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THE 1000 MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

One Year for the Lord!

The 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) started as a small mission project in Silang, Cavite, Philippines in 1991. It has grown into an international mission institute with branch training centers in 10 different countries. Since the time of its inception, about 5,600 Adventist youth have joined the movement and devoted one year of their life to serve the Lord as volunteer frontline missionaries. Through their sacrificial efforts together with the grace of God, 54,800 people have been baptized, 720 churches constructed and 1,303 churches and meeting places established.

The Movement was initiated with three purposes in mind: 1) to protect Adventist young people from the evil influences of the world, 2) to accomplish the great commission throughout the world and 3) to infuse local churches with mission spirit.

March 9 to 10, 2011 saw the culmination of the 37th group of 1000MM missionaries. After 6 weeks of intensive missionary training, 102 young people were officially appointed to serve as missionaries. They have come from 10 countries: Canada, Korea, Philippines, China, Taiwan, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Paraguay, Kenya and Cambodia. Through prayer, meditation, in-depth Bible study and Christian fellowship with the heavenly hosts, these young people have prepared for the mission field. Anxiously awaiting the approach of graduation day, they look forward not to the completion of the program but to go out into the field to spread the gospel message to people who still live in spiritual darkness.

At the graduation, I met Battseren Davaadorj, a missionary from Mongolia. Three weeks prior to

graduation he was involved in a serious accident. While he crossed the street at a pedestrian crossing, he was hit by a speeding motorcycle. Battseren was knocked unconscious and the motorcycle driver killed on the spot. The medical team at a nearby hospital was surprised to find no broken bones during their CT scans. Praise the Lord! Battseren was fine except for a few small bruises. Clearly God spared his life and protected him through his guardian angels.

After a few days of rest, Battseren joined his fellow classmates and completed his missionary training with the other young people in his group. On graduation day, along with the other missionaries he was excited about the completion of his training. Anxious about going into the field, he shared, "I am a missionary. I am giving one year of my life to the Lord as His missionary. I will finish my one year term in my field and then return to my home country." He seemed full of missionary spirit.

May the Lord bless Battseren and his 101 fellow 1000MM missionaries about to go out to the frontline to rescue people who suffer from the consequences of sin! After one year, we look forward to their triumphant return and many wonderful soul winning stories.

As Ellen White reminds us, "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come - the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!" (Messages to Young People, 196)



NSD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to communicate to all peoples in its territory the everlasting gospel of God's love in the context of the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14:6-12, and as revealed in the life, death, resurrection, and high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord and to unite with His remnant church; and to nurture believers as disciples in preparation for His soon return, and to equip and empower them for service.

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THE SECOND RUN OF

CLAP

Communication & Leadership Advancement Program



The Communication & Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP), piloted over a period of two years between the end of 2008 and 2010, proved to be a success as participants made big strides in their ability to communicate in English and learned to be better leaders.

Hence a second run, CLAP 2, was planned for 2011-2012. Its first session, 2A, was held at the Asia-Pacific International University (AIU located in Muak Lek, Thailand) from February 27 to March 11. Thirty-four participants gathered from all over the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Countries represented were Mongolia, Korea, Hong Kong, China, Japan and

Taiwan. They had one united goal – to speak and improve their English as well as polish their leadership skills during this session. Our consultant teacher, Mrs. Erica Hole, was loved by all for her kindness and most motivating and effective teaching techniques. She was assisted by Mr. Douglas Wagner, a part-time teacher at AIU who brought much enthusiasm and laughter to his classes.

Cut off from all that was familiar, these 34 leaders spoke nothing but English in or out of classes. One participant remarked, “I have spoken more English in 3 days than in the last 10 years of my life!” Even outside of the classroom, among friends who were

studying at AIU, all attempted to stick with the golden rule of speaking only English instead of their mother tongue.

The program was very intensive with worships both morning and evening all run by the participants themselves. Many had the opportunity to share moving testimonies of how God had led in their lives. In the English and leadership classes, the main aim was to engage all in meaningful dialogue, group discussions and activities that strengthened their knowledge base.

The focus for the leadership classes was on the meaning of spiritual leadership, not mere theory but a renewal of their minds, allowing God to transform them from inside out as they functioned as servant-leaders, following closely God’s agenda for their lives. Dr. HongPal Ha and Pastor DaeSung Kim served as visiting lecturers while Dr. Chek Yat Phoon was the main teacher for leadership. The case studies helped to sharpen the critical thinking skills of all. Since a number of the participants had administrative experience, their sharing and discussing was most enriching to everyone.

Tutors from AIU conducted one-on-one discussions on a variety of topics with the participants on most days of the week. This part of the program drew them to improve their vocabulary and spoken English. Some of these tutors were English majors

and even a few of the AIU professors and teachers got involved. It was a unique experience for both tutors and tutees.

Several cultural experiences broke the monotony of classes. All experienced a walk through an open air Thai evening market. The majority braved an elephant ride through a small bit of jungle at the Khao Yai Reserve, and of course, some had to improve the Thai economy by going shopping at an outlet mall designed for tourists.

Sitting in classes together, lending a helping hand in trying to master a grammar rule, encouraging one another to use new vocabulary, getting into a heated discussion over a leadership issue, challenging one another to ace those exceptionally difficult English phrases—all contributed towards unity, camaraderie and resulted in effective learning for everyone there.

The group is looking forward to the next CLAP session to be held in the Philippines but much more awaits them at home. They left armed with a load of assignments to be done weekly and submitted for tracking in order to qualify as a participant for the next CLAP session. Our prayers are with each individual as they grow in English and leadership skills by the grace of God.

– Sally Lam-Phoon,
NSD CLAP Coordinator



Participants study hard



Group discussion



Turn to your neighbor



Elephant riding



Leadership lecture by Dr. HongPal Ha



At a market

DISASTERS STRIKE NORTHEASTERN JAPAN



Damage Sustained by Earthquake and Tsunami

A great earthquake, Magnitude 9.0, struck the eastern part of Japan at 14:46 on March 11, 2011. As a result, tsunamis soon pummeled the Pacific Ocean seacoast of Japan. The tremendous damage of the frequent aftershocks and tsunamis has been beyond imagination. As of 9:00 p.m. on March 29, the death toll stood at 11,168 in the 12 prefectures with 16,407 people missing in 6 prefectures. Furthermore, the number of injured people rose to 2,778 in the 18 prefectures according to the police office. In the meantime, the number of crumbled houses reached 16,527, washed away houses 2,165 and burnt houses 146. At one point the number of refugees reached over 439,000 in 7 prefectures (as of 5:00 pm on March 15), but numbers have decreased to 175,020 (as of 9:00 pm on March 29) in 17 prefectures as many moved in with.

A Miracle: No Death, Serious Damage in Our Church

In spite of such a destructive earthquake and relentless tsunami in the east part of Japan, not one of the 7,609 church members in the area died. Furthermore, among all our church and institutional buildings, not a single building collapsed. This is really a miracle. We believe that our God protected His people and His buildings in Japan.

Kitaura Junior High School, our school in the area, was most affected by the disaster. The following report is from Mr. Shiro Onoue, Education director of the Japan Union Conference (JUC).

“Nobody amongst our students and faculty members and their families sustained any injuries. Since the school had closed for spring vacation, no student was in the school when the earthquake struck. Therefore, we feel that this is God’s grace. The school buildings look almost the same as before the earthquake because not a single window pane was broken. Damage sustained are mainly cracks and broken tiles on the outside and inside concrete walls of the boy’s dormitory building. On the other hand, surrounding public school buildings were heavily damaged with the

exception of one school. By this we recognize just that how much our school was protected. All faculty members are now doing their best to restore the school as soon as possible.”

NSD, JUC Leaders Visits Site of Destruction

From March 20 to 23, Dr. JaiRyong Lee, president, and Dr. Tadaomi Shinmyo, acting associate secretary, of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) based in Korea made a short trip to Japan to survey the damage by the recent disaster and to encourage church leaders who are responding to the needs of the people both inside and outside of the church. From Korea they brought 7 boxes of powdered milk and other items lacking in the disaster torn district.

The two NSD men made a quick visit to the ADRA Japan office in Tokyo, the Japan Union Conference office in Yokohama on March 20; Kitaura Junior High School, Kujikawa Church in Ibaragi prefecture, Fukushima Church in Fukushima prefecture on March 21; Sendai Church, Wakabayashi area in Sendai city, Miyagi prefecture, again Fukushima Church, and Koriyama Company on March 22.

