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*GC. President Ted Wilson's official Visit
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Spirit and Mission of Elijah

We Are Eschatological Elijahs to Come

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The Prophet Elijah was a man of prayer. He was a man of powerful prayer. On Mount Carmel, when Elijah prayed for fire, the heaven was opened and a big fireball came down and it consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. Elijah's prayer was immediately answered. After the dramatic event on Mount Carmel, Elijah prayed to God for rain. There had been no rain for three and a half years, and the people desperately needed it. Elijah prayed seven times for rain, and finally there was rain from heaven. (1 Kings 18:30-39) The important assumption is that if God had not answered his prayer the seventh time, surely he would go back to pray the eighth time, the ninth time, and the tenth time until God answered his prayer.

"It was because Elijah was a man of large faith that God could use him in this grave crisis in the history of Israel. As he prayed, his faith reached out and grasped the promises of Heaven, and he persevered in prayer until his petitions were answered... Faith such as this is needed in the world today- faith that will lay hold on the promises of God's word and refuse to let go until Heaven hears." (PK, 156-57)

The Prophet Elijah was also a man of the word of God. "And the word of the Lord came to him." (1 Kings 17:2) "Then the word of the Lord came to him." (1 Kings 17:8) "Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying" (1 Kings 21:17)

Elijah lived in the word of God and by the word of God. He directly, boldly and clearly spoke the word of God to the people. He always had the word of God in his heart and in his mouth. He could stand before Ahab the wicked king of Israel and courageously say to him, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have." He

could speak boldly to the king because he knew that he was delivering the word of God. Surely Elijah was a man of prayer and the word of God. He daily experienced spiritual revival. He was indeed a great servant of the Lord.

The last two verses of the Old Testament talk about the future coming of the prophet Elijah. "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord..." (Mal 4:5-6)

Jesus pointed out that John the Baptist was Elijah who was to come. (Matt 11:11-14) With the spirit and mission of the prophet Elijah, John the Baptist prepared the way for the coming Messiah, the great anointed King.

The Pen of Inspiration wrote thus in her book, Maranatha, 22 - "Those who are to prepare the way for the second coming of Christ are represented by faithful Elijah, as John came in the spirit of Elijah to prepare the way for Christ's first advent."

John the Baptist came into the world just before the first coming of Jesus Christ to prepare the people to accept Jesus of Nazareth as the promised Messiah. And it is said that in the last days just before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, God will send the prophet Elijah again to prepare the people for the Second Coming of Christ. According to Ellen White, those who prepare the way for the second coming of Christ are Elijahs to come. In other words, those of us who have been called by God to prepare the people for the great and glorious Second Coming of Christ are eschatological Elijahs. Each and every one of us has the mission of Elijah, and we must have the spirit of Elijah. Are we men of prayer and men of the word of God as was the prophet Elijah?

NSD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to communicate to all people in its territory the everlasting gospel of God's love in the context of the Three Angels' Message 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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Ted Wilson, World Church China and Sees Its' Bound



Wilson preaches God's word at Sabbath worship in Beiguan church, Shenyang.

Official 10 Day Visit Begins in Shanghai

The Chinese Government officially invited Church leaders from the General Conference (GC) and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) to visit the Adventist Churches in Shanghai, Wuxi, Hangzhou, Shenyang, and Beijing from March 29 to April 8, 2012.

Along with Elder Ted Wilson, President of the GC, were G.T. Ng, GC Secretary; Robert Lemon, GC Treasurer; Eugene Hsu, retired GC Vice President; Williams Costa Jr., GC Communication Director; Andre Brink, GC Associate Communication Director; Jairyong Lee, NSD President; SukHee Han, NSD

Communication Director, and David Ng, Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) President. They visited with and encouraged the Church members at each church they attended.

When they arrived at Pudong Airport Shanghai on March 29, 2012, Mr. Ou Enlin, Director of Oversea's Relations of China Christian Council (CCC), and Three Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM), warmly welcomed the visitors.

They also visited State Administration of Religious Affairs (SARA) which is an official organization of the Chinese Government, and spoke with Mr. Jiang

President, Officially Visits less Potential for Mission

Jainyong, Deputy Minister of SARA. They shared the various community services, relief and development services, and the medical education that the Adventist Church offers and asked for wide understanding and cooperation for the work.

Chinese Adventist Church Is a Valued Member of the World Church

Elder Wilson commented, “The objectives of our trip to China were at least twofold. One was simply to learn about and to understand the setting of this vast country and how to arrange certain activities and relationships with our Seventh-day Adventist believers there. The second large objective was to encourage our members in that great country and just bring them a sense that they are truly part of the World Church, in a large sense that we all beat with that beautiful and wonderful hope of Jesus soon coming.”

Dr. Jairyong Lee showed his thankfulness to the Chinese Church leaders and members for their great effort. He said, “Although there were many difficulties including a lack of systematically trained ministers, a lack of finance, and the government’s control, the Adventist Church in China, whose members are about 400,000, has rapidly grown by God’s grace and dedication of the Church leaders and members.” He also added, “The GC President’s visit to China is a strong signal for the Chinese Adventists that they can be proud of being a part of the World Church. Even though the political situation in each country is different, it is a very important mission to stick to the Adventist truth, based on the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, and to deliver it.

G. T. Ng stated, “It is touching to see how God’s love unites us as a world family and how the Holy Spirit



Beiguan Church members are standing in line on either side, welcoming



Elder Wilson and Nancy in the welcoming ceremony



Pr. Hao Ya Jie welcomes Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of NSD

works even without a formal Church structure and external assistance in this country.”

He also emphasized, “There are still many things to be careful of due to government policies, but it is clear that God is still paying attention to, and taking care of, the Adventist Churches in China as in the past.”

Ted Wilson Introduces Major Beliefs and Ministries of the Adventist Church

The leaders met with Rev. Gao Feng, and Rev. Kan Baoping who are the President and the Secretary of the China Christian Council, respectively, as well as other persons concerned about Christian affairs in Shanghai. The unique mission and beliefs of the Adventist Church along with the Church’s global educational work, health services, and work of ADRA, were introduced in great detail.

Pastor Wilson lifted Jesus’ name through his preaching on “Righteousness by Faith” on Sabbath in the Shanghai Mu’er Church during the Divine Service, and met with more than 1,500 Adventist members who were full of enthusiasm and thankful hearts.

In the afternoon the delegation went to the city of Wuxi, a two-hour drive from Shanghai, where they found an enthusiastic group of 1,000 Adventist believers in the Wuxi Xi’an Church who greeted the leadership team with a service made up of a well-prepared play and music.

The Most Precious Life – A Life Longing for Jesus’ Coming

The next stop on the itinerary was the city of Wenzhou, in southern China. The city has 9 million inhabitants and 1 million Christians. With such a high density of Christians, it is sometimes called “The Jerusalem of China.”

“In the Wenzhou area there are 40,000 Sabbath keepers that expect the Second Coming of Jesus,” Elder Hsu said. “They are approximately 10 percent of China’s Seventh-day Adventist membership and the second largest Christian group in the region,” he added.

There, the delegation was informed of the mission situation by faithful Adventist ministers and members. The leaders encouraged their dedication and effort, and prayed for their faith to be strengthened.

Leaving Wenzhou, Elder Wilson and his party visited Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital and Meilizhou Church in Hangzhou. Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital is a hospital which works in collaboration with Loma Linda Hospital in the U.S.A. It is well known in the local community of the city in terms of the high standards of its medical techniques, and the spirit of service and loving care given, demonstrating Jesus’ love.

As Wilson received the briefing about the hospital’s situation, he gave encouraging words and prayed for the prosperity of the hospital.

After the hospital visitation, Elder Wilson and his party moved to Meilizhou Church. The Church resulted from a partnership between a local Church elder and a property developer whose upscale resort had almost everything but one important element – a church.

This church also came about through

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Chinese churches are growing rapidly. This is the worship service at the Beiguan church

the sacrifice commitment, and vision of key Church members.

Elder Wilson reminded Church members that they are a vital part of God’s worldwide people who are moving towards the Second Coming of Christ. “This church has a beautiful environment, a beautiful church building, and

a beautiful community service performed by the Church members, but the most beautiful thing is the Adventist faith in your mind looking forward to Jesus’ Advent.”



