3,000 responses).
April 26	First KUC <i>I Will Go</i> Conference.
May 10	Inauguration of 10/40 Window mission project team.
June 1 to 2	10/40 Window mission project conference.
May to June	Consultation with 12 Institutions regarding <i>I Will Go</i> initiative.



KUC directors brainstorm ideas for executing *I Will Go* mission initiative.



Under the vision, “*I Will Go, Beyond Hope and Expectations!*” KUC strives to concentrate on three key missional focuses, which follow the three first letters of *I Will Go*.

**Identity Recovery:** The Adventist Church is a remnant church, and the members are its remnant people. Therefore, we should have a clear and vivid mission.

**Work for Revival and Reformation:** Experiencing personal revival and reformation is crucial in preparing for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. All the institutions and organizations in KUC should endeavor to bring revival and reformation.

**Go to the World:** Increasing KUC’s contribution to the world mission is crucial for God’s mission. The Korean Church has grown to what it is today with the sacrifice and passion of the missionaries who brought the gospel 117 years ago. Now, it is our turn to return the favor to other countries and increase the role in serving the Adventist world church, especially in the 10/40 window, the area of the world with the greatest need of the gospel.

KUC has carried out a nationwide *I Will Go* survey in cooperation with its five local conferences, one attached field, and all of its institutions. All conferences and institutions have established an *I Will Go* committee and have begun to set specific plans and goals according to *I Will Go* KPIs and the results of the survey. This survey will be conducted every two years.

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me’” (Isaiah 6:8). Please continue to pray for KUC and the *I Will Go* mission initiative.



KUC President Kang SoonKi leads their first *I Will Go* Conference.



# KUC *I Will Go* Messages from Leaders

The *I Will Go* Mission Strategy has its foundation in an obedient answer, “Here am I! Send me,” to the call “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” (Isaiah 6:8). It is a mission strategy and a mission commission for all the members to go and take part in God’s work with the spiritual gifts that are bestowed upon them.

When members grow spiritually, their identity becomes firmly rooted, which leads to a mission focused mindset and church growth. Thus, the gospel commission being preached to the ends of this earth will be fulfilled. I am delighted and thankful that we can dream and share missional visions together in order to finish the work through participating in this worldwide mission project. Praise the Lord!

**Kang SoonKi, KUC President**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Though COVID-19 has put a halt in our daily lives, there is one thing that we cannot stop. That is, mission work for God’s kingdom. There are many things in this world that can be put off until tomorrow, but there is one important thing that cannot be postponed. Evangelism. “We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine” (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, 22).

“That soul whom you might have found, that soul to whom you might have opened the Scriptures, passes beyond your reach. Satan has prepared some net for his feet, and tomorrow he may be working out the plans of the archenemy of God. Why delay one day? Why not go to work at once?” (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, 443). It is very clear that we have no time to waste in doing God’s work.

Let us not hesitate but move forward in God’s mission through the *I Will Go* mission strategy. May we answer “*I Will Go*” to the calling of God without making excuses. Let’s “Go” together and finish the work!

**Park ChungTaik, KUC *I Will Go* Executive Director**



# KUC *I Will Go* Activities

## How *I Will Go* Changed a Family

There is a woman. She is an Adventist, but she married a man who didn't believe in Jesus. She had two sons and she raised them. Because her husband did not believe in Jesus, she could not enroll her children in Adventist schools. But more and more she realized the importance of faith. Her desire was for her husband and children to experience the Adventist faith and finally go to church along with her. She always tried and prayed for this to happen.

As a result of her effort, her husband was finally baptized in 2019. Hallelujah! But she had another concern in 2020. Due to COVID-19, church could not have normal activities. And, their children were already in middle and high school. Therefore, it became more difficult for her to draw the boys' attention to religious life. She was glad that her husband was baptized and had become a church member, but the joy was only for a moment. She began to worry that her husband would not settle down in the church and might return to the world.

Then, she heard about the *I Will Go* mission activities with simple ways to participate. There were activities



that not only provided religious education but activities promoting family harmony, community volunteer projects, and ways to enjoy the natural world. Although teens are not usually interested in church activities, she asked her husband and children to join the program. And this is how the family's *I Will Go* program began.