Pastor Masumi Shimada, JUC president, joined us with Brothers Masao Fukushima and Nobuto Saito, JUC workers respectively. What they observed in Wakabayashi area in Sendai City was awful. Wakabayashi area is divided in two by a highway built on a long and wide enough bank. One side of the area sustained hardly an damage thanks to the road which acted as a barrier against the monstrous tsunami from the Pacific Ocean. The other side of the highway was a miserable and sad situation. Besides some strong concrete buildings or newly built wood houses, almost all the buildings had collapsed and were washed inland along with trees, cars and anything in the tsunami’s wake.

ADRA Japan is actively involved in relief work in the Wakabayashi area. First, ADRA helped about 1,000 refugees at a junior high school gymnasium set up as a refugee camp and another 950 people at another similar site. They also helped an old age home where 200 people live.

Independent from the intensive relief action by ADRA Japan, community outreach by Fukushima Church and Koriyama Company in Fukushima



prefecture helped countless others. The JUC is sending necessary goods to those churches on a regular basis which their church leaders distribute to the needy in their communities. The JUC appreciates any financial support from anybody anywhere.

If you are interested in contributing funds to help the victims of the great disaster in Japan, you can contact to the JUC as follows:

Phone Number: 81-45-921-1121

Fax Number: 81-45-921-2319

Email Address: juc@adventist.jp

– Tadaomi Shinmyo,
NSD Associate Secretary



Elder Ted N. C. Wilson, GC President, issued the following statement:



Elder Ted Wilson

"Seventh-day Adventists around the world unite today with the people of Japan in mourning the losses caused by the 2011 Sendai earthquake and the resulting tsunami. Our thoughts, our prayers and our sympathies go out to those who have suffered such loss.

"The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is mobilizing to share resources and meet human need in the affected regions. An ADRA representative was in Fukushima on March 12, and more help is coming.

"We remember the Bible's promise in Psalm 91, verse 1: "He who dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty," and we claim that promise for the people of Japan, and for all areas affected by this tragedy.

"Seventh-day Adventists have worked in Japan since 1889 and continue to serve the people of that great country. We are committed to helping meet human needs and sharing the greatest news of all: that God loves and cares for each of us, and that He is coming again soon! We call for all Seventh-day Adventists and others to pray for the people of Japan during this time of intense need."

Supports to the JUC by Sister Organizations Abroad

The NSD ADCOM voted to establish an ADHOC committee on March 16 to respond to the sudden disaster in Japan. At the same time, the urgent donation of USD 50,000 from the NSD to the JUC was approved. Further, the committee voted to appeal to all staff of the NSD office to contribute to the fund raising campaign for the JUC. It was suggested staff offer 5%, 10% or even 20% of their individual salary for a month towards the relief work in Japan.

The Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) urgently held an ADCOM in Taipei, Taiwan and voted to support the disaster recovery work of JUC. Pastor David Ng, CHUM president, said "I don't know how to express my great sadness for the disaster in Japan. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the suffering Japanese people. All church members in CHUM are praying for speedy restoration and we will do our best to support our brethren in Japan."

CHUM also asked each church and institution to pray for people and the church in Japan and started fund-raising. ADRA China already raised USD 80,000 to support the relief activities of ADRA Japan.

According to Pastor DaeSung Kim, Korean Union Conference president, around 900 churches in Korea were requested to raise funds to help the Japanese people struck by this enormous tragedy.



Pr. David Ng



Pr. DaeSung Kim



ADRA Japan works hard to relieve the earthquake victims



ADRA Japan delivers relief to earthquake victims



ADRA Japan participates in earthquake recovery work

JUC President Thanks Church for Prayers, Support



Pr. Masumi Shimada

Pastor Masumi Shimada, recently elected as JUC president, expresses his heartfelt thanks to all church members around the world who are concerned about and praying for Japan.

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord: Thank you for your concern, prayers and supports of us. We, the Japanese Adventist church and its church members, really appreciate your love. (As I write, I feel another small aftershock.) Through your love we are convinced of our Father’s love. Our Japanese Adventist Church is very small, but our world-wide Adventist Church is so great in Him. So, we can praise the Lord even in these sad days. Thank you very much!”

God Provides Every Need Even Today



Pr. Bomki Kim

Hello. I am Bomki Kim, a PMM missionary from Korea, serving at Tsukuba Church in Japan.

As all of you know, there was an earthquake and tsunami which struck at 3 p.m. on March 11. Along with the great sound of a rumbling noise, the earthquake lasted for about 10 minutes, the walls collapsed, and all the traffic lights went out.

God has thankfully protected my family and we are safe. However, when we returned back to the house, our walls were all broken down, all the plates and dishes broken, and all the picture frames and clocks on the walls lay on the floor. The grounds still shook from time to time while we began cleaning up the house, and it continued to shake even after I put the children to sleep.

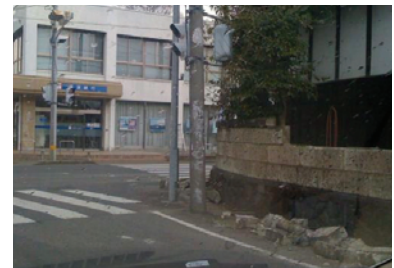
On the next day (12th) was the Sabbath. I had called all the church members. We cancelled worship due to the continuous aftershocks and we had family worship. I told the children that we should only look to Jesus and we knelt to pray for the victims of the earthquake.

Our area was without water for 2 days. All we had was one 500ml bottle of water. It was still Sabbath, so what could we do? While I was thinking, I heard my wife praying in the

kitchen. I prayed too as I heard her pray. We didn't even have enough water to make food for our newborn baby. Then suddenly my wife told me that she will go to the church. None of the houses had water, but little bits of water started to leak out of the water faucet in the church. Then I remembered how God had fed Elijah and I thanked God. After I filled all the water bottles and all the pots we had, the water stopped running. I learned that God gives just the amount we need. Praise the Lord!

But as the Sabbath drew to an end, another fear had come upon us. We heard in the news that there was an explosion at the nuclear plant in Fukushima. The area is only couple hours away from where we are. We started to pray again.

Yet, I still thank the Lord for His mighty protection. And I thank everyone for your prayers. I just pray that this can become an opportunity for the gospel of Jesus to be spread out to this nation.



The wall of Tsukuba Church collapsed



Roads and buildings are swept away by a tsunami



A powerful earthquake collapses houses



Due to an earthquake the road caved in

General Conference DEPARTMENTAL ADVISORIES

In March and April, each department of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church held a departmental advisory meeting in attendance of 13 Division directors and other delegates respectively. It presented a good opportunity to share the new five-year plan of the GC administration and to explain and discuss the future plans and direction for each department. News & Views wants to share some brief reports, to give you a glimpse of the meetings.

GC Hope Channel Advisory

From March 9 to 15, 2011, more than 30 representatives from all over the world gathered at the Seventh-day Adventist Church headquarters, new state-of-the-art media center to participate in the GC Hope Channel Advisory Meeting. The attendants included Media Center Managers, Division Hope Channel Coordinators, GC Hope Channel staff and guest speakers.

The main purpose and goal of this Advisory is to discuss and improve the branding, production, programming, broadcasts, distribution and evangelistic ministry of Hope Channel, to understand the philosophy and practical suggestions for implementing philanthropic fund raising strategies to support Hope Channel Media Centers and to discuss and understand how Hope Channel production and broadcasts can be fully integrated with radio, the internet, printed materials and other media.

Presentation speakers included Dr. Lilya Wagner, a specialist in philanthropy and fund raising; Dr. Barry Black, Chaplain of the US Senate, spoke on avoiding burn out for leaders; Drs. Handysides

and Landless, directors of the GC Health Ministry Department presenting on the topic of stress management; Dr. Al Reece,



Hope Channel Advisory



Hope Channel Advisory participants

Dean of the School of Medicine, University of Maryland presented on the subject of personal and corporate excellence; Dr. John De Armas, business and strategic marketing consultant, on how to be the premier, global, Christian, quality of life television network. Through the presentations of these speakers, participants received blessings and inspiration.

One day during the Advisory was set aside to focus on integration and convergence. With the Communication Department Advisory participants, AWR, Adventist Review, Publishing, Internet Evangelism and Ministerial Association representatives joining. The goal is that we will mutually understand the major communication themes, what each entity/department is planning; and discover ways in which we can work together in the most integrated way possible to maximize our impact for mission.