- 01 - Chinese church members extend the glad hands of welcome.
- 02 - Nancy gives a children story.
- 03 - GC delegation visit Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital.
- 04- GC delegation talk with church leaders of CCC and TSPM
- 05 - GC delegation and church leaders of CCC and TSPM.

The Model of Church Growth – Visitation to Beiguan Church with 10,000 Members

Following the visit in Hangzhou, they left for the Beiguan Church which is located in Shenyang, in the northeastern part of China. This is the biggest Adventist Church in the world. Dressed in black suits, young men and women lined the walkway singing songs of welcome as the delegation from the Adventist World Church headquarters walked towards the church.

Hao Ya Jie, Beiguan, the Church's pastor, gave thanks to the World Church President and other Church leaders for visiting. She said, "Elder Wilson's preaching emphasized the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, prayer, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and a religious life that deeply touched our Church members. It also was a great blessing to us."

Beiguan Church had humble beginnings with twenty members meeting in someone's home. Later, they shared a church in downtown Shenyang, and then rented a church. Finally they had enough savings to build their own four-story building.

Many members took savings that they had kept for their children's education and donated this to the Church. People also gave much of their retirement savings. Today, the Beiguan Adventist Church has more than 3,000 members and has generated numerous church plants totaling another 7,000 members.

Every morning at 5 a.m., 365 days a year, Church members come to the Church to pray. Young people are trained for one year and during this time are given various responsibilities by their supervisors. After the year is up, the best students are handpicked for additional theological training. Some students are also sent abroad as missionaries to various countries.

"It is incredible to see the way our members are sacrificing their time and means to move forward the work of the Lord," said Robert E. Lemon. "The Churches in China are a testament to God's blessings when members are willing to sacrifice their time, talents and money."



Elder Wilson delivers the message of "Righteousness by Faith"



GC delegation worship together with Chinese brother & sisters on Sabbath



GC delegation in a series of talks with Chinese Church leaders



GC delegation with Wuxi Xian Church's choir



Jingshi Church prepares a special performance



Elder Ted Wilson and Mr. Jiang Jairyong, Deputy of SARA

Came to Inspire, but Received Inspiration

Finishing the official visit, Elder Wilson testified, “We have visited wonderful, faithful, dynamic, and courageous Seventh-day Adventist Church members.

We have seen lovely churches that we own, heard wonderful choirs, seen enthusiastic young people in these churches which are the result of earnest mission activities on the part of the Church members. I give all of my honor and glory to God who has done everything.”

In all the church’s, Pastor Wilson delivered a special message of encouragement to the Chinese members. “It is so encouraging to meet personally with these members of the Seventh-day Adventist family in this part of the world. We came to inspire but meeting with them, we have been inspired.”

Yes, there are about 400,000 Church members and the local leadership, with their committed dedication, has inspired through the years a Church that exists without a formal administrative structure.

Adventists, in many cases, worship in the same church buildings used by other Protestants. Nevertheless, Chinese Adventists keep the Sabbath and embrace the same core biblical beliefs held by members around the world. How wonderful it is!

Elder Wilson, and the other Church leaders sought to strengthen ties between the global Adventist family and the estimated 400,000 Adventist believers in the People’s Republic of China during their visit.

In conclusion, we hope this official visit of the World Church President can be a foundation of many positive effects on the Chinese Church in mission and spirituality, so that they can be an even greater blessing to the World Church as well as the NSD territories, including China.



SukHee Han
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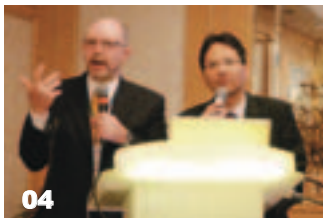
The very first NSD Leadership Summit convened at the Heritage Hotel, Manila, Philippines with an opening address by Dr. Jairyong Lee, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) President, stating precisely the purpose of this important convention: Leadership, Revival and Mission. Hence, the aptly chosen theme of this Summit was “NSD Leadership Summit: Revival and Mission First”.

The participants were heads of institutions within

the NSD territory which included significant institutions that support the work of the NSD: 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Asia, and Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS).

The other participants were Union officers, NSD officers and departmental directors, and associate directors along with their spouses.

01. About 120 participants attend the meeting
02. Dr. Jairyong Lee gives opening message.
03. Dr. Delbert Baker
04. Dr. Fred Hardinge
05. Dr. David Ripley
06. Dr. Chekyat Phoon-Coordinator of the meeting.
07. Pr. Bienvendio V. Tejano





Dr. Lee encourage a blind person who gives testimony.



The delegates visit AIIAS campus.



The delegates visit 1000MM campus.



The delegates worship together with trainees of 1000MM.



The delegates encourage Korean missionaries of 1000MM.



The main presenters were:

- ▶ Dr. Delbert Baker, General Conference (GC) Vice-President, who spoke on the “Ten Characteristics of Effective Leadership.”
- ▶ Dr. Fred Hardinge, GC Associate Health Ministries Director, who brought to us a relevant message on “Strength for Revival and Reformation.”
- ▶ Dr. David Ripley, NSD Ministerial Secretary, who shared with us “The Role of Mission and Vision in an Adventist Institution.”
- ▶ Dr. Sally Lam-Phoon, NSD Children, Family and Women’s Ministries Director, and Pastor Lynn Ripley, NSD Shepherdess International Coordinator, held breakout sessions for the lady spouses. Both spoke on the topic, “Spiritual Growth in Action.”

The three morning devotionals were presented by Pastor Masumi Shimada, President, Japan Union Conference (JUC), Pastor DaeSung Kim, President, Korean Union Conference (KUC), and Pastor David Ng, President, Chinese Union Mission (CHUM). Special music was provided by groups of delegates from KUC, JUC and CHUM. Several singing groups

from AIIAS also blessed us with their music.

A special mid-day devotional was given by His Excellency Pastor Bienvendio V. Tejano, Philippines Ambassador to Papua New Guinea.

He is also an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Philippines and still holds ministerial credentials from the North Philippines Union Conference. His powerful and inspirational message was entitled, “Spiritual Leadership in Public Administration.”

Visits to significant institutions such as the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, 1000MM Center, AIIAS and the Adventist University of the Philippines rounded off our Summit on the final day.

The delegates have responded verbally, in emails and through evaluation forms that the Summit has indeed benefitted them. They felt challenged to continue to provide vigor to their institutions to fulfill their spiritual leadership roles for mission.



Chek Yat Phoon
NSD Education Director



NSD



NSD Staff Holds Retreat for Unity and Mission

NSD Staff Retreat Participants

On February 16~20, 2012, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held a staff retreat in the Philippines. The purpose of the retreat was to unite the NSD family and to inspire mission spirit. The NSD Social Committee prepared a wonderful itinerary and program for the staff and their spouses. During the retreat, the NSD staff was able to visit Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP), the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) Training Center, Aurora Church (one of the mission fields on Mindoro Island), Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS), and the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD). They also visited places to refresh themselves such as Villa Escudero, Taal Volcano and Canyon Cove Beach.

During their visit to the 1000MM Training Center, the NSD staff was able to see how the Lord began the Movement and how He continues leading it in marvelous ways. The NSD staff joined the vespers service with the 39th group of missionary trainees.



Dr. Lee preaching and encouraging

During the vespers service Dr. Jairyong Lee gave two laptop computers to Pastor KwangSoo Park, the Director of the 1000MM, as gifts for the Movement. During his sermon, Dr. Lee said, "I am sure that the Holy Spirit is specially working on this campus in a mighty way."