Through these activities, she stopped worrying about her husband. And the children became closer to faith. Although everything was difficult due to COVID-19, participating in the *I Will Go* mission strategy was an opportunity for her family to love each other and for their faith to grow.

## Small Changes Make A Big Difference



According to April, a missionary teacher at SDA Language School, "spiritual emphasis has been very conventional at the Headquarters of SDA Language School." But recently, through implementing the *I Will Go* "Spiritual Growth" category as the foundation core of

the institution, things changed. Thoughtful devotions and discussions became the norm for workers at the school, as well as staff and teachers who are excited to return to the basics in doing God's work. Small changes really do make a big difference.

"The executives and I discussed how to put the *I Will Go* mission strategy into practice at SDA Language School," said the mission director, pastor Jeong DaeSung. "While praying together, we concluded that it would be appropriate to make small changes starting from the headquarters. We implemented various KPIs of the *I Will Go* mission strategic plan to our daily routine. Every day, those who are in HQ are experiencing touching moments through small groups and interactive worship. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our steps as we embark in an exciting missional journey together. Please continue to pray and support SDA Language School."





# Sharu Church Extends a Helping Hand to Neighbors

**Park JinSoo**

PMM Pastor at Sharu Church

During the celebration of Taiwan Adventist College's 70 anniversary on April 18, 2021, dozens of college students and children in red *Hanbok*, a Korean traditional costume, appeared on stage and played drums for the celebration performance. The upbeat sound of *Nanta*, a Korean non-verbal show, and some ethnic dance performances attracted people's attention. The performers were children from the Sharu Church Pathfinder Club, "Gaonnuri"—its pastor, Park JinSoo, is a Korean missionary in Taiwan with the Pioneer Mission Movement.

At the celebration there was also a charity sale. Stalls were filled with smells of delicious snacks, refreshing drinks, and other food. At one of the booths, a group of people in red T-shirts shouted, "Buy bread! Get a massage, too!" They were selling delicious bread, and offering essential oil shoulder massages. People started to line up. The sign at the booth said, "Fundraising for the Remodeling of Nan'ao Church." Nan'ao is a town in the southern part of Yilan county in Taiwan. The small Adventist church in Nan'ao was selling bread that Sharu Church donated. Those in red T-shirts from



Members of Sharu Church offer massages to raise funds for the remodeling of Nan'ao Church.



Sharu Church worked together in harmony. Some gave massages, some shouted to attract people while others served bread to guests. It seemed strange because Sharu Church is also just a small pioneering church that doesn't have enough money for themselves, so why were they helping another church?

Sharu Church, which has been conducting cultural missions through Korean cultural performances since 2018, started to reach out to the community through an environmental protection campaign with performances in 2019. After that, from 2020, they decided to help neighbors in need. Some of the church members are in their own difficult situations, and they had never thought of helping others. However, in 2020, after visiting a single-parent family with a disability and helping them with cleaning and cooking, the church members changed their mind. They were encouraged by the fact that they could help someone using whatever ability and talents they have. And now they have a desire to help other churches in financial need. Thanks to everyone's unanimous efforts, the total amount raised on the celebration day in April reached about \$360 USD.

Since May 2021, all gatherings were banned again to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Sharu Church began to sell kimchi and help its neighbors in need with the profits from the celebration. If we can do it, you can do it, too, the members say. We have witnessed small decisions that have brought big changes around us. I hope Sharu Church, a small but solid church, will become a strong beacon for Taiwan missions in the future.

Let's go together! Let's do it now!



### Vietnam Goat Project

The Vietnam Goat Project, which is operated by Pastor Kim JeongTae, a Pioneer Mission Movement missionary in Vietnam, has been piloted for four Adventist families in Da Mur in Lam Dong Province. Of the 13,000 Adventists in Vietnam, about 80 percent live in rural and mountainous areas, and many of them live in poverty. Therefore, it is expected that the goat project will not only increase the income of the Adventist families, but also contribute to the increase in tithes and offerings.