— Stanley Ng,
NSD Hope Channel Coordinator



GC Sabbath School & Personal Ministries Advisory

The Advisory of the Sabbath School & Personal Ministries department was held from March 21 to 25, in conjunction with the World Sabbath School Curriculum Committee from March 28 to 31 at the church headquarters in Washington, D.C. Although church members may know that the SS/PM department plays a major role in the educating and training of members for the mission of our church, many people don't know about the vast scope of its work. The Sabbath School department is responsible for developing all the lesson study guides for all age groups, from babies (Beginners), through students (Primary) and young adults, till the elderly, including Bible Correspondence School lessons, materials for teachers and for the sight impaired. Among the many agenda items discussed at the Advisory, I, personally, was thrilled at the many items that were voted concerning our Children's Ministries. As our church body is growing globally, many of our delegates sensed a greater need for translations of our materials into other languages from the original English. Somehow we need to develop a way for



Sabbath School & Personal Ministries leaders

Unions, Conferences, and Missions, to take up the responsibility despite meager financial resources for the task. The World Sabbath School Curriculum Committee encouraged directors and participants to share their ideas, to propose a new balanced scheme of titles and subjects for the Adult Bible Study Guide Quarterly up to the year 2021, with two Bible Book studies and two topical (one doctrinal, the other general) studies each year.

– Teru Fukui, NSD SS-PM Director

GC Publishing Ministries Advisory



World leaders in Publishing Ministries

Besides all the Publishing directors from the thirteen divisions, many managers and presidents of our publishing houses worldwide were present at the Advisory of the Publishing Ministries department of the General Conference. Amongst the 70 or so participants were Dr. SiYoung Kim, president of the Korean Publishing House and Pastor Tadashi Yamaji, newly elected editor-in-chief of the Japan Publishing

House. During their daily meetings, the publishing house directors had the opportunity to view many unique publications. From KPH, for example, Dr. SiYoung Kim exhibited a unique Cartoon Bible for children arranged in a series of Conflict of Ages Themes from the spirit of prophecy. However, the most prominent feature of the Advisory for this quinquennium was the Great Controversy Project (GCP) which aims to distribute 50 million copies of the Great Controversy, to communities throughout the world. General Conference president, Dr. Ted Wilson himself came up to appeal for this project. The Publishing Ministries department must play a major role in this project in cooperation with all other departments. The announcement of the South American Division to distribute 25 million copies surprised all the representatives from other Divisions.

– Teru Fukui,
NSD Publishing Ministries Director



All Set for a New Quinquennium

Over a window of three to four weeks, the General Conference held their advisories for all departments in Silver Spring, Maryland. From March 13 through 30 I attended a total of 5 advisories (running between 2 advisories for two weeks out of the three). The unifying theme of revival and reformation ran like a golden thread through all three areas of the “Tell the World” initiative—reaching up, reaching out and reaching across. A concerted effort to encourage different departments to collaborate, an excellent overdue concept, was made.

At the Children’s Ministries Advisory, the thrust for the quinquennium lay in putting our children first in our planning at the church level, recognizing that



Division Family Ministries Directors with Dr Willie and Elaine Oliver, GC Family Ministries Directors

the best window of opportunity for conversion and commitment is wide open between the ages of 5 and 13 (according to Barna). The focus is to make every child a disciple of Christ and to lay a strong spiritual foundation in his/her own relationship to God.

Family ministries promoted the idea of “Family to Family”, nurturing one’s own family to be a powerful witnessing tool as they reach out to other families in showcasing the grace of God in their daily lives. Our new directors, Drs. Willie and Elaine Oliver bring many years of teamwork in family ministries to the table. To kick start the meetings, we enjoyed great fellowship over lunch and dinner in the comfort of their home, an apt model of how best to use our homes as avenues of God’s love and compassion.

The field trip included a special visit to the Capitol in Washington, D.C. where Chaplain Barry Black met the group of Family Ministries Directors. They enjoyed a short fellowship with him and ended with a laying on of hands as they blessed this Adventist brother who has the rare opportunity of witnessing to top government officials in the U.S.

Another important highlight was to be certified in the use of the materials for Prepare and Enrich by the author himself, Dr. David Olson. Indeed it was a rare opportunity to hear from the guru the research and background to this very effective tool for premarital and marital counseling. The plan is

GC Secretary Advises Workers Not to Lose Sight of Goal of Sharing Gospel



The General Conference Secretariat Advisory meetings normally occur during the first year after a GC session.

This year they

were held between May 23 to 24 in Silver Spring, Maryland and included Adventist Volunteer Services and Missions for the first time as a result of recent

restructuring decisions by church leaders.

Dr. G. T. Ng, GC Secretary, started the meetings by giving a presentation on the “Consolidated Approach to the Mission of the Church.” He encouraged workers in Secretariat to focus on our different areas but at the same time not to lose sight of the fact that we are all working together with one goal of sharing the news of Christ’s return.

The Secretariat advisory sessions focused on a wide range of policies and procedures. The first training session was from the office of Archives and Statistics. They gave a presentation on the importance of record management, making clear that the value



Division Shepherdess Coordinators with Mrs Janet Page, Director of Shepherdess International

to equip our pastors with this so they can use it with their members and friends in the community.

In Women’s Ministries, the women were challenged to first nurture themselves (reach up); empower others (reach out) before they can reach across through homes of hope and healing. In private sessions with the GC directors, Mrs. Heather-Dawn Small and Mrs. Raquel Arrais, we discussed the unique challenges and issues faced in our fields. Women will continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus as they seek a closer walk with God and listen to His agenda for their lives.

At the advisory for the Shepherdesses (or partners in ministry), we met our new GC Ministerial

Secretary, Dr. Jerry Page and his spouse, Mrs. Janet Page who is the director for Shepherdess International. During the two short sessions I was able to attend, discussions centered around strengthening the pastoral family and reaching out to our pastor’s children (PKs), including those who are now mature and who have wandered away from church.

Finally I represented NSD at the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) Advisory and learned much about how the church can reach out to community thought leaders, the government and civic leaders. PARL seeks to build bridges of understanding, and through symposiums, religious liberty dinners and other events, involve those of other faiths which results in good public relations for the Church.

The spiritual undertones of each advisory brought us closer to the Lord and to one another as we sought His will for the quinquennium. The numerous meaningful discussions around the table helped to challenge our thinking, refine our goals for each department and provide a clear direction for the next five years. Prayer was a main feature in all of our advisories, an integral part of reaching up, reaching out and reaching across. .

– Sally Lam-Phoon, Director of NSD
Children's Ministries, Family Ministries,
Women's Ministries, Shepherdesses, PARL



of information is directly related to its accessibility to members. Some presentations were informative such as The Institute of World Missions on cross-cultural training for church leaders, employees, volunteers and others.

Most presentations were more technical in nature, providing detailed information on secretarial responsibilities and explaining how to provide better support to workers under different classifications (such as interdivision, intradivision, and local church employees).

Dr. Ng ended the advisories with a presentation on the need for improved auditing of membership lists because over the years church membership records have become increasingly inaccurate. There

is a great disparity between membership lists and actual attendance. The need is for training at all levels so that the integrity of membership figures is maintained.

The great problem of retention for Adventists, with many members being tragically lost was highlighted by Dr. Ng and he compared it to water in a bucket filled with holes and flowing out. In the face of these challenges, all Adventists need to pray for a revival of our spiritual life. We solicit your prayers, as leaders, for wisdom and spiritual renewal as we work and pray for you.

– Ivanette Osborn,
Administrative Secretary



Revive Living Our Mission: 2011 GC Communication Advisory

The GC Communication department held its advisory meeting at headquarters in Silver Springs, Maryland, USA from March 13 to 18, 2011. About 30 people including Benjamin Schoun, GC Vice President, Williams Costa Jr., GC Communication director, associate directors and staff of the GC Communication department, and the 13 Division Communication directors as well as guest speakers including Ted Wilson, GC President, Mark Finley, GC Vice President, gathered together to discuss plans for the next five years.



Elder Ted Wilson(L) and Pr. Williams Costa(R)

As spiritual revival and reformation is a hot topic in the Adventist church in recent months, Bible study and prayer programs during the meetings were impressive and meaningful.

The meeting which went for almost 10 hours a day included various programs such as strategies for Internet evangelism, departmental discussions for effective Communication work, technical changes and applications of global software, Adventist World, Adventist World Radio, Great Controversy distribution project, and division reports and small group discussion.

Pastor Williams Costa said "the ultimate purpose and mission of the Communication department is to preach the gospel, so GC Communication will make



GC Communication staff and 13 division directors

full use of many different media in order to deliver the Adventist hope to the world."