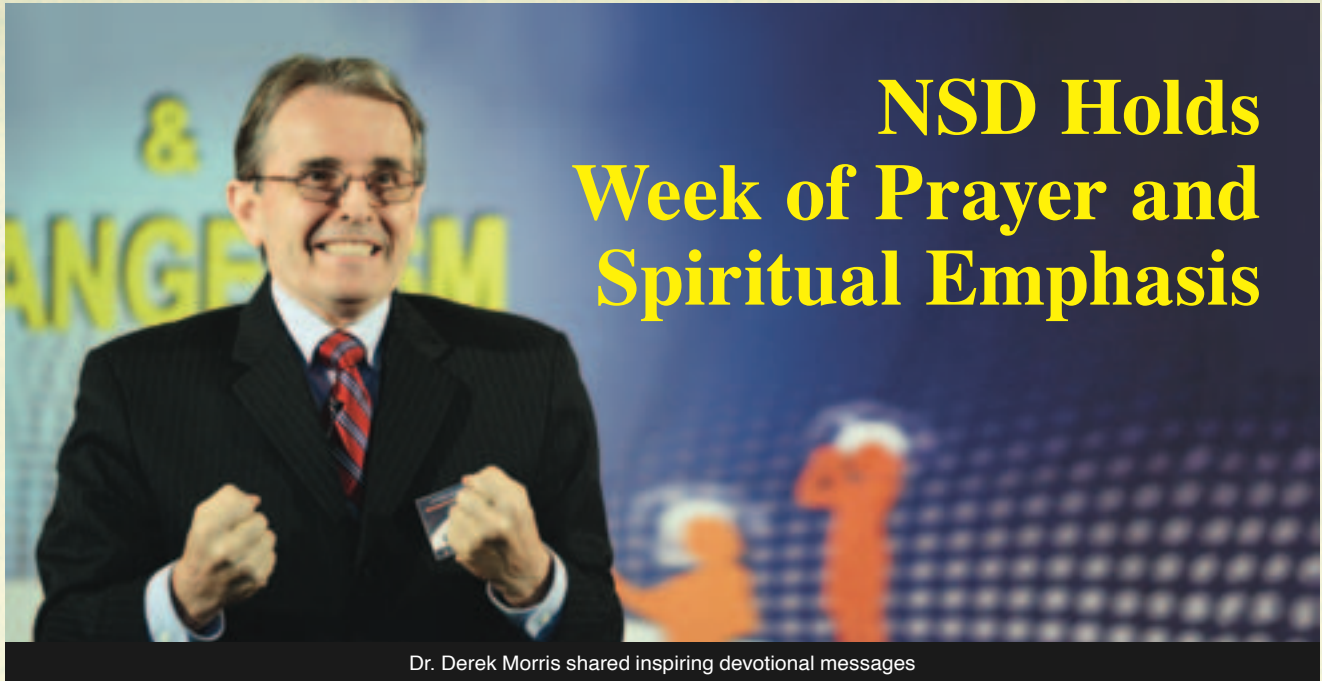


Presenting 2 bikes for missionaries

On February 18, the NSD staff visited Aurora Church in Mindoro Island. This church was planted and built by the 6th group of the 1000MM missionaries. The way to the mission field was not an easy way. The NSD staff left their guesthouse at 5:30 in the morning. They took a bus, a ferry and a Jipney to get there. At the mission field, the NSD staff was able to see

how our young missionaries are serving the church and preaching the gospel messages to the people. Dr. Jairyong Lee and the NSD staff presented two bicycles and donations to the missionaries for the ministry.

Through this retreat the NSD staff and their spouses were able to take time to be united for mission and to refresh their minds for better mission service.



NSD Holds Week of Prayer and Spiritual Emphasis

Dr. Derek Morris shared inspiring devotional messages

Dr. Derek Morris, General Conference Ministerial Associate and Ministry magazine editor, was the speaker for the NSD Week of Prayer, March 12-16, 2012. The theme of his messages was “Radical Followers of Jesus.” Monday’s devotional was “The Radical Testimony of Jesus.” Seventh-day Adventists are to be foremost in uplifting Christ to our world.

On Tuesday Elder Morris encouraged us to pray “A Radical Prayer” from Luke 10:2. “He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’” He exhorts us to take the words of this verse personally, and go out and spread the gospel in our communities.

“Radical Protection” was the message Pastor Morris shared on Wednesday. God is more than able to protect His witnesses. It is necessary for us to put on His full armor (Ephesians 6:9-11).



Group Prayer



Prayer Session

Thursday we were challenged to be “Radical Apostles” proclaiming the good news about Jesus and extending His healing ministry to those in our circle of influence.

In his Friday sermon, Pastor Morris reminded us that every time Jesus was tempted, He responded, “It is written.” Our strength for a victorious Christian life of witness comes as we memorize God’s Word.

The Holy Spirit will bring God’s Words to our remembrance when they are needed if we store them in our minds. (Links to all these messages are found on the NSD web site: www.nsdadventist.org)

Through God’s Word, Pastor Morris invited the NSD ministry family, and the Ministerial & Shepherdess Advisory delegates who met with them, to share the message of Jesus with our NSD mission field. Each devotional time closed with a session of fervent prayer that we be more radical followers and witnesses of Jesus Christ and His soon return.



NSD

Northern Asia-Pacific Division(NSD) Ministerial & Shepherdess



NSD Ministerial & Shepherdess Advisory Attendees

They came from across the Division Territories - from Korea, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mongolia. The Ministerial and Shepherdess Directors, 35 in total, came to the Ministerial & Shepherdess Advisory.

Once every five years this group meets to pray together, fellowship and learn and discuss how to support pastors and their families better. The most important, as well as the frontline workers in the Seventh-day Adventist church, are our local pastors. When our pastors are doing well the church will do well. It is vital that we train and support these ministers.

This Advisory had some very special guests. Elder Jerry and Janet Page, the Ministerial Department Director and Shepherdess International Coordinator of the General Conference (GC), shared several relevant topics on support for pastors and their families. They lead out in prayer sessions that blessed each participant and brought us closer to God.

Elder Robert Costa, the Ministerial Evangelism

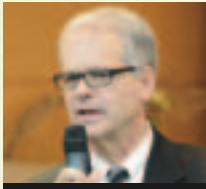
Director for the GC, shared the concept of Sabbath morning evangelism and power to grow the church through small groups. Elder Derek Morris, GC Ministry magazine editor, led out in the NSD Week of Prayer and shared how to stay close to Jesus and join Him in ministry.

Closer to home, from the NSD office, Pastor David Ripley, NSD Ministerial Secretary, shared on the value of Mission and Vision to grow the church. Pastor Lynn Ripley, NSD Assistant Ministerial Secretary and Shepherdess International Coordinator, shared the power of discipleship as a basis for active witness by members of the church family.

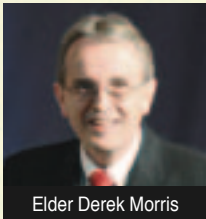
One item that surfaced as very important was continuing education for pastors. A recommendation was voted on as follows:

“Continuing Education Units: The most important single class of worker for the church is the local pastor. Through their ministry the church family is organized, spiritually matured, and equipped for discipleship and

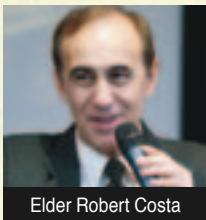
Advisory Meets at NSD Office



Elder Jerry Page



Elder Derek Morris



Elder Robert Costa

evangelism. The church relies on their working with God to complete its mission. Because of the importance of the pastors' ministry, continuing education is of great value.

The Ministerial Advisory recommends that each Union, Mission, and Conference develop a Continuing Education program. It is recommended by this Ministerial & Shepherdess Advisory that each Union, Mission, and Conference set a minimum of 2 CEU's (Continuing Education Units) per year for each pastor. Each CEU will represent 10 contact hours."

Now as the Ministerial and Shepherdess Directors return to their fields and support pastors

and their families, we will continue to pray for the success of the local pastor. We know God will bless.



SI Coordinators praying together

Business Session on Wednesday, March 15, we made the following preamble and recommendation which were unanimously voted on and affirmed.

Preamble - Our NSD Ministerial & Shepherdess Association provides support for pastoral spouses and families through our network of Unions, Missions and Conferences. Our pastors' spouses represent the largest single group of volunteers that serve the church. The value of their contribution is beyond measure. Our goal is to support and recognize their commitment to our gospel work.

Recommendation - The Shepherdess International Coordinators would like to make a recommendation to our administrators that each Mission and Conference hold a combined pastors' and pastors' families event each year.

We anticipate God's blessing as this recommendation is presented to each Union, Mission Field, and Conference leadership team. Our pastors and their families are a precious part of our witness to our NSD's 1.7 billion inhabitants.

Shepherdess International Coordinators Meet During the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Ministerial & Shepherdess Advisory

God's promise, "for where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20), was realized during the afternoon meetings of the Shepherdess International Coordinators (SI) during the NSD Ministerial & Shepherdess Advisory, March 12-15, 2012. Janet Page, General Conference SI Coordinator, and Lynn Ripley, NSD SI Coordinator, met with 12 SI coordinators from Korea, China, Japan, Hong Kong, and Taiwan at the NSD office. Our discussion and prayer time was focused around how to better serve pastors' spouses and families. As a result of our time together, at the Ministerial & Shepherdess Advisory



David Ripley
NSD Ministerial Association Director



Korea

Children's Prayer Training School

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) Children's Ministries Department held the Children's Prayer Training School at the Adventist Training Center from February 20 to 26, 2012.