This project supports a pair of goats per household, worth about \$213. When the first baby goat is born, it is dedicated to God. The second baby goat is owned by the family. Additional babies are dedicated to God then distributed to other families free of charge.

We ask for your prayers and support for the goat project in Vietnam. Your dedication could change the present and future of the Adventist Church in Vietnam. Of the donations planned for 100 families, as of June 2021, donations to support 45 families have been collected. Currently, there are many difficulties in carrying out the goat project due to the COVID-19



Bicycle Mission to the World in Korea and Korean Adventist Church members have provided support for lay pioneer church workers.

# Mission Projects in Vietnam

lockdown, but we continue the goat project, centered on Adventist churches in northern Vietnam, in consultation with the headquarters of the Vietnam Mission.

The Vietnam Goat Project was developed to aid Adventist families suffering from financial difficulties.

### Lay Pioneer Church Minister Sponsorship Project

The Adventist Church in Vietnam spends more than the equivalent of 400 million won annually for the stipend of its ministers and missionary activities, but it has struggled with budget deficits. What's more, tithes and church offerings have plummeted due to the coronavirus pandemic, making it harder than ever. To help the Adventist Church in Vietnam, Bicycle Mission to the World in Korea and Korean Adventist Church members have been carrying out lay pioneer church ministry projects since June 2021. A total of 23 million won (\$19,570 USD) was funded, and 24 lay pioneer church workers have benefited from this project. They serve in pioneering churches in northern Vietnam, which is the barren land of the gospel.



Dien Bien is one of the districts that most of the church workers have received stipends through this project. There are many Hmong people, a minority ethnic group in Vietnam, who live in Dien Bien, maintaining their own language and culture. The Adventist Church began in 2009 when Pastor Tran Cong Tan preached the Advent message to this area. In 2012, four house churches were planted.

The Hmong Adventist Church is growing rapidly every year through the dedication of Vu Va Ky, lay minister in the Dien Bien district, and the Hmong Adventist media channel, which is operated by Adventists in North America. As of June 2021, 1,788 adults and 568 children have attended worship services every Sabbath.

The Hang Pu Xi Church, one of the Adventist churches in Dien Bien district where the Hmong mainly gather, was founded in 2015 by lay minister Mua Giong Ly. He became an Adventist in 2010 when he was introduced to the Adventist message by Pastor Vu Va Ky, who is a lay minister as well as his relative.

In 2009, he and his wife suffered from a serious illness. They went to several hospitals, but couldn't find a solution. His friend led him to go to church and ask for prayer. He went to one of his relatives, Pastor Vu Va Ky, director of the Adventist churches in Dien Bien district. He and his wife visited Pastor Vu Va Ky every week to pray and study the Bible together. After living a life of Bible study and prayer for over a year, by the grace of God, the disease disappeared.

With a better understanding of God, Mua Giong Ly threw away all traditional temples and idols that he had kept in his house. Then, along with his wife and eight children, he was baptized and became an Adventist. From 2010 to 2015, they attended Chua Ta B Adventist Church, which is located almost 7 kilometers away from their home. It was not easy for a family of 10 members to go to church every Sabbath together. To solve this problem, in 2015, a church was planted in Hang Pu Xi, where Mua Giong Ly lives. The Vietnam headquarters of the Adventist Church appointed Mua Giong Ly as the church director and lay minister to take responsibility for local missions.

Currently, 9 children and 13 adults gather for worship every Wednesday evening and Sabbath morning. On Sabbath afternoon, there is a Bible study and prayer meeting. To encourage the missionary activities of Hang Pu Xi Adventist Church, sound equipment was provided with the support of Adventist churches in Korea. We ask for your prayers and support for Hang Pu Xi Church.



**Kim JeongTae**  
PMM Pastor in Vietnam

The lay pioneer church minister sponsorship program has offered a stipend for the lay ministers in Dien Bien, where many Hmong people live. Since the gospel of the Adventist Church was delivered in 2009, the Hmong Adventist Church has been growing rapidly.