Pastor SukHee Han, NSD Communication director, gave a report on Communication ministries in the Korean Union Conference, Chinese Union Mission and Japan Union Conference, emphasizing "I cannot stress the importance of this ministry, because when we engage in mission work, to be known as a good Christian in a community is as significant as to be a good Christian."

Closing the meeting on Friday, Elder Ted Wilson who led the communion and dedication service said "we are living in a flood of information and PR. As an honorary ambassador for the Kingdom of Heaven, we should be armed with words and prayer to preach the gospel."

— SukHee Han,
NSD Communication Director



Chinese Bible With 28 Fundamental Beliefs Published

Hong Kong



Newly published Chinese Bible



Pr. Kong holding the Chinese Bible

The former Chinese Union Mission Publishing Ministries director, Pastor Davis Kong proudly holds

the new commemorative Chinese Bible in his hands. The 2000 copies of this Chinese Bible published in January 2011, also contain the 28 Fundamental Beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church for the benefit of church members. The publication of this new version of the Bible was made possible through the joint efforts of the Hong Kong Bible Society and the Publishing Ministries department of the Hong Kong-Macau Conference.

The Power of One: 2011 GC Youth Ministries Advisory

The GC Youth Ministries Department held its Advisory Meetings at the Double Tree Hotel near the GC headquarters from March 28 to April 4, 2011. "The Power of One" theme provided the opportunity for the GC Departmental directors and their Division counterparts to discuss effective strategies over the next five years, to serve the young people who are the future of our church.

The Advisory Meeting was hosted by Pastor Gilbert Cangy, newly appointed GC Youth director, and Pastor Hiskia Missah, Pastor Jonathan Tejel, GC Associate Youth directors for the next quinquennium. World Church President, Pastor Ted Wilson, along with Pastor Armando Miranda, GC Vice-President, Pastor G. T. Ng, GC Executive Secretary, and other departmental directors enriched the meetings through their seminars.

The Youth departments of the world church reconfirmed our mission calling and reestablished the obvious goals of concrete visions and practical activities for our ministries. The in-depth seminars about "Youth ministry in the time of post-modernism" with specialists of different fields for youth ministries helped reassure all the participants of the "Power of One". Reports from the 13 Divisions, presentations on "Professional Master Guide fostering plans," the introduction to the "Mission



World Youth leaders

Caleb" project designed for the reinforcement of evangelistic activities of youth, and plans for the supply of new Pathfinder and Adventurer honors were amongst the topics discussed.

Meanwhile the NSD Youth Ministries department is gearing up for its Advisory Meetings in Hiroshima, Japan from May 15 to 19 with youth directors from Korea, Japan, China and Mongolia expected to attend.

– NakHyung Kim,
NSD Youth Director



South Korea

The First Back-to-Eden Mission Debrief Meeting

The Continental Mission which is a voluntary mission movement organized by Adventist laypeople held their first Back-to-Jerusalem Mission Debrief Meeting at Salem and Gwangcheon churches in the Middle West Korean Conference district from March 10 to 13, 2011. About 30 missionaries dispatched by the Continental Mission gave feedback of their mission activities and discussed plans for the year ahead. Some missionaries shared that "although our work is not great or splendid, we are so happy to play a part in the gospel work. Whenever we experience God's guidance, we realize the reason God sent us there. To preach the gospel is not easy, but it is worthwhile."

Since the Continental Mission was organized 12 years ago, it has approached people in different ways including educational ministries and restaurant

ministries. Recently, it expanded its mission field to Southeast Asia as well as the northern part. The Continental Mission welcomes anyone who seeks to carry on God's Commission to "Go and make disciples."

A school in Cambodia where Mr. DongHyuk Kim is serving as a missionary is in the pipeline. The school will focus on primary and secondary education. It will need self-supporting and short-term missionaries.



OBSERVATIONS - SPRING MEETING OF 2011

USA

Revival and REFORMATION

This year's General Conference Spring Council was unique in that pre-meetings took place in Maryland

with the Council itself taking place at Oakwood University – a General Conference institution located in Huntsville, Alabama. Oakwood has traditionally served the black church in North America; however, efforts are being made to internationalize the university through recruitment of students from countries outside of the USA. Nearly 2,000 students are served on an expansive and beautiful campus.

Spring Councils generally serve for the purpose of church leadership being able to assess the programs of the church and to receive reports particularly in the financial realm. Issues relating to church policy normally are voted upon at the time of the Fall Councils.

The "Revival and Reformation" initiative, which has become a centerpiece for Elder Ted Wilson's administration since his election at the 2010 General Conference Session was referred to repeatedly during the Council. Particular emphasis is being placed on the distribution of Ellen White's "Great Controversy" with special editions being developed by each of the world's thirteen divisions. It was reported that the South American Division alone has a goal to distribute over 30 million copies. Church members are being encouraged to reread the book this year

in preparation for sharing the work starting in 2012. The President of the General Conference shared his prayer goal of seeing church members distribute 100 million copies.

The treasurer for the General Conference opened his report citing the text from Psalm 34:24 - "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." Worldwide tithe for 2010 was up by 8.2% when compared to 2009 in spite of the recession which has impacted major portions of the world. For the first time in the church's history tithe for 2010 exceeded USD 2.0 billion. During the ten year period of 2001 - 2010 the tithe from divisions other than the North American Division has moved from 39% of the total to a current level of 56%. God is blessing His church throughout the world.

A taskforce report was presented with the title: "Transparency and Accountability in Financial Reporting - Our Global Leadership Commitment." Church members deserve to have confidence in organizational leaders of the church particularly as they serve as stewards for the resources that members have made available through their tithes and offerings. It is anticipated that each division of the world will address this challenge in an effort to create cultures where members can have complete confidence that their leaders are fulfilling the mission of the church without reference to personal gain or advantage.

– Kenneth Osborn, NSD Treasurer



Layperson Dedicated to Discipleship Training

Taiwan



Discipleship seminar

Last January 18 to 23, the SS-PM department of the Taiwan Conference held a special seminar on discipleship at the TaiChung

Seventh-day Adventist Church. Mr. Johnny Wong, and his assistant Miss Leah Lee, led the 32 church

pastors and 128 members through four phases of revival, motivation, discipling and training. Through the use of these strategies Mr. Wong wishes to help younger congregations develop through care groups. This dedicated Chinese layperson, in his church in Australia, now has a third church emerging as a fruit of their training in discipleship. Seminar participants decided to implement his mission strategy in their local churches. We anticipate great things to happen through the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Let's pray for them and the churches in Taiwan.

South Korea

Korean Adventist Preparatory Academy (KAPA) Opens at YangPyeong English Campus



Korean Adventist Preparatory Academy (KAPA) officially opened for service on March 14, 2011, at the Yangpyeong English Campus, with an initial intake of 18 students with 6 teachers who hail from Canada and the USA. The occasion was graced by the county governor, Mr. SunGyo Kim, the initiator of the English Village. Griggs International Academy (GIA) cum Griggs University's (GU) president, Dr. Alayne Thorpe, Dr. Andrea Luxton, provost of Andrews University (AU) and Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, the Education director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) were also present at the opening ceremony. Both Dr. Thorpe and Dr. Luxton gave

congratulatory remarks to the students, faculty and administration.

Dr. KwangJei Lee, CEO of SDA Education and previous president of the Yangpyeong English Village, congratulated the administrators for taking the bold step to build this new enterprise. Pastor BuKwon Chun, current president of Yangpyeong English Village, reminded all that the existence



Dr. Thorpe(L) gives congratulatory remark



Pr. BuKwon Chun(L) challenges students

of KAPA was due to the dream of the leaders of the English Village. He challenged the students to continue to dream big.

Principal Robert Christensen introduced the entire faculty and also led out in the matriculation declaration. Two students, with the highest scores on the entrance examination gave their responses. Both of these students received an award from Mr. Christensen.

The climax of the ceremony was the unveiling of the school's name and logo accompanied by a loud fireworks display. Later, in the office of the principal, a short ceremony together with the signing of a contract between GIA and AU, the new owner of GIA/GU and the president of Yangpyeong English Village.



KAPA Opening Ceremony

Currently most of the students and all the teachers are Seventh-day Adventists. This first group of teachers comes highly qualified and rich in experience. They are all committed to the mission of the Church in molding these young minds to follow their Lord.

One of the foreign guests commented that, "even though this first intake is small I can envision great success for this institution, with its strategic location and right mission focus."