About 100 children, along with guidance teachers, participated in the event and learned to be like Jesus. Participants started at 6:20 in the morning with a lecture and prepared programs, such as manual training, which was then followed by Bible Meditation training.

They had time to meditate on the Word of God and to pray individually in the prayer room for over four hours a day. They also made a list of things that they were repentant for. Moreover, they experienced spiritual change through



Children in Training program.



Prayer drill is main part of training.

memorizing Bible verses. Attending the Cross Ceremony, children gave their testimonies. "I could realize my sin by engaging in many different training programs." "The love of Jesus who died for me brought me to tears." Closing the event, children wrote a letter to their parents, friends, and teachers. They also decided to dedicate their life for gospel preaching.

This annual event was held to assist in raising spiritually blossoming children to be excellent Adventist members and to provide an opportunity to learn the habit and training for good prayer. It also serves as a foundation of spiritual change for

children through participation in faith development and spirituality enhancement programs.

Mongolia

Women and Family Department Visitation



Ten families are invited to a program.

On March 22-25, 2012, the Women and Family Department of the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) visited Hentii church, which is 300 kilometers east of Ulaanbaatar. The purpose of the visit was to conduct relationship training for couples and to help introduce our church to the spouses who are non-believers.

During the first day, a seminar was conducted on Temperance for the ladies and female high school students. A survey was taken on understanding ones' self. The importance of understanding our differences and understanding ourselves was explained, which will help us to make the right choices. After

Sahmyook University Presidential Inauguration

There was a Presidential Inauguration ceremony with 2,000 guests in attendance including staff, students, Steering Committee members, and other at the Sahmyook University (SYU) auditorium on March 5, 2012.

Dr. SangLae Kim, newly appointed SYU President suggested “Vision - Dream” as the core values of the school administration during his term. He emphasized that “these values are a summary of the educational philosophy of SYU. At the same time, they are a solution to urgent problems of our times and our society.” He added, “I will spend all my energy and passion to accomplish the values of “Vision - Dream” and I will promote a totally new and concrete project for nurturing young talents who possess character and intelligence.”

Remembering his years in the ministry, Dr. KiKon Kim, former President of SYU, said, “The last three



years of my 36-years of ministry were only for the University. I really appreciate God and the University for giving me the opportunity to serve the school.” He also stated that “although I am retiring now, I will continue to pray for the school. I am so happy that we have a young and capable president and I believe that the school will develop more and more. Please make it your priority to pray for the school.”

Dr. Jairyong Lee, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) President, shared his expectations for the new president for the amazing growth of SYU through his ability, character, and faith. He believes the

school can produce many people of distinguished talent based on the Adventist faith.

Attendees prayed together with one accord to establish the foundation of the continuous development of SYU with this opportunity.

the Sabbath worship service, ten families, whose wives are the only ones attending the church, were invited to a program.

Lectures were given on ‘Love Languages’ and ‘Differences Between Men and Women’, followed by a special dinner to provide time for interaction, questions and answers, and sharing of positive experiences. As expected, non-believing husbands were timid, but they showed good interest in the fellowship and the fruitful discussion.

In the testimonies received, one husband shared that he was impressed with the Christian lifestyle, specifically the principles of living right.

Another appreciated the benefits of having a family that attends church together. A wife also shared that she and her husband now understand each other better and will work towards a closer relationship.

Everyone was truly blessed, and we’re continually praying for each family who participated in the program. Seeds were sown, and it’s time for Hentii church to care for and nurture these families.



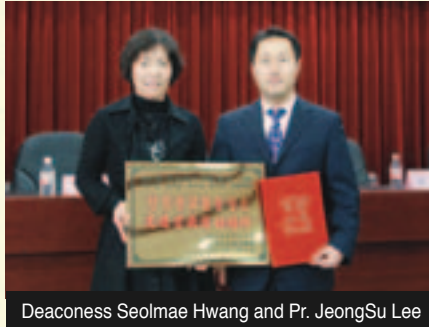
China

Yanji Adventist Church Is Chosen as the Best Church by the Yanji Korean Autonomous Prefecture Government

Yanji Korean-Chinese Adventist Church, China, was selected as the best church among 55 religious institutions by the Government of Yanji Korean Autonomous Prefecture and received an award and prize on March 23, 2012.

Pastor JeongSu Lee gave honor and thanks to God for His blessings upon the church members who have strived for the mission work in one accord. He also appealed to church members to faithfully take the important role as a lighthouse for their community by serving and evangelizing to others with a united spirit.

The Yanji church has implemented community service and a HisHands Mission Movement targeting



Deaconess Seolmae Hwang and Pr. JeongSu Lee

both Chinese and Korean-Chinese people. It was a great opportunity for the church to advertise its name because the award was introduced across the region by a local station. As the church's reputation has risen with this award, the church is planning to develop more positive and active mission work.

Moreover, each Korean-Chinese Adventist church in the Yanbian area is symmetrically developing, so they will be able to have a joint session in April, 2012. Also in 2012, many other plans will include the 2nd HisHands Dedication from May 3 to 6, the dedication of Tumen church on May 21, and a HisHands baptism in October.

Mongolia

“Loving Buuz” Event

(Buuz is a steamed dumpling that is a very common dish)



Plan to help the poor through a feeding program.

Mongolia celebrated the Lunar New Year on the 22nd until the 24th of February, 2012. During this period, Mongolian's dress up in their best and prepare a feast in which they consume almost a month's worth of food. But to the homeless and the less fortunate brothers, the celebration is far from reality.

That is why Allyn, and Ashley, English Teachers who are serving the country as Adventist Volunteers, came up with a plan to help the poor through a feeding program they call “Loving Buuz”. They were able to use the funds they raised in collaboration with the Women's Department of the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF). Ashley is the daughter of Pastor Dale

Tunnel, our first MMF Director. Buuz is a steamed dumpling that is a very common dish during the Lunar New Year. Church members of Ulaanbaatar-wide churches were informed about the activity and many came to help prepare the 1,360 buuz. This was the budgeted amount to feed sixty or more homeless people who were given invitations to visit the Ulaanbaatar Central Church. However, on February 24, 2012, only thirty people came to partake of the food, hot drink and small gifts which had been prepared.

“Adventist World” Magazine Management Board and Editors Meeting

The first “Adventist World” Management Board Meeting was held at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Headquarters in Ilsan, Korea on February 23, 2012. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, hosted the meeting which was attended by many members including Bill Knott, Adventist World Editor-in-Chief, Claude Richli, Associate Publisher, Karnik Doukmetzian, Legal Advisor, Juan Prestol, General Conference (GC) Associate Treasurer, Ken Osborn, NSD Treasurer, and SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director. The purpose of this meeting was the continuous development of the Adventist World magazine through analyzing, and evaluating overall management such as editing, circulation, finance, printing, subscriptions, and legal issues.

Dr. Jairyong Lee said, “I am so proud of this magazine which has grown into a global Adventist magazine, since the first issue was published in September, 2005. It has provided rich content in many



Participants for Board and Editor's meeting

different languages, web services, and meeting the needs of the times. As the mission of the magazine is to uplift Jesus Christ, and to unite Adventists in the world in beliefs, mission, life, and hope, I wish it to continue to faithfully accomplish the mission.” Elder Bill Knott gave thanks to God for His guidance and blessings upon the magazine, and to the NSD for its important role and contribution for the growth and development of the magazine.

At the meeting, statistics and reports were presented while agenda related to the Management Board, and budget for 2012 were voted on. Elder PD Chun introduced how

the magazine is distributed and utilized in China. He also deeply touched the attendee’s hearts by suggesting direction and vision for the future.

After the Management Board Meeting, Bill Knott had an Adventist World International Editors Meeting with Pastor JungKwon Chun, and Pastor JaeMan Park, Adventist World Korean Editors, to think about the editing of the magazine. They then prayed together to devote themselves again to the publishing ministries.