# Soul Winning in Tsukuba Gakuen Church



**Chung EuiKwon**  
PMM Pastor in Japan

**T**sukuba Gakuen Church is one of three churches I am serving and I visit this church on the Sabbath of the first and fifth weeks of every month. About ten years ago, Pastor Kim BeomKi, who was a Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) pastor, served the church. Every time I visited the church, I could feel the footsteps of the PMM missionary, and it makes me have a special feeling about the church.

Tsukuba, where Tsukuba Gakuen Church is located, is a satellite city of Tokyo. It is well-known for many research and educational institutions. Due to this regional characteristic, the entire city of Tsukuba has been designated as a kind of special zone called “Tsukuba Research and Academic City.”

Half of the church members are Japanese, and the other half are foreign members who are working or studying in Tsukuba. Because of this, the church holds worship services in Japanese and English.

After I was appointed here, I received a call from one of the church members. He was a male in his 40s and was baptized and became a member of the Tsukuba Gakuen Church in the past. Although he had been away from the church for a long time, he revealed his hope to restore his faith. Amidst the COVID-19 crisis, he experienced a disconnectedness in relationships, and it made him anxious and depressed. I could feel a strong desire in his heart to believe in God and rededicate himself again. I was deeply grateful to God for guiding me to connect with him.

As my place is more than an hour away from Tsukuba Gakuen Church, I am currently studying the Bible with this man every Sabbath afternoon by phone. We have studied through a Voice of Prophecy Bible lesson program. With the heart of a shepherd who set out to find a lost sheep, I ask for your prayers so that I can bear a beautiful fruit.





On August 21, 2021, four young adults of the Hsinchu Church were baptized at Taiwan Adventist College.



# Public Campus Ministries of Hsinchu Church

**Baek Joon**

PMM Pastor at Hsinchu Church

In 2019, the Public Campus Ministries (PCM) started at Hsinchu Church with two PCM missionaries from the first batch. The Hsinchu area is called the Silicon Valley of Taiwan because the city is known as Hsinchu Science Park, the country's hub of high-tech industry. Although it is a small city with a population of 480,000, there are two universities, Tsinghua University and National Chiao Tung University, which rank second and third in the country. The education and living standards of the people in Hsinchu are comparably high in Taiwan.

The Korean cultural wave known as *hallyu* is booming among young people in Taiwan. Going with this trend, since 2018, the church has held Korean language classes to attract young people to church. In 2019, the Korean class received approval as an official club from Tsinghua University. Many students at the university have shown interest in the club, and some of them have come to the church.

But since early 2020, the Hsinchu Church has struggled due to COVID-19. The situation has changed over the last year and a half, and church gatherings have been prohibited from time to time. From May to

July 2021, the church had to conduct worships online with on-site worship becoming possible only by the end of July.

On August 21, 2021, a baptismal ceremony was held for the first time this year, and four souls were reborn who had started attending the church earlier in the year. There were constant invisible battles between good and evil in their minds up to baptism. But God's grace was upon them when they all finally decided to be baptized. The blessed ceremony was held at Taiwan Adventist College with beautiful weather. Two PCM missionaries from the third batch, Park SeolAh and Choi JiSoo, participated in leading them to Jesus Christ.

It has been three years since the Hsinchu church was planted, and currently, about 30 people gather every Sabbath. Among them, 60 to 70 percent are college students and young office workers. I hope that they will grow as leaders who endeavor to deliver the gospel of God to many young Taiwanese who do not know Jesus.



It was a sunny cold autumn morning of November 19, 2018, when I arrived in Korea. When I first smelled the cold wind, it felt really good. Every time I look back on those times, I feel so happy and blessed. God brought me into this small city, called Gyeryong, located in the southern part of Chungcheong province. This city has cool winds during spring and autumn, a cold wind during the winter, and very hot weather during the summer.

My mission field, Shindoan Church, is a mid-size church in Gyeryong. Since I am from the Philippines, I am used to hot and humid weather, so I was having hard time adjusting to the cold weather. But the church members' kindness warmed my heart a lot.

I thought life here would be very easy. I had supposed that I would teach English to children and would not have to do house-to-house visitation or offer Bible studies. But my life as a missionary was different from what I had expected.