— Chek Yat Phoon,
NSD Education Director



Mongolian Language School Director Completes Term, Returns Home

Mongolia

On Sabbath February 12, more than sixty people gathered in the Maranatha church for the farewell of PMM pastor Park No Young. Pastor Park was truly a Pioneer Missionary being the first PMM pastor to Mongolia. He and his wife MiJin Lee (Sally) served a total of six years. In that time they established the SDA Language School and planted the Maranatha church.

Hardships they endured and overcame included the harsh climate in Mongolia, food that is very different from Korea, health problems, a difficult regulatory environment and of course, learning a new language. Despite these obstacles, the Maranatha church has an average attendance of sixty-five people each Sabbath. The strength of the church is that the members have been trained to care for each other and contact each other if someone is missing on a given Sabbath. A unique feature of the Maranatha church is that people tend to join it through word of mouth from relatives and friends. They come to the various clubs and activities the church offers rather than just



Farewell at the airport

public evangelism meetings advertised to the public.

On Tuesday, February 15, a farewell lunch was held for Pastor Park with the Mission office staff and Ulaanbaatar based pastors and wives at a Mongolian restaurant.

Pastor Park and Sally have now returned to Korea where Pastor Park is the director of the Ulsan SDA Language Institute and church. Truly it can be said of their work in Mongolia, "Well done, thou good and faithful servants."

Every Child a Disciple of Jesus

South Korea

Children leaders from all territories of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division gathered at its headquarters in Ilsan, Korea for their advisory from April 18-22 to lay plans for the next 5 years. The theme, "Every child a disciple for Jesus" unified all seminars, discussions and strategy sessions as we met for the first day on April 19. The advisory kickstarted with a devotional from Dr. Linda Koh, General Conference, Children's Ministries director with a thought-provoking question, "Will our children and others see Jesus in us?" Associate Children's Ministries director, Dr. Saustine Mfunne, stirred our hearts with a most relevant question for our times, "When will we realize that children need the Lord?"

It is time that we woke up to the fact that if we do not seriously prioritize our children and their spiritual development now, we will lose them to the world; the Church will face a dismal future as more and more of our young adults leave the Church. The current statistic of a dropout rate of about 50% is

alarming and unless stemmed, will cause serious leadership issues in the next decade or so, particularly in congregations with an aging population. It is our hope and prayer that the agenda of the Lord will be sought at this Advisory and that we will be moving forward with lots of prayer and a commitment to doing His will.



NSD Children's Ministries Advisory

Japan
South Korea

Using Her Vocal Talents in Aid of Mission – Oriental Pearl Woos Crowds in Korea, Japan



Dr. Yoora Lee-Hoff

The NSD Office of Adventist Mission invited Dr. Yoora Lee-Hoff, Lyric Coloratura Soprano to present 12 concerts in Japan and Korea over a period of 4 weeks in aid of mission. Dr. Lee-Hoff was born into an Adventist pastor's family. An outstanding violinist, she studied at the University of Leipzig in Germany, were by chance, she discovered her talent as a vocalist. Until then, she had never received any vocal training. Dr. Lee-Hoff, nicknamed the "the Oriental Pearl" began her ministry in Korea with a concert held on February 12, 2011 to raise funds for Pastor YoungShik Ham, PMM missionary to Uganda.

She hosted a string of other mission concerts to promote and support various mission projects of the NSD such as the 1000 Missionary Movement and HisHands Mission Movement. The last concert was held in aid of the construction of the Mongolian



The Sound of Zion Choir

Youth Training Center at the Universal Art Center in Seoul, Korea on March 5, 2011. At the concert, Mezzo



Dr. ShinJa Kim

Soprano ShinJa Kim, and the Sound of Zion choir as well as Coloratura Soprano Yoora Lee-Hoff presented beautiful songs including hymns, opera arias, and Korean songs.

From February 22 to March 2, 2011, she visited Kobe and Osaka, Japan for three concerts. She also gave special numbers at revival meetings in Kobe Church twice a day-every morning and evening-for a week. There was a special concert held at the Kobe Music Concert Hall aimed at non-Adventists. Surprisingly over 200 people willingly accepted Adventist literature. Mrs. Noako Watanabe, a pastor's wife in Kobe Church said, "Japanese people usually do not even take our distributed publications, but today they paid for the concert and got the booklets by themselves. This is an excellent evangelistic method!"

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Lee-Hoff for her dedicated music ministry.



– Kwon JohnHaeng,
NSD Adventist Mission Director

LIVING IN LOVE - COUPLE'S TRAINING CHANGES LIVES

Mongolia



Couples and speakers at Valentines Day dinner

From February 12 to 14, 2011 the MMF Family Ministries Department under the leadership of Purev Jugderjav hosted a "Living in Love" seminar for married couples of the Ulaanbaatar district churches. For the first time, all the presenters of the seminars were Mongolian pastors and leaders - a clear sign of the maturing church in Mongolia.

Thirty couples participated, three of whom were non-believers. This presented an opportunity to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are grateful that these non-member couples are now attending church regularly and actively participate in the programs.

One husband accepted Jesus as his Savior and decided to be baptized. He's now attending baptismal classes. The seminars made it possible for women of the church to introduce their husbands to their friends from church and further opened the door to improve their own family relationships.

We are so very thankful for the changes that have occurred in the lives of these husbands. One husband who used to spend most of his salary on alcohol brought home his full salary for the first time after attending the seminar. Another husband who gambled a lot promised his wife that he'll never gamble again. He has kept his promise and we believe that all these things happened through the miraculous power of God.

Many other family difficulties have been solved and we can see couples love for one another grow more and more.

Through this seminar, we saw a door open to spread the good news. We were inspired to share this blessing with others and let them feel the love of our God.

Newly-established Adventist Farmers Association Committed to Green Agriculture

South Korea



The Adventist Farmers Association was officially established at Daejeon Sahmyook Middle School with about 300 attendees on February 20, 2011. Elder YoungJin Choi was appointed as the first president of the Association, a nationwide organization with membership of more than 150. In his acceptance speech, Elder Choi mentioned "we live in an age when the Adventist Farmers Association should work. I hope this organization can play an important

role for the future of the church." Pastor DaeSung Kim, KUC President, said "the whole world is struggling with food and energy deficiency. I wish this association, established through God's wonderful providence, to reflect the image of Jesus and provide safe food for people." Participants said "as everyone has a purpose in life, a farmer should have the purpose of farming. We pray that we can cultivate crops by the grace of the Holy Spirit and through our humble prayers."

In 2009, 15 farmers gathered to discuss the establishment of an organization for the restoration of green agriculture. Then, they initiated the formation of the organization in January, 2011 which laid the foundation for its establishment. The Adventist Farmers Association will present models of environmentally friendly agriculture through seed preservation, pesticide-free and fertilizer-free produce, and green farming techniques.

Volcanic Activity in Indonesia No Deterrent for Volunteer Medical Service Team



Medical service

An overseas volunteer service team from Sahmyook Medical Center in Seoul visited Banyu Urip, Indonesia from February 6 to 12,

2011. In collaboration with Hong Kong Adventist College and ADRA Indonesia, Sahmyook Medical Center sent a team of volunteers who planned to make their medical services available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day. But with an onslaught of patients to the clinic they needed to work clear through 10 p.m. without stopping for lunch. The Hong Kong Adventist College students helped the medical team by guiding patients. Many patients suffered from malnutrition, festering wounds, and heartburn.

Mr. YoonCheol Seok, head of the gastroenterology division at the Sahmyook Medical Center, gave lectures on health every evening. Nurses checked patients' blood pressure and glucose levels, while



a pharmacist explained how to use the distributed medicine. He also visited patients unable to walk to give them vitamins and first-aid kits.

Due to volcanic activity, it took the team 42 hours from Jakarta airport to the mission field, but they all agreed "we received more love and joy from the locals than the service we gave. It was so sad that we had to send some patients home empty-handed because we were of running out of medicine. We are thankful that we were able to complete our trip safely."

Lay Activities Department Aims at Healthy Church project



The "healthy church" project has been in progress for the past 10 years.

Sadly, the majority of the churches have not been able to tackle issues pertaining to the concept of the healthy church message. The function of a "healthy church" includes carrying out basic functions

that all churches need.