The feeding program was therefore continued for another day two weeks later. This time around many who had already joined were very attentive as well to the spiritual messages shared. Some church members were designated to befriend this group of people that they may eventually know Christ.

It is touching to see these people smile and feel their gratitude for the care that was showered upon them. To Allyn, and Ashley, and the rest of the church members, we thank you all for your generosity and ministry. This truly addressed our call in Matthew 25:37-40 (NIV), “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invited you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’” The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”



Korean Union Conference Holds Leadership Workshop



Korean Adventist Institutional leaders gather together for the Leadership Workshop.

Korean Adventist Institutional Leaders gathered together in order to discuss the future direction of the mission work and development of Church institutions.

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) held a Leadership Workshop for Korean Adventist leaders in Daejeon from April 4 to 5, 2012.

This was the first workshop that approximately 90 institutional presidents and hands-on workers in many different fields (such as administration, education, medical service, and food) met together. They needed to find efficient operation strategies and effective promotion.

A Leadership Development program was given on the first day, while introductions to the Adventist Church structure and Spirituality



Kim, Daesung, President of KUC



Participants eagerly learn.

Development were topics for the next day.

Pastor DaeSung Kim, KUC President, suggested the top five most urgent tasks of the Korean Adventist Church are “Spiritual Revival”, “Revolutionary Development of Children’s and Youth Ministries”, “Leadership Training”, “Relief Service and Evangelist Training”, and “Reformation of Sabbath-keeping and Diet.”

Participants eagerly prayed for heavenly spirituality, power, and wisdom so that they can operate each institution and organization in the proper way.

They also pledged to obey God’s word and His principles, and to possess courage, and determination for the performance of their duties.

Warm Fellowship and Ministry Amidst Freezing Weather

January is the coldest time of the year in Mongolia. There were times the temperature reached -45 C at night and -35 C during the day but, through God's grace, we experienced much warmth from both our fellowship and ministry.

Our staff from the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF), including church leaders from around the country, came to participate in sports games and team building activities. We designated a full day where our workers could spend time together to have fun, and at the same time feel that they belonged to a special group of people whose aim is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Second Coming.



Sharing warm fellowship and discipleship with people.

In line with our Church mission, plans were discussed during the Workers Meeting to aggressively start new church plants and implement different evangelistic efforts.

This year we initiated a project we call "National Church Building". A committee was established for this plan and local churches are now receiving pledges of donations. It is very good to

see our pastors and leaders so enthusiastic and positive about doing God's work. If God is on our side, then who can stand against us? The challenge for everyone, therefore, is - are we committed wholeheartedly to do what God has asked us to do?

Mongolian Shepherdesses Host Kindergarten Healthy Life Choices Seminar

From March 5-7, Mongolia Mission Field's (MMF) Shepherdesses hosted a Healthy Life Choices Seminar for 150 kindergarten age children.

The school in which they taught was a community school in Ulaanbaatar.

MMF Shepherdess International Coordinator, Uyanga Baysaihan, along with two other pastors' wives, offered these fun learning activities for the children.

Uyanga taught the children how to wash their



MMF Shepherdesses in seminar.

hands. Pastor Nyamdavaa's wife, Enkhnanan, showed them how to brush their teeth.

Pastor Tulga's wife, Batchimeg, shared a spiritual lesson by teaching the kindergarteners songs about Jesus.

It was a very positive experience for the little ones and their teachers. The next

Shepherdess event will be a one day parents' seminar reviewing the same topics.



Witness by a Filipina in Japan

A Filipina Adventist made a great witness in her community in Saijo City, Ehime Prefecture, Shikoku in Japan by passing the Japanese National Nurse’s Examination held on February 19, 2012.

It was announced on March 26, 2012 that Miss Ana Catolico was one of 47 foreigners who were able to pass the Japanese National Nurse’s Examination in Japanese. There were 415 foreign nurses who were challenged to pass the examination but only 11.3% of them passed. Her great success was widely reported through local TV broadcasting and local newspapers (see Photo 1: left, Ms Kyoko Ito; right, Miss Ana Catolico).

Ana was already a nurse in her country, the Philippines. Before coming to Japan, she worked as a nurse in Saudi Arabia for two years. Then, she came to Japan as part of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between Japan and the Philippines to work as a nurse in May, 2010, and began to study Japanese. After studying Japanese for half a year in Osaka City, she was assigned to Aijukai Hospital in Saijo City and began to work as a nurse’s aide. In Japan, foreign nurses cannot work as a nurse without passing the Japanese National Nurse’s Examination. Therefore, she continued to study Japanese and prepare for the examination. After she failed it in February, 2011, she decided to study Japanese harder and mastered many of the technical terms. She spent almost a whole day of work to prepare for the examination in the summer of 2011, with the help of Ms. Kyoko Ito, the head nurse of the hospital.

Ana said, “There are many Filipina nurses who go



Sister Ana Catolico's great success was widely reported.



Pr. Tadaomi Shinmyo with Ms. Kyoko Ito, right, Miss Ana Catolico

to Canada and the United States of America. The EPA is a good opportunity for me to come to Japan. I wanted to pass the Japanese National Nurse’s Examination that is said to be the most difficult one.” Ms. Ito admired her by saying, “I was very glad with tears as I found Ana’s success in the examination. She has a strong will and can handle the challenge of anything.” Ana was one of 46 of the second group who came to Japan from the Philippines because of the EPA and only four among them passed the examination. As a comparison, the number of the first group from the Philippines was 100 and only nine passed the examination.

As I attended the Imabari Seventh-day Adventist Church on April 14, 2012, I met Ana for the first time and listened to her testimony. I then told her, “Your family name is Catolico, isn’t it? I know Pastor Catolico who is the Communication Director of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division.” Surprisingly enough, she responded to me by saying, “He is my uncle.” Our Adventist world is really small! On this Sabbath she served as the pianist during the church service. Although most of the Imabari Church members are older people, there is another young lady Ana has become friends with, Miss Hak En, a Chinese from Xibian City of Sahnxi Province in China, who is working as an office lady at a company in Imabari City (see Photo 2: left, writer; center, Miss Hak En; right, Miss Ana Catolico). (Reported by Tadaomi Shinmyo who is living in Imabari City, Ehime Prefecture, Shikoku, Japan.)

Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) Health Department Conducts Health Evangelism Training

The purpose of the MMF Health Departments Health Evangelism training was to bring healing, teach methods that would help cure disease, learn to use natural healing techniques, and to praise God through ministering to the sick.

Health Department leaders from each church were invited, and 32 people came to participate in the training conducted at Ulaanbaatar Central Church from March 25-30, 2012.

The Health Department of MMF set a goal to conduct medical evangelism for every church, and this was our first training session. We will be enrolling new students every year and run four sessions within a year. We had 16 churches represented.

The training lasted for six days, starting from 8:00 in the morning until 5:00 in the evening. The



Health Department leaders from each church.

following pastors spoke on spiritual subjects: Bold Batsukh, Namjildorj Mandakh, and Nyamdavaa Dovchinsuren. Lectures on different health topics and practical training were given by Joshua Dalley, MD (USA), Dolgormaa, former MMF Health

Department worker, and Bayanjargal, MMF Health Department Coordinator.

The sessions focused on Bible based health principles and hydrotherapy. Participants were advised to use hydrotherapy techniques, run health EXPO's, do visitations in clinics and hospitals, and do healthy living training.

The next round of training is scheduled for June, with emphasis on massage and healthy diet.

Pastor KwangEui Hong, New Face at NSD

Pastor KwangEui Hong has joined the Northern Asia-Pacific Division(NSD) as Mission Training Center Director and Revivalist.

Pastor Hong became an Adventist at the age of 16 after he received the Advent Message when he was a Presbyterian church member.

He received his under graduate training from Sahmyook University, Korea(B.A. in Theology, 1975).



He continued further studies at Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies(AIIAS), Philippines(M.P.S., 1994).

His service began as a local Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor in Korea. Before he joined the NSD family, Pastor Hong served as Director of the Adventist Training Center in Korea.

He has a beloved wife, ChiShin Hwang and a grown son, HaengSo Hong.