My missionary partner and I teach English every day and clean the academy as well. On Sabbath, we always go to the church earlier than others to welcome everyone and set up computers and other needs for the worship service. We are responsible for Sabbath School for the children. Also, we run a Pathfinder program along with a church member every Sabbath. We are expected to be ready to help the church. At first, I struggled a little with taking on these responsibilities, but I overcame it with the help of God.

Then, COVID-19 broke out. Gradually our students started to quit. Our church pastor had to support two missionaries with just a few students left. I felt very sorry for him. My faith started to be shaken. I started to doubt God. While I went through a time of gloom and depression, I asked God, "Why am I here?" My friends in the Philippines seemed to live a successful life, whereas I felt like I was stuck in this place. It was then when I met God.

He came to where I was. He met me when I was at the lowest pit of my sadness. For the first time in my life, I prayed every night at the pulpit of our church, begging God to give us more students. I cried a lot to the Lord. Months later, the situation of our academy got better. God is good and He will never leave us.

Life here is not easy for me. I face difficult struggles but I have made the biggest resolutions in my life here. Being far from family for almost three years without a chance to go home is the saddest part of anyone's life. Moreover, when I get sick or I have problems, it's very hard when I cannot see or be with family. Watching my parents getting old and my sister growing up from afar is painful. Teaching children a foreign language is not an easy task. I try to teach them the love of God by having patience and love for them. But that's not always easy, especially when they get disrespectful and naughty. That's why a missionary must have a constant devotional and prayer life to keep God's love in his or her heart. Dealing with people who do not speak the same language as mine can be difficult sometimes, but thankfully we have God's love that abides in us to keep us in unity all the time.

When people ask me, "Where did you meet God?" I used to be confused. Where did I meet God? Was it when I got baptized? Was it when I joined the missionary training? I was an Adventist from birth, but I cannot say or remember when or where or how I met God. But now I can finally say with confidence that I met God in this Shindoan Church in Gyeryong, Chungcheong province, Korea. Even though I experienced my hardest trials and depression here, I received the biggest gift in my life instead, the experience of meeting God.

He taught me many things here. He taught me how to be humble and take advice, to forgive, to be patient and

## Where I Met God

**Dorothy Sigao**

1000MM 50th Batch





Missionary Dorothy leads activities for children at her mission field, Shindoan Church in Korea.

## Reaching Out to Filipinos in Korea

**Mary Joy Escobal**  
1000MM 50th Batch

I am Mary Joy Escobal, a 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) 50th batch missionary from the Philippines.

I have been assigned to the Gwangju Dream Church. My main ministry in this mission field is to reach out to Filipinos who live in Korea for work or are married to Koreans. I organize Bible studies in English with my Korean friends who can speak English, and I lead a basic English class for children.

Friendship is one of the most effective ways to minister to Filipinos, so I spend a lot of time getting closer to them and building relationships. I usually go out every day to hang out with friends. Sometimes I help them by doing their household chores, taking care of their babies, or cooking food to ease their daily burdens. We often go out to visit beautiful spots nearby. When someone has a birthday, my friends and I prepare birthday surprises to make him or her feel special and loved.

We have daily devotional time online. During that time, we share our opinions, ideas, and feelings. Through this time together, we are able to help and pray for one another.

While living here in Korea, I have difficulties at times with language and cultural differences, environmental adjustments, and the cold weather. Furthermore, I haven't been able to hang out as easily with my friends after the COVID-19 pandemic began.

But I have put my priority on personal devotion and connection with God. With any circumstance, I have been trying to pray, have hope in God, and wait for His will. Applying "Die Daily" is essential as well. Moreover, sharing

show love when students become disrespectful, to share what I have even if there's not a lot, to pray even if I don't want to, to find comfort in God and not from people, not to please people but Him alone, to lay treasures in heaven and not on earth. Also, God comforted me through kind and generous church members, the pastor, and his wife. My missionary journey means a lot to me. It is my greatest joy to be in the service of the King. I don't know when God will bring me back to my country, but I believe that my years as a missionary will never be a waste. God is good and He will always be good. Amen.