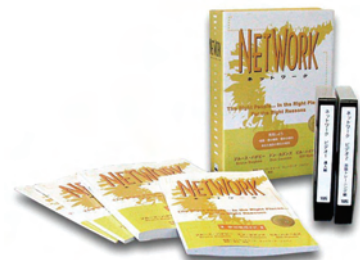
Last year Pastor Roger Govendar from Australia came to present the Healthy Church seminar to pastors at a meeting in Japan. He emphasized that there are 8 Guidelines that form the Healthy Church Project, eight characteristics of a healthy church;

1. Shared leadership and building leaders

2. Ministry using God-given talents
3. Passion for evangelism
4. Cooperation among members
5. Singing praise and worship lively
6. Dividing the work equally among the people
7. Mission work-fill the needs of the people around you
8. Build relations filled with love

With these guidelines we can perform the work needed in order to nurture a healthy church. The seminar was

later shared in 15 locations and the healthy church concept began to spread. With DVDs made available.



CHINESE MISSION CENTER OPENS IN JAPAN

South Korea



Chinese Mission Center

A new setting can be seen at Tachikawa East Japan Union Conference office. A new plaque was installed at the entrance of the Seventh-day Adventist Chinese Mission office. After seeing the needs of the PMM work being done in Japan in 2007 and as a result of the 13th Sabbath School offering being approved in 2007 to be set aside for Japan Union Conference in 2008, a special committee board began the first steps

to make this Seventh-day Adventist Chinese Mission Center a possibility.

In September of 2010 a decision was made to go ahead with this project. The reason for opening such a center is that Chinese membership has grown greatly in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. With over 300,000 members from China, it is the fastest growing group within the territory. A special committee was set up to draw up the working policy so that its mission would be firm and the Chinese Mission Center would be built to motivate evangelism for the Chinese community.

The Nishisugamo and Funabashi Chinese Church members gather at 3 different locations. Approximately 30 to 40 members are able to worship each week at various locations including the Tachikawa Chinese Mission Center. Plans are being laid to call Chinese speakers to come in the spring and fall of 2011 to evangelize the people. DVD, internet, and CD media are planned to reach those far from meeting locations.

Sahmyook University Makes Waves in Educational World Through Unique Global Leadership Training Camp

South Korea

The MVP Camp which is the only character development program at college level available in Korea is drawing attention in the educational world. Sahmyook University held the MVP Camp again this year from February 15 to 18 and 25 to 28. This camp is designed to develop sound character, with the idea of helping students to become global leaders with a mission, vision, and passion. This year, celebrities from various fields were invited to inculcate aims and vision into freshmen through numerous topics including 'How to be a master in communication', 'dream', and 'thoughts'. It also presented a good opportunity to foster closer ties between teachers and friends through small group activities and group training. Cultural events and a visit to the Garden of Morning Calm made up part of the program.

Dr. KiKon Kim, SYU President, said "a true leader in this age is one who creates hope and

meaning, based on fine character and values. I hope all students can grow to become global leaders through this systematic character development program."

Sahmyook University started its Global Leadership Center last year with the aim to raise global leaders through holistic education including mental, spiritual and physical development.



MMF Brings *Healthy Living Message* to Countryside

The MMF Health Ministries department and the local Hentii church teamed up for a Week of Health from February 20 to 26, 2011. Hentii, located 400 km east of Ulaanbaatar, saw a total of nine different government organizations including the Tax office, Police department, department of Water works, Central affairs and other offices involved in health lectures and screening. The purpose of the seminars was to strengthen ties between the local church and the community. Church leaders in Hentii, Anklin already established good relationships and communication with the various authorities in their districts.

The health week introduced the ideas of healthy living and a healthy diet through cooking classes, anti-smoking seminars and health screening. In the three different sub district clinics, around eighty people participated. Checkups included blood sugar, BMI, lung capacity and blood pressure which were extremely helpful as the people do not have regular access to these services.

In March, the popular “Youth Alive” program was conducted in Sant and Hutul about 300 km northwest of Ulaanbaatar.

A group of seven young people from the Ulaanbaatar Amazing Grace church enthusiastically conducted this program for eighty five student participants.

A NEWSTART program was conducted for the church members of Hutul. Ten people were trained to give stop smoking seminars. After all the activities of the week, Sabbath was one of the happiest and memorable moments for both our “Youth Alive” young people’s group as well as for the local church leader and members.



Lectures at the Police Department

Union-wide Sabbath School Conference in Korea

From February 18 to 20, 2011, the KUC Sabbath School & Personal Ministries department held a Union-wide Sabbath School Conference at the Madalpi Youth Training Center. A total of 325 participants attended the conference with over 400 people present for the worship service and afternoon programs on Sabbath. The motto was “Sabbath Schools Alive, Churches Alive.” The program consisted of seminars, workshops, divine service, and other small group activities. Classes included, for example, “the role and function of Sabbath School Staff,” “How to use the SS quarterly & how to lead a discussion,” “Friday Vespers,” “Daybreak Prayer Meetings.” All those who participated appreciated the whole program. The SS Conference, last held three years ago, was organized for the sake of the newly elected Sabbath School officers. The idea came as an initiative for the



Union and local Conference directors to invigorate churches through the Sabbath School. May the Lord bless those who participated and all the churches of Korea, through the work of the Sabbath School.

ACADEMY CAMPUS EVANGELISM KICKS OFF IN HONG KONG

The Academy Campus Evangelism (ACE) Program was initiated by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division with the purpose of reaching non-Adventist students within our Adventist Academies and Colleges. With the popularity of Adventist schools among non-Adventist families, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division faces a new challenge: in many of our academies the non-Adventist population far exceeds the Adventist population. Subsequently NSD has established the ACE program which will endeavour to reach the non-Adventist students by exposing them to the good news of the gospel.

Pastor Mark Jenneke, the assistant youth director of NSD and ACE program coordinator traveled to Hong Kong on March 13, 2011, accompanied by the Golden Angels to lead out in a week-long series of evangelistic meetings as his first assignment. Pastor Ben Cho, a PMM pastor stationed in Hong Kong, worked alongside him to provide valuable presentations suitable for the student's age-group and background at the Hong Kong Adventist College.

More than 90% of the students at HKAC are non-Adventist students and most of their worldview is influenced by Taoism and Buddhism. Upon

meeting the students, Pastor Mark mentioned that they seemed to be nonchalant and uninterested in whatever he had to say. However, the more they got to know him and the more he was able to relate to them, the more interactive and interested they became. One of other obstacles besides religion was the language medium of English. By the second day many students warmed up to him and started to speak to him. They were very much interested in his family, occupation and religious issues that they were struggling with. Towards the end of the week, Pastor Mark befriended quite a few students. He says that he felt quite comfortable walking down the corridor of the school with many friendly "Hi's" and "hello's".

Even though the main goal of this campaign was to expose the students to the Good News of the Gospel quite a number of students requested Bible studies and many made a commitment to be more faithful. Three students were baptized and Pastor Cho indicated that at least 5 more would be baptized in the next two months. This was a good start to reaching the students of HKAC.

– Mark Jenneke,
NSD Assistant Youth Director





Pr. Jenneke, main speaker of the Gospel Week (L)



Banner for the Gospel Week



Together with students



Outside activity



Booth activity with Golden Angels



Students request Bible studies

Testimony from a Newly Baptized Girl in HKAC



After the Gospel Week, three students were baptized

When I was small, I studied at a Catholic primary school and went to Church, so I knew something about God and I loved God at that time. I left the Church finally because I could not find meaning in going to Church. I think my life was really terrible after that, I went into depression and even attempted suicide during the time.

During the 2010 spring Gospel Week, I was touched by God's love after listening to Pastor Kwon from Korea. Because our Lord loves me, He sent his only Son to this world to save us. I feel happy but also hurt about that, although Jesus is God's son, he could feel pain and he suffered a lot because of our sins. So, I thought I should do something as a

response to the love of God and started to study the Bible.

During the time I studied the Bible, a life-changing thing happened my dad discovered that he suffered from phase 4 cancer and he left me last November. Before I believed in God, I could not feel others' or God's love because I felt the love in my way but I understood it more lately. God has already prepared the way for you, you may think it is not good but it is the best for you, just like my life. Even though my dad's death broke my heart, I still thank God for giving me such a long time to stay with my dad. Everyone will die someday and though we cannot ever say goodbye to someone, the most important thing is to treasure the relationships we have with other people and God because no one can love you more or give you more than God can. At that time, God really blessed me a lot, he gave me the power to take care of and support my family, gave me Grace, my good Bible teacher and grace from God, to help me learn more about God and overcome hard times. Apart from these, God also gave me the chance to decide to be baptized. I understood life has limits after my dad's death, Jesus sacrificed for us and the only thing I can do is accept God as my only Saviour and work for God in my lifetime. So I finally chose to be baptised

Now, I am reborn and I hope more and more people can feel the love of God and confirm this in their hearts so that we can live in heaven together with God in the future.

2011 Adventist World Radio (AWR) Asia-Pacific Region Advisory



The Adventist World Radio (AWR) Asia-Pacific Region which is under the leadership of Pastor Jonathan Wagiran held its advisory meeting at headquarters in Batam, Indonesia in attendance with 40 delegates from three divisions – NSD, SSD, and SUD from February 21 to 23, 2011.

The meeting which began with the opening sermon of Pastor Dowell Chow, AWR President provided various beneficial programs including the history of AWR, AWR ministries in the world, seminars and discussions for advanced radio program production, AWR financial affairs, strategies for unreached territories, and the AWR report of each Division.

Pastor Dowell Chow emphasized the importance of the AWR ministry, saying “of course it is true that this is the age of high-tech equipped by videos, but radio is still a very attractive medium that touches people’s hearts. Even at this very moment, AWR is delivering heavenly messages to the heart in many different languages.”

Pastor Greg Scott, AWR Senior Vice President, explained the history of AWR on how God began and led this ministry, while Elder Kent Sharpe, AWR

Vice President of Finance said “although AWR costs a lot of money, I am sure that God will support it in financial ways, because we can witness the fruits of soul-winning through this ministry.”

Pastor Jonathan Wagiran, AWR Asia-Pacific Regional director, reported statistics and results of AWR in the area for the last five years. He also provided useful information about the development of more improved programs and technical supplementation.

Three Division AWR Coordinators gave a report and participants had a Q&A session to learn from each other and to share information, materials, and ideas. As Union AWR coordinators and directors attended the meeting, it was very beneficial to their actual work. Pastor SukHee Han, NSD AWR Coordinator, reported on AWR ministries in Korea, China, and Japan. Attendees were especially interested in mission strategies for the evangelism of China and North Korea through AWR. Representing NSD, Pastor RaeGu Park, Voice of Hope (VOH) Korea Studio director, Mr. Billy Liu, CHUM Media Center director, Mr. Kozo Abe, VOH Japan Studio producer, and Mr. Masaru Kawagoe, Japan Studio Radio Speaker attended the meeting.

The AWR broadcasts the Adventist hope in Christ to the hardest-to-reach people groups of the world in their own languages. Currently, programs are broadcast around the world in more than 100 languages via shortwave, AM/FM radio, and podcasts.

– SukHee Han, NSD AWR Coordinator



Pr. Han gives AWR Report for NSD



(from left) Pr. Chow, Mr. Kawagoe, Mr. Abe, Mr. Liu, Pr. Park, Pr. Wagiran, and Pr. Han



Group discussion

Adventist World Radio Approves Plans for Expansion of Guam Shortwave Station

The Board of Directors of Adventist World Radio has approved, in concept, the expansion of AWR's shortwave broadcasting facility on the island of Guam in the Pacific Ocean. This project will result in much better coverage of China, a critical mission area for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Guam station, which was established in 1987, currently broadcasts programs in 30+ languages for nearly 3000 hours each week to a large portion of Asia. Just over half of these hours consist of Mandarin programming for listeners in China. The station's shortwave footprint also includes India; together with China these two countries contain close to half of the world's population. As well, listeners in countries such as Vietnam, North Korea, Cambodia, Indonesia and more can all hear AWR programs in their own languages. The station's broadcast equipment consists of six towers, four curtain antennas, and five transmitters. The largest tower is 330 feet tall, and each curtain antenna is about the size of two football fields. The shortwave signals that are generated can travel for thousands of miles, enabling the gospel message to freely enter non-Christian areas without being subject to government control. The current equipment cannot provide a signal of sufficient

strength, at the right frequency, to adequately reach listeners in northern China, Mongolia, Siberia, and beyond. Adding a fifth antenna will enable AWR to broadcast a strong signal to these areas during prime listening hours, as well as simultaneously transmit additional programs in more languages.



AWR Shortwave Station in Guam

"Over the years, our Mandarin broadcasts have generated incredible response from listeners in China," says AWR president Dowell Chow. "But these listeners are primarily located in the southern part of the country, where our signal is much more consistent and clear. So our goal is to provide the same quality of broadcasts to the millions of people in the northern areas.

While AWR recently put significant resources into launching a comprehensive podcasting system – in which all of its radio programs can also be heard worldwide online – the organization recognizes that shortwave broadcasts are still a vital part of its mission, Chow says. "In spite of the growth in Internet usage," he explains, "shortwave is still the primary method of receiving information for literally hundreds of millions of people. A full 24 percent of the world's population does not have regular access to electricity. So at AWR, we remain very aware that our listeners are extremely diverse."

AWR hopes that the installation of the new tower and antenna can be completed by the end of 2012, which is the Guam station's 25th anniversary year.



AWR Guam staff



Adventist World Radio is the mission radio arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Programs are broadcast throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East through shortwave and AM/FM radio. All of AWR's Multilanguage programming is also available worldwide as podcasts and on demand at awr.org.

WINDS OF CHANGE SWEEP THROUGH 1000MM NEW FACE, NEW PHASE!

On March 12, the new face that will play an active part in the 1000 Missionary Movement for the next 5 years arrived on campus. Pastor KwangSoo Park, former executive secretary of the East Central Korean Conference succeeds Dr. MinHo Joo. Based on his abundant administrative and youth ministries experience, Pastor Park plans to take a new leap forward during this quinquennium. Pastor Park commented, "as Abraham obeyed God's command to "Go!" my family and I will do our best to serve Him."

A few days before, on March 1, Pastor HyungTaek Lim and his family arrived at the 1000MM campus. Pastor Lim served as a PMM missionary in Taiwan for six years and was newly appointed as the associate director of the 1000MM, succeeding Pastor KwangCheol Shin. He is in charge of missionary training for the next



Pastor KwangSoo Park(L) and Dr. MinHo Joo(R) holding 1000MM flag together

five years. He made a resolution, saying "I will support missionaries as much as I can and I will do my utmost as a servant of the Lord."

"SO SEND I YOU" DEDICATION SERVICE OF THE 37TH BATCH 1000MM MISSIONARIES

The dedication service of the 37th batch of 1000MM missionaries was held at the campus from March 11 to 12, 2011. As a part of the service, Dr. Richard Sabuin, Theology professor at AIAS gave an inspiring message to the missionaries. Newly-elected 1000MM director Pastor KwangSoo Park, appealed to the missionaries for their devotion. On Sabbath morning, two missionaries, JeongHee Sohn and Kristine Funtanilla shared how God lead them to the 1000MM. The video presentation covering the last three months of training made a great impression and was welcomed with great enthusiasm by the missionaries. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, also gave a gracious message to the young people leaving them with the idea that, "a missionary is the most precious position God has given to people. As He has called you to be a missionary, He will also give you strength."

The graduation was held for the 102 missionaries - 1 from Taiwan, 25 from South Korea, 2 from Mongolia, 6 from China, 1 from Kazakhstan, 1 from Cambodia, 1 from Canada, 1 from Kenya, 64 from the Philippines



- who went through a rigorous training program to prepare them for mission. Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Director, encouraged the missionaries. A certificate of completion and a missionary ID were handed to the missionaries who were dispatched to the Philippines, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Cambodia, Nepal, Mongolia, Kharovsk, Kenya, Austria, and Paraguay. With resolute determination, the missionaries prayed together with their partners and enjoyed a foot-washing ceremony followed by a communion service.



PIONEER MISSION MOVEMENT

FIRST JAPANESE CHURCH IN KOREA



Yongsan Japanese Adventist Church

The Seventh-day Adventist Yongsan Japanese Church celebrated its official opening in Yongsan, Seoul, Korea

on March 5, 2011. This was made possible through the hard work of Pastor Harutsugu Ogawa's family, Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionaries from Japan to Korea. This is a historical day for the Adventist Church in Korea as it is the first Japanese church which is not associated with the language schools.

Dr. Tadaomi Shinmyo, NSD acting associate secretary, encouraged the congregation to be faithful to God who is always ready to bless His people. There were 24 people including children who joined the church service in the morning.

The official opening ceremony of the Japanese church was conducted in the afternoon. Pastor Ogawa presided over the service with Professor SooHo Kim of Sahmyook

University as translator. Pastor ChiYang Moon, president of the East Central Korean Conference, made a congratulatory speech. Pastor Yutaka Inada,

secretary of the Japan Union Conference thanked the representatives from the KUC and NSD. Dr. Akeri Suzuki, NSD secretary, shared how God has been merciful and faithful to him and his family members.

Pastor Ogawa comments: "I want to move forward to do missionary work with prayer for Koreans learning Japanese and for Japanese living in Korea. I believe the Lord will show His grace and blessing to us and will give us many souls. Further, I believe in and work toward true disciples being raised up and will depart for their mission service from here."

A desire to establish a Japanese church in Seoul became a reality. All attendants pray that this church will be an agency used by God to lead many Japanese and Koreans in Seoul through Pastor Ogawa's dedicated ministry.



Pastor Ogawa's family

REPORT FROM TAIWAN

Successive crusades have been held at several schools and churches where PMM pastors are serving in Hong Kong and Taiwan. Beginning at Hong Kong Adventist College from March 14 to 19, the crusades continued till April 19, with the last one at Dali church in Taiwan.

To our big surprise, two VIPs from the Taiwan Conference (TWC), Pastor Steven Wu, President, and Pastor Yung-Song Hsu, Executive Secretary, visited us and shared many thoughts and ideas regarding the future of the PMM work in Taiwan.

In the meetings, the PMM pastors and their families gathered together for fellowship and recreation. It was extremely good to see the pastors' kids very exultant and happy. The children were isolated from each other for such a long time that they missed their friends very much. So, that day was the best day for them to be acquainted with each other. The parents expressed their



thanks for the support of the PMMs both from NSD and TWC. They wished they could have this kind of meeting more often, at least once a year.



Mongolian HisHands Missionaries

Dream of Being 300 Gideon's Soldiers



Newly dedicated HisHands missionaries



Group discussion



Pinning ceremony for new missionaries

The HisHands missionary training saw a record attendance of 203 missionaries from the 22 churches in Mongolia, at the Ulaanbaatar Central Church from March 30 to April 2, 2011. As the total number of Adventist churches in Mongolia is 22, it meant 100% church participation this time around. In spite of an intensive program running from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, no missionary was left behind or gave up. Pastor ManBok Kwon, a 76 year old, retired Korean was invited as the main speaker and accepted the challenge despite his age. To emphasize the biblical foundation

of the HisHands Mission Movement, he reminded participants, "evangelism is a serious spiritual battle. The unchangeable strategy of evangelism across the ages, in all countries across the world is permeation. HisHands missionaries are the Lord's army who practice this strategy of permeation in the front lines."

Introducing the mission and direction of the HisHands, and highlighting effective personal ministry methods, Pastor SukHee Han, NSD HisHands Coordinator, stressed that the core of this movement is going out to seek souls.

During the training, participants were involved in actual hands on door-to-door visitation to meet interests and invite them to the evangelistic meetings. At vespers on the Friday evening, the dedication service and pinning ceremony for newly appointed missionaries brought much joy. Each missionary was presented with a uniform, tie for men, scarf for ladies, pin, bag, name card, Bible study guide book, and correspondence Bible study books. On the last day, a group of singers, the Descendants, all of whom are also HisHands missionaries in Mongolia performed a concert for the trainees.

Pastor HaShik, Kang, MMF Youth director, said "the HisHands Mission Movement is providing spiritual vigor to the Mongolian Adventist church and its members. I believe these missionaries are able to faithfully fulfill their mission by

the power of the Holy Spirit."

The HisHands office in Mongolia has divided the Mongolian territory into 5 districts and appointed 5 district leaders and one HisHands coordinator in each local church, making management, support, and communication more effective.

*** Testimony of Byumchin (23-year-old 1st group HisHands missionary)**

I am from Urkhanga Province and I attend the University of Ulaanbaatar, majoring in law. When I lived in Urkhanga, I used to visit the Uyanga area, which is about 20km from my place, to deliver the gospel message from house to house. There, I met a Presbyterian Church member and studied the Bible with him. Eventually he accepted the Adventist message and studied the Bible with some of his church members to teach them what he had learned. As a result, the Presbyterian Church he shepherded became the Uyanga Adventist Church. Now, 19 people from the Uyanga church attended the HisHands training. I experienced God's wonderful plan accomplished by this method of house to house visitation. I give glory to God.



Byumchin



People from the Uyanga church

THE POWER OF PRAISE



March 13, 2011 the Golden Angels went on our first mission trip to Hong Kong Adventist College. The Gospel Week was conducted by Pastor Mark Jenneke. We shared God's love through our songs. We also held different activities which students participated in and enjoyed. As a result of our mission efforts three souls accepted God as their Personal Savior. The Holy Spirit will never stop working with those who are willing to learn about Jesus. Let's pray for these precious souls.

We arrived in Taiwan on March 20, 2011. We had been to three churches previously, namely Yilan, Chiayi and Shalu church. It was a great privilege for us Golden Angels to meet a lot of friends and to make more friends for Christ. We visited homes and hospitals, sang and offered prayers for the people we met. One home owner was moved and cried while listening to our songs. Another lady requested us to sing "Someone is praying for you" and we sang it in Chinese. It's very overwhelming to see people who are visibly moved by the message of the songs. Praise is powerful. Whenever it is led by the Holy Spirit it carries a current of change in people's lives.

We held concerts in schools, malls and even

downtown. We had nightly meetings with positive attendance. Several people including students attended the evening worship. A student stood up with tears in her eyes, sharing how she was touched by the songs. A lady named Yi Ching Wang shared how she was led to the foot of the Cross and personally met the Lord our Savior. Ching says, "I'm so much happier now than I was before I met Christ. As a result of our nightly meetings 7 souls accepted Jesus Christ as their Personal Savior through baptism.

I find such gratitude and satisfaction when I see people accept Jesus and grow in Christ. Let us continue to pray for these precious souls that they will grow in their faith. We believed that the angels in heaven are singing praises for these precious souls.

Our mission trip to Hong Kong and Taiwan was so meaningful and full of blessings. We are so thankful for the pastors and brethren who helped us and worked with us during the program. What a privilege and honor to work for Christ and share his love with others. Let us continue to become a strong witness for Jesus.

We hope and pray the seeds of faith that we have planted will grow and soon bring a great harvest.



GA invites students to their concert in Chiayi, Taiwan



Mission work in Yilan, Taiwan



Ministry in HKAC

MISSION FIRST



1000 MISSIONARY MOVEMENT (1000MM)

was born in 1992 in association with the Southern Asia-Pacific Division. Missionaries work in 39 countries as Global Mission Pioneers for one year or more. Since 1992, 5,541 missionaries from 58 countries received training on our campus. They baptized 54,846 precious souls as of 2010.

HISHANDS MISSION MOVEMENT (HHMM)

was initiated in 2008. HisHands missionaries serve in their local communities and churches for a term of 3 years. They participate in missionary activities for 10 hours a month. A total of 2,317 missionaries from Korea, Mongolia, Taiwan and Japan have joined this Movement.

PIONEER MISSION MOVEMENT (PMM)

was initiated in 2003. The PMM sends pastors to plant churches abroad. They leave the comfort of home for 6 years, immersing themselves in a foreign country and culture. The first year abroad is spent in language study before they begin church planting. Currently 41 pastors are working in 11 different countries.

GOLDEN ANGELS

were formed in 2004 to support PMM evangelistic meetings, youth activities, and NSD's mission-oriented events. Every year, 8 dedicated Adventist young people join this ministry and assist at nearly 30 evangelistic meetings. Thus far 54 musically talented individuals have offered one precious year of their life to the Lord as singing missionaries.

COMMUNICATION & LEADERSHIP ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (CLAP)

was launched in 2008 as a focused effort to polish up the English language and leadership skills of our up-coming leaders in the Division. Participants concentrate on developing their proficiency in four intensive two-week sessions over a period of 2 years, with lots of assignments in between.

GLOBAL MISSION

was launched in 1990 in order to spread the gospel quickly amongst unreached people. It is a church planting project which allows lay members to go into the unentered areas within their own culture and language. 418 lay members are working for the project for two or more years.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES GO TO THE DISASTER VICTIMS IN JAPAN



The Northern Asia-Pacific Division cannot restrain our feelings of deep sorrow for the worst earthquake and tsunami on record and the nuclear leak at power plants in northeastern Japan. We offer our sincerest condolences to the Japanese people who have suffered from such a tragedy. May our Lord stretch His healing hands over Japan, so that all damage and wounds will be restored soon.

We appreciate the prayers, heartfelt messages, support and relief aid for Japan of our brothers and sisters from across the globe. At this time when we realize that our Lord's coming is very near, even at the door, the NSD is committed to the gospel work going forward with our motto, "Mission First" by the power of the latter rain of the Holy Spirit.