2012 NSD Pathfinder Camporee

Tidings from the Northeast



A New Chapter in Youth Ministries

The first Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) International Pathfinder Camporee will be held on the Sahmyook University campus from August 7 to 12, 2012. It is the first division-wide international youth event to be held 15 years after the Northern and Southern Asia-Pacific Divisions were separated in 1997. This event is anticipated to be a huge festival of faith and friendship breaking barriers of borders, languages, and cultures. The purpose of the camporee is to activate the Pathfinder activities in the NSD territories, and to find and train faithful Pathfinder leaders. Participants also can share the religious heritage of young people from other countries and establish their identity as members of the Adventist church so that the new chapter in youth ministries will open through Pathfinder activities.

About 3,000 Will Attend

Pastor Jonathan Tejel, General Conference (GC) Pathfinder Director, Pastor Jobbie Yabut, Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) Youth Director, Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, and Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Director have been invited to speak and will preach on the message, 'Tidings from the Northeast' (Daniel 11:44). About 3,000 Pathfinders from each

country of the NSD including Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, Mongolia, and Korea will attend. Plus, Pathfinder clubs in the USA, India, the Philippines, Singapore and other countries in the world hope to attend the meeting, as well. There will be more than 40 booths which will enable participants to experience and learn. Special musical performances will be played every evening. Various programs like a drill competition will promote international fellowship and exchange among Pathfinders, and a baptismal ceremony will be held in grace and will make a strong impression.

Revival Movement for Young People

Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Ministries Director, invites young people to join the camporee, and states, "I hope this camporee can be a revival movement for young people so that we can hasten the second coming of Jesus Christ."

The registration fee is USD 70.00. If you want to reserve lodging, tent rental is USD 50.00 (4 people, 5 days), while room rental is USD 50.00 (1 person, 5 days). A buffet style meal will also be prepared at a cost of USD 4.00 per meal. For more information, please visit the website (www.camporee.kr) or contact the NSD Youth Department at 82-31-910-1528.



Pr. Nak Hyung Kim

Interview with Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Director

Interviewer: SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director
Interviewee: NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Ministries Director

Pastor Kim expects that Youth and Children's Ministries will strengthen by systematically discovering and nurturing youth leaders through the camporee. Especially as schools in Korea implement the 5-day school week, Sabbath afternoon programs through Pathfinder activities will create a synergy effect.

● What is the purpose of this international camporee?

- ♠ There are four main purposes for this camporee.
- 1. To activate the Pathfinder activities in the NSD territories.
- 2. To find and train Pathfinder leaders.
- 3. To share the religious heritage of young people in each country and establish their identity.
- 4. To open a new chapter of youth ministry through active Pathfinder activities.

● What is the meaning of the first NSD Pathfinder Camporee?

♠ It is the first division-wide international youth event 15 years after Northern and Southern Asia-Pacific Divisions were separated in 1997. Therefore, we have a shortage and are limited in many aspects in our administration, organization, and manpower and planning to host this kind of international event. But one certain thing is that there are many Adventist young people who love Jesus and want to hasten His coming, here in our division. We will overcome our limitations by faith through the NSD Pathfinder Camporee and gather the youth and the leaders who are going forward in one faith and one hope to share the power and vision. We are going to equip them systematically and effectively so that they will fulfill the ultimate mission in our challenging division territories.

● There were meetings for preparation several times. How is it going?

♠ I was so worried because some youth directors of the local conferences were changed during the last

contingency meetings. But, fortunately, there is a good level of cooperation with the new directors and preparation has been going smoothly. Currently each team including planning, operations, programming, booth activities, volunteers, PR, and media have worked together well.

● Except Korea, which is the host country, how many participants will attend from abroad?

♠ About 2,500 to 3,000 participants are expected in total. About 2,000 from Korea, 200 from mainland China, 100 each from Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan, and 50 from Mongolia are registered or will join soon. In addition, dozens of Pathfinders and leaders in the

USA, the Philippines, India and other countries expressed their interest in attending, hearing of the camporee from Facebook, SNS, or in the news. It seems more foreigners will join sooner or later. The camporee already arouses an enthusiastic response and interest from each country.



● What is the expected effect of the camporee?

♠ First of all, I expect that Pathfinder and Adventurer activities will be more active in each Union. Especially that the Sabbath afternoon programs will have knowhow and synergy effects through Pathfinder activities because of the 5-day school week in Korea. Youth and Children's Ministries also will be strengthened by discovering and nurturing Pathfinder leaders. In addition, I hope this camporee will be established as a regular division-wide international event. The NSD has a plan to hold such a camporee every five years.

● Do you have any other comments to Adventist members?

♠ Above all, I hope this can be an opportunity for our young people in the NSD to feel proud of themselves as God's sons and daughters. The gospel work will be carried out powerfully and explosively through the spiritual revival of our young people. I want to ask each church and its members for their positive interest, participation, and cooperation.

The First Step for Big City Evangelism

**170,000 Evangelistic Tracts
Were Distributed in Hong Kong**



In Season Or Out of Season

Hong Kong is a big city and a special administrative region of China with a population of 7 million people. It has about 20 Adventist churches and about 2,000 members out of 4,000 registered church members regularly attending every Sabbath. Evangelistic work in Hong Kong looks like a fruitless effort, not very effective, and people are never interested in tract distribution. But, regardless if it is in season or out of season, 32 lay members from Korea went to Hong Kong to distribute 170,000 tracts from March 4 to 11, 2012 and took the first step towards big city evangelism.

Open the Door of Evangelism

Citizens of Hong Kong seem very busy. They walk so fast and have no time to relax in this hectic and frenetic city. As 7 million people inhabit a limited area, there are not many detached houses, but sky-high apartment complexes, studio flats, and buildings. A few of them have their own house, so others should pay rent every month. Moreover, all food is imported from abroad because there is very little arable land, so prices are very high. In order to gain a livelihood, people's lives are so

hard. As I visited houses, I found that people depend on idols and incense burners all over the city and Christian truth has never reached them. While I was going around here and there for six days, only one Catholic cathedral was found. Most church buildings may be hidden in the forest of buildings. Compared to Korea, I realize how weak Christianity is in this country.

People say Hong Kong is a civilized and economic city, but I feel pity and sorrow for their frenetic life. In this downtown, amid skyscrapers, nobody warmly welcomed 32 missionaries. We could never reach and distribute tracts in apartment complexes and buildings because gates were locked and security guards forbade us to enter. As we were faced with such a completely blocked field, we just prayed and cried to God, "Oh, Father, what should we do for the numerous souls who do not know the gospel in Hong Kong? Please be merciful on them and open the door for evangelism."

Following the Spirit of Missionary Abram La Rue

On the second day, when we visited a church in Kowloon and did evangelism in this main street of Hong Kong, we heard that there is a tomb of Abram

La Rue who was the first Adventist missionary delivering the gospel message in Hong Kong and China nearby. So, we decided to visit the historical place first. Following a guide, 32 lay people walked to the tomb. There were also many tombs of those who rest in peace after their ministry in Hong Kong. There we found his tomb and a monument which says that he came to Hong Kong alone in 1888 and planted the seeds of hope in China through literature evangelism for 14 years before he died. While we were reading it, all of us were so touched and became solemn for his dedication and sacrifice. How much it was for him to deliver the gospel and pioneer in this strange and cross-cultural foreign land without any family or coworkers!

Tract Distribution: In All Things God Works for the Good

Lay members in their 60's to 80's bowed deeply at the waist to the Hong Kong people and handed out tracts, but most people rejected it and only one in 20 people received it. However, there was no other way except distribution, so we kept sharing tracts all day long without uttering any complaints. Our sincere and hard activity finally touched church members and pastors in Hong Kong, and they also began to work together in tract distribution. They treated us very well with a special lunch every day. In cooperation, we handed out about 170,000 copies of evangelistic tracts, but how small that number is, compared to the 7 million Hong Kong residents! Nevertheless, we felt great joy and



Tomb of Abram La Rue



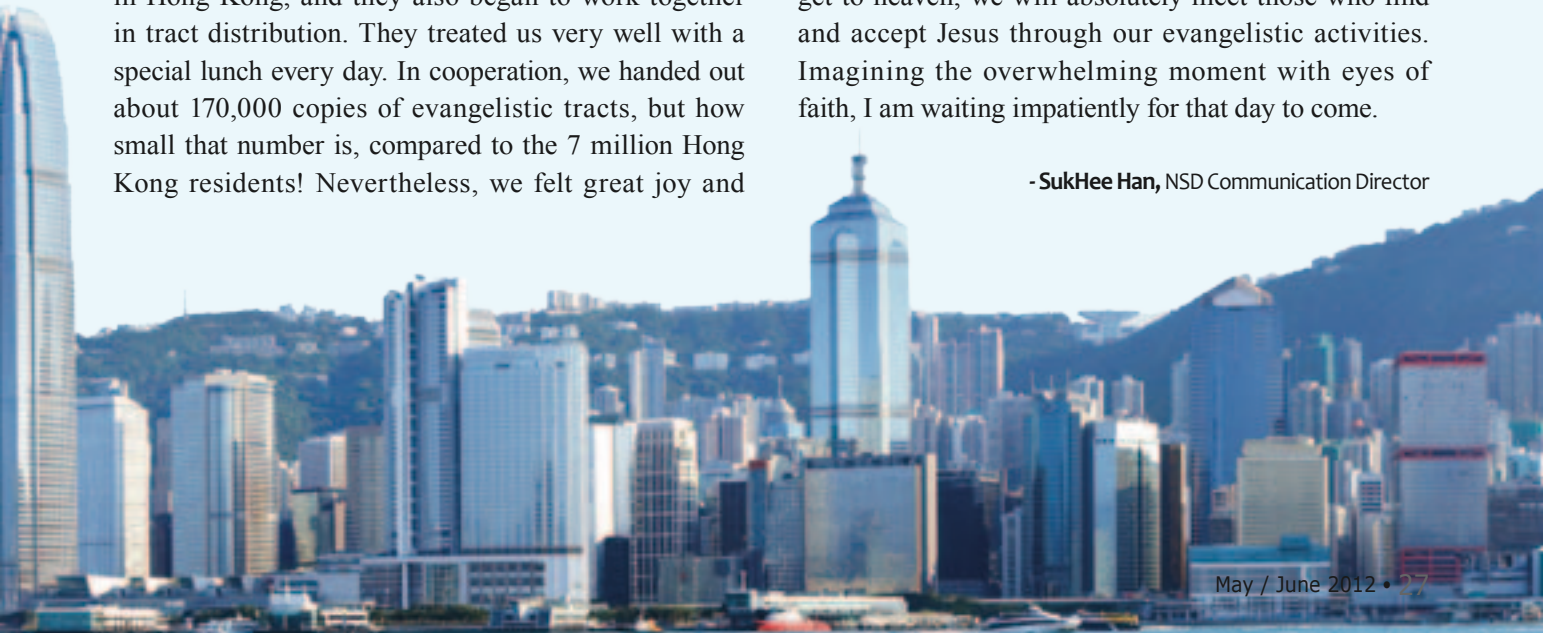
Preparing Tracts

gladness that we could distribute all the tracts we prepared in the difficult situation. On Sabbath, we shared our experiences, comfort, and grace together. It was the most blessed Sabbath we have ever had in any place. As we finished all the activities and went back to Korea, many from the Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) including Brenda Chan, HKMC Executive Secretary, saw us off at the airport. Praying for us, they gave thanks to us and said they will continue to work hard for mission and asked us to come again.

Mission for Big Cities Must Be Accomplished.

Big city evangelism is the hottest issue in the Adventist world. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division has the world's largest cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei, Tokyo, and Seoul, as well as Hong Kong. Our Lord is watching over those big cities with great interest, compassion, and patience, because there are numerous people who will accept Christ as their personal Savior and be saved if they have an opportunity to hear of the good news. The seed of the word sown in Hong Kong will be the first step of big city evangelism. The Holy Spirit will grow the seed in people's hearts in inscrutable ways. When we all get to heaven, we will absolutely meet those who find and accept Jesus through our evangelistic activities. Imagining the overwhelming moment with eyes of faith, I am waiting impatiently for that day to come.

- SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director



KUC Promotes 3 Stages of the Great Controversy Project



Sharing booklets can save many souls

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) voted to participate in the Great Controversy Project which was initiated by the General Conference last year. The KUC finally presented the three stages: reading, donation, and distribution. The details are as follows.

Reading (January – June)

The first step Adventist members should take for the project is to participate in reading the Great Controversy. Each member can listen to God's voice speaking to his or her mind and experience His

power by reading this book. The Department of Personal Ministries and Spirit of Prophecy of the KUC published and distributed the weekly quiz book for the project.

Donation (July)

When each member's heart becomes heated by the words, the donation project will begin. The Great Controversy book for distribution will consist of 80 pages and cost 1 USD, so that anybody can easily donate and distribute the book without being heavily burdened.

Distribution (August –December)

This stage is to distribute donated books in various ways. Church members can send the book to their relatives, neighbors, and acquaintances who do not know Christ. This can be done through mail delivery, house-to-house visitation, street evangelism, and

other methods.

Visiting Korea for the Northern Asia-Pacific Divisions' (NSD) Annual Council in October last year, Dr. Ted Wilson emphasized the importance of this Great Controversy project by quoting words from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Introducing this project, he mentioned that "the convincing victory of God and His infinite love is well described in the book of the Great Controversy. So those who receive and read this book will experience a marvelous change in their lives."

Pastor SoonKi Kang, KUC Sabbath School-Personal Ministries Director, appealed to Korean Adventists. "Let's participate in this global Adventist movement together so that we can prepare for the day of Jesus' coming."

Nantou Church, Taiwan Blessed by Golden Angels' Ministry



Evangelism in Nantou Church, Taiwan Yields Three New Members

Golden Angels 9 come from four different countries: Korea, Hong Kong, Mongolia, and the Philippines. After two months of intensive musical and spiritual training under Pastor David Park, Golden Angels 9 is now ready to face the real challenge in serving God and His people through music in the mission field. Their training included a daily prayer meeting at 6:30 every morning and religious individual and group vocal training.

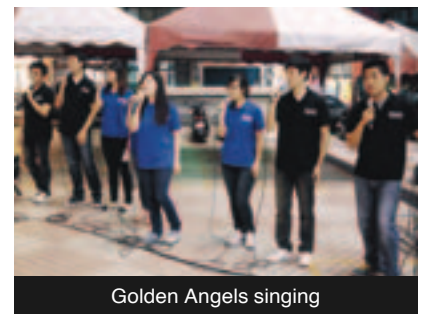
On March 11, 2012, Golden Angels 9 left for Hong Kong for their first ministry. They assisted at the Gospel Week at the Hong Kong Adventist College and had concerts in many places. By God's grace, two souls were moved by the Holy Spirit and have accepted Christ as their personal Savior. On the Sabbath day after the Gospel Week, they were baptized.

On March 18, Golden Angels 9 left Hong Kong and continued

their ministry in Taiwan. The first stop was at Nantou Church, which was around three hours away from the airport. The group's food and accommodations were hosted by Pastor Jang and his family.

On their first night, despite the long and tiring journey, Golden Angels 9 distributed church handbills in the streets nearby the church to invite people to the Evangelistic Meeting. Pastor Kim NakHyung would be the guest speaker.

On their second night, the group had their first street concert. It was not easy to communicate with people in Taiwan through songs, as most of them can hardly understand English, but it was amazing to see many people stop and listen to the songs. In the entire week, Golden Angels were busy doing house visitations and school concerts as well. After the weeklong Evangelistic Meeting with Pastor



Golden Angels singing



Concert at a school in Taiwan

Kim, three precious souls were brought to Jesus' feet.

They praised the Lord who sent many souls and happily served God and His people in Taiwan. May God continuously give them physical and spiritual blessings for their ministry.



Pioneer Missionary Movement Missionaries: Returned and Sent in 2012

Four Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) missionaries and their families successfully finished six years of their term of service and came back safely to their home.

They are Pastor KiHwang Kim and Pastor EunKyu Cheong from Taiwan, and Pastor YoungMin Kim and Pastor SoonGi Kim from Japan. May God remember their efforts that cultivated and strengthened churches, and led many souls to Christ in foreign countries, and may He continue to bless them wherever they go.

Also, six PMM families were sent to their mission fields including Russia, Indonesia, Tanzania and other countries in February, 2012. They will take a year-long language training course first.

Here are the resolutions of the

missionaries being sent out.

“I am going to Sakhalin, Russia, because God said to me, “Go! I have summoned you for even a single soul, so deliver my message there. Please pray for my family and me.” (TaeHyung Kim)

“God called us to go to Tanzania. I want to experience a miracle given by God. Please encourage and pray for us.” (SungWon Cha)

“We will work hard for the next six years. Although the mission field is a difficult place for evangelism, we will do our best. We need your prayers.” (Joon Baek)

“If I have only known a theoretical God until now, I want to experience a living God through my missionary life. May God accomplish His will through us.” (YoungGi Byeoun)

“I give thanks to God for calling

and guiding us in a special way. I hope Russia can be enveloped in the flames of the Holy Spirit by His marvelous work.” (JongYeul Kim)

“We are going to Indonesia, believing His promise that He is with us always, to the very end of the age.” (JoonHee Oh)

Now, 45 families are working as PMM missionaries in 15 countries. God will be with them always. “When we labor diligently for the salvation of our fellow men, God will prosper our every effort.” (9T, 85)

If we expect and challenge the higher goals, if we earnestly pray and fully depend on God’s hands, He will reward us with a plentiful harvest.

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NSD PARL Director,
PMM Coordinator



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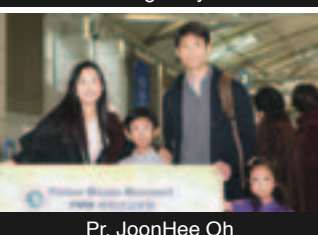
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A Church in Prayer

PMM Pastor, JaeJin Lee(Center) with Fukui Church Members

While ushering in a new year, I was asking God to give me wisdom for my pastoral ministry. I had decided to offer double the amount of prayers since last year.

So, I planned for the church members to attend a prayer meeting once a week. If all the members could gather on a certain day, it would be better, but we have a prayer meeting for each small group so that more members can attend. Although there were obstructions from Satan like heavy snow and a flu epidemic, I want to share some of the experiences from the prayer meetings.

Fukui Church encourages laymen to preach sermons and give bible studies for their independent faith and missionary activation. To strengthen this project, the church decided to assign lay member's to preach once a month and to have women's small group activities. However, one member strongly disagreed with that for various reasons. It seemed impossible to persuade the objector or to give up on this project. It also discouraged me very much. Then I remembered the verse "Do not be anxious, but by prayer and petition, present your requests to God." So, I just started praying.

On the next Sabbath, the member

apologized to me, saying, "I don't know why I was so upset but I have changed my mind." I was convinced that only God changes people's mind, and that I urgently need the Holy Spirit for my ministry.

Every Wednesday morning, I study the Bible with great interest. One day, when we shared the word together, a stranger came into the church. He asked me whether I sell hymnal CD's or not. There are some Japanese who love gospel music, even though they are not Christians.

While he was passing by the church, he thought the church was a Christian bookstore. When he tried to enter, he discovered his mistake but he came into the church because we were there studying. All of this was God's plan that he misunderstood and came to the church on Wednesday morning. It was the beginning of his church attendance.

The members in the Fukui Church will give a double portion of prayer this year. We will witness how God works for His ministries. Please pray for your brothers and sister in Japan.

JaeJin Lee

PMM Pastor, Fukui Church





1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) Group 39 Completes Training



39th group of the 1000 Missionary Movement

The graduation for the 39th group of the 1000MM missionaries was held at the auditorium on the 1000MM Campus on March 10, 2012. 108 missionaries, including 51 missionaries from the Philippines, 38 from Korea, 11 from China, four from Mongolia, one from

Canada, one from Bangladesh, one from Pakistan, and one from Taiwan, started their training on January 30, 2012. They were involved in lectures on Adventists' fundamental beliefs, sermon preaching, evangelistic methods, health ministries, and language courses during the six weeks of

training. They were then dispatched to their assigned fields in six countries – The Philippines, Hong Kong, Mongolia, Cambodia, China, and Chile on March 11, 2012. The missionaries will accomplish the Great Commission of Jesus and be good and faithful servants of the Lord for the next 10 months.



Morning Exercise



The Dispatching Ceremony



Revival & Survival

Missionary Dispatching

Half filled with anticipation and half filled with uneasiness, the missionaries are waiting to be dispatched. They have mingled feelings of excitement for the unknown field and fear for working alone. There is no other choice but to be sent because they have already finished their 12 weeks of training.

The dispatching process usually begins with the Dedication service on Friday evening. Missionaries listen to testimonies from their fellow missionaries and the encouraging messages from invited

speakers. Then, holding a candle, they sing “Mission” with their heart and dedicate themselves in a cross formation.

The new day starts at 8:30 a.m. The missionaries’ praise, testimonies, prayer, giving thanks for Christ’s love, and mission spirit continue the whole day. The climax of the dispatching process is the field and partner assignment. First of all, flag bearers enter and raise their flags high. Then the missionaries enter two by two. An associate director of the 1000MM calls the missionaries names and asks to assign a field. Following the director’s confirmation and charge, the field and partner is announced. Wherever they are sent

and whoever they are with, the missionaries accept it as God’s plan and obey.

After dinner, the missionaries participate in a communion service with their partners. They wash their partner’s feet with eager prayer and prepare a serving heart for their ministries for the next 10 months. They then dedicate themselves once again through the communion.

Finally, the missionaries are sent to their mission field to expand the Kingdom of God on this earth. They urgently need our sincere prayers all the time.



KwangSoo Park
1000MM Director

1000MM Testimony

God Holds Me

Hello, I am Battseren from Mongolia. I came to the Philippines on December 23, 2010 and stayed at the 1000MM campus for missionary training. Two months later, I had a terrible accident on the road. I could not remember exactly what happened, so pastors and fellows trainees explained to me the details of the accident. While I was crossing the road, a motorcycle hit me at full speed hit me. To my sorrow, the driver lost his life and I was taken to a hospital. By God’s grace, I just had bruises, so I could leave the hospital soon. After the accident, I almost could not move my body because of a severe headache and

pain. Other missionaries had a Bible study meeting and jogged in the morning. When I heard their shout of chanting, I gulped down my tears. Some days I could not even go to the restaurant, so fellow trainees brought meals for me.

One day, Dr. Jairyong Lee visited me. “Do you want to go home?”

I sobbingly said to him, “I want to be a missionary!”

Since then, I have read words from Psalm and prayed every day. I found Psalm 3:5, “I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.” Then, I could understand God’s love toward me and the reason He allowed such a situation to happen. The Lord wanted to use me, so I was completely healed as soon as I was dispatched to the assigned field. I could testify about God with a healthy body. My mission field is the Lizal area in Northern Philippines. It is a small mountainous

village where there is no signal or internet access. Differences in language, culture, and my relationship with my partner were challenges for me as a missionary. There were many memories. I had to sleep on the church floor because there was no place else. I successfully finished evangelistic meetings four times with the help of young people in the area.

Nine months passed so fast. I returned back to the campus to go back to my country. When He held onto me, I could be His worker and finish my service. Looking back on the past, I realized that He trained me to overcome different difficulties and challenges. Once again, I made up my mind to hold onto His hands all the time.



Mr. Battseren
37th batch missionary



The HisHands Workshop in Koza Church, Japan, Sponsored by the Okinawa Mission.



The HisHands Missionaries of the Koza Church, Japan

February 19 was the first time in 2012 for the HisHands workshop. It was held in the Koza SDA church and was sponsored by the Okinawa mission. We were blessed because the weather was so nice and 16 people participated from the four churches. Before going out, Pastor Tomihama gave a message about how a good harvest

is received from the well cultivated field. In the same way we should cultivate our hearts for spiritual harvests before we sow seeds of good news, through visiting, making friends, and nourishing friendships.

We then visited every house around the church with the Church Event guide and tracts and met 65

of our neighbors. Twenty-three of them showed affirmative responses. There was a home where even their children participated in the meeting at the church.

We met a mother who is raising five children. It may be possible to have connections with such young mothers through Child Development and Education seminars and so on. An aged woman went to a different church when she was a junior and senior high school student. Another old man went to our church once. It was Sunday and a lot of people were absent. But we thanked God that there were nice encounters with such people. There was a strong desire to hold the workshop in the Nago church next time.

International Women's Day Celebration in Mongolia



Women's Day in Mongolia

Seventh-day Adventist Churches around the world dedicated March 3, 2012, as a day of prayer for all ladies. Hence, all the churches in Mongolia promoted the same program as well. In particular, Amazing Grace Church held a Women's Prayer Session, of which ladies were divided into groups to share personal testimonies directed to praise God wholeheartedly. This was after the Divine Service wherein the Women's Coordinator of the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF), Purevdulam, preached