Above: Joy's missionary work focuses specifically on reaching out to Filipinos in Korea. Below: Joy and her friends pray together at the Gwangju Dream Church.

and praying with my missionary colleagues gives me wisdom to face any kind of situation. God uses the 1000MM to help missionaries to stay connected and faithful to God.

I was supposed to return to the Philippines this coming October 2021 to get married to my fiancé with whom I have had a long-distance relationship for a long time. But God opened the door to serve Him three more years here in Korea. The Southwest Korean Conference is planning to build an International Filipino Church and invite my fiancé to come here to be the church pastor. We are undeserved but willing. I believe in the well-known quote, "God doesn't call the qualified but qualifies the called."



The Golden Angels 18th batch and Pastor Cho DaeYeon, associate coordinator of the Golden Angels, perform for churches and schools in Gwangju, Korea.

# Golden Angels Rekindles the Flame in Gwangju

**Lee HanUI**  
Golden Angels 18

The Golden Angels 18th batch took a five-day mission trip to the metropolitan city of Gwangju, Korea, from June 18 to 22, 2021. They conducted events and programs at two local churches, a youth meeting, and a visitation to the Honam Sahmyook Middle and High School.

On the first day, the Bitgoeul Church hosted the worship in music by the Golden Angels. Thanks to the large attendance and participation from the church members, the Golden Angels were able to start their first event of their Gwangju trip on a positive note.

On the second day, Sabbath, there was a music worship in the morning at Gwangju Jeonwon Church, which lasted for an hour and was followed by the proclamation of the Word by Pastor Cho DaeYeon, associate coordinator of the Golden

Angels. The small church was well-attended and as a result, it has been a blessed time for both the Golden Angels as well as the church members.

On Sabbath afternoon, a large-scale youth meeting under the name, "Golden Time," was conducted for the young adults in the Gwangju region. This meeting was planned and organized in order to encourage the young people who are not attending church services due to the coronavirus. Initially, it was estimated that around 60 people would be attending with concerns that the actual number of participants would not meet the expectation. However, an estimated 90 people gathered in the auditorium of the Honam Sahmyook Elementary School to attend the youth meeting. The time included some recreational activities which lasted for about two hours, followed by an hour-long concert by the Golden Angels. Within that entire three-hour program, many young people from teens to young adults in their thirties actively participated in the activities with enthusiastic responses during the concert.

A chapel program was conducted at the Honam Sahmyook Middle and High School on the final day of the trip. Unfortunately, only one class each from both the middle and high school was able to attend the program in-person due to COVID-19 safety protocols. But the rest of the students actively participated in their own classrooms through livestream. During these times where chances for worship gatherings, as well as activities of singing groups and choirs, have been



quite difficult within the school setting, the chapel program was a time to remind the students once again of the joy of corporate worship and praise.

Excuses for our inactiveness these days have been prevalent as we commonly say, “due to the coronavirus...” But through the five events and programs which we prepared and conducted, we learned that we should not consider the coronavirus as an excuse for our inactiveness. Rather, we have learned to hold onto our faith in this difficult time by boldly saying, “despite the coronavirus, we can do it!”

Golden Angels prepare a recreational activity for students.



COMMUNICATION & LEADERSHIP ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

# Are You Ready to Say “*I Will Go*” to God’s Calling? CLAP 6B Report

The coronavirus has changed much in our world—many things that seemed unlikely to change have already given up their seats to the so-called new normal. Our message content may be the same, but formats and platforms that convey the contents are not the same anymore. If we also need to change the format of the unchanging mission from God in this COVID-19 era, how should we go about doing that? How can we discern between what to change and what to keep?

Since the pandemic started, the importance of communication and leadership has increased. But what is the leadership style that this ever-changing world requires? I believe that it is a communicative leadership. But how can a leader catch up with so many changes? It is not possible for one person to have enough knowledge or experience to cope with the various transitions? Leaders in this era need proper communication skills to find a way through this ocean of “uncertainty.” The Communication and



Below: The entrance of the NSD Leadership Training Center in Jeju.  
 Right: 6th cohort of CLAP with its coordinator, teacher, and assistant.



Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) is an excellent but time-demanding program that helps young leaders to be equipped as communicative church leaders.

The second session of CLAP's sixth cohort was held at the NSD Mission Leadership Training Center in Jeju from July 11 to 23, 2021. Out of 23 members, 14 members from Korea were able to attend at Jeju, while those from Taiwan, Japan and Mongolia continued to participate via Zoom because of COVID-19 country restrictions. Since the first session last November 2020 was in the same format, the participants, including trainees, group-class teachers, conversation tutors, and staff, have gotten used to this unusual system. The reason why I call it "unusual" is because CLAP has been an "In-camp meeting" in several overseas sites for the last 12 years. As soon as COVID-19 hit the world, we needed to decide whether to stop this program or continue it in a different format. We chose the latter, and this was the second session with the new mixed format of online and on-site.

The daily schedule started with a morning worship service at 8:30 a.m. and finished with a closing worship at 5:30 p.m. All members took turns for presiding, prayer, and preaching. The worship service was not only a time to develop their English-speaking skills, but also time to share their own stories. Online attendees

spoke through Zoom sharing God's message with their testimonies. Everyone experienced being united with our Father in heaven. Thanks to brother Im HyunWook, NSD Media Center technician, the on-site and online groups were able to smoothly connect and participate in the full program.

English teachers and tutors were excellent. One teacher, Kellie Tompkins, joined on-site while the other teacher, Monica Gonzalez, taught from Texas, U.S., all by Zoom. Even though there was a 14-hour difference in time for Teacher Monica, her last class finished at 1:20 a.m., she said it worked out since her children were asleep at that time. There were 12 Filipino teachers who worked in one-on-one conversation classes as well as debate classes every day. Even though the tutors and the students have never met in person, they became close friends. The leadership classes were led by several lecturers: Jeon JaeSong, director of 1000 Missionary Movement; Jung HyoSoo, president of West Asia Field of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; Byun SeongJun, NSD Communication director; Kim SiYoung, NSD president. We met two of them via online and the other two attended on-site. All the the leadership classes focused on CLAP'S sixth cohort mission statement, "I Will Go: A Willing Response to God's Calling."

As I close, I want to express my special thanks to two individuals: Chelou Completado, CLAP assistant; and Moon DaYeon, who was willing to come to Jeju to assist on-site for this session. Their dedicated and unwavering support in online and on-site settings made this session of CLAP 6B successful. I hope and believe that we may be able to end the finale of CLAP 6 with a face-to-face gathering by God's grace. Thank you for your support in prayer.



**Kim SunHwan**  
 CLAP Coordinator



# To Be a Faithful Missionary for God

**Kim TaeHyung**  
CLAP 6th Cohort

In 2003, I joined the 1000 Missionary Movement as a 22nd batch missionary and served in the Philippines for a year. Later, from 2012 to 2017, I lived as a foreign missionary in Russia. While serving as a missionary, I learned two important lessons. First, without the presence of the Holy Spirit, no soul can be saved. Second, understanding the language of the mission field is essential for a missionary to communicate with people in the mission field and preach the gospel to them.

Once a missionary, always missionary. Even though now I do not serve as a foreign missionary anymore, I decided to learn English, the most widely used language in the world, to prepare myself for God's calling of sending me abroad if He chooses. That's why I applied to the Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD).

During CLAP, I started the day with memorizing Bible verses, then I studied English with a native-speaking English teacher, had a conversation time with a tutor, had a debate session with members of CLAP 6 cohort, and did homework until late evening. For the first time, all of these daily schedules made me exhausted. But after three days, I found myself a bit more comfortable with English. Speaking in English got much easier especially after two weeks.

In the leadership classes, I was able to think more deeply about global mission. Furthermore, I was challenged by speakers who were not English native speakers but delivered lectures without problems.

My goal is to study English vocabulary every day, to listen to English sermons on YouTube, and to complete seven series of sermons so that I can deliver Bible messages in English even if I am not yet fluent.

I appreciate God for giving me such a wonderful opportunity to be trained as a leader for His church.



Pastor Kim TaeHyung



Pastor Kim TaeHyung (1st from the left) sing with CLAP members.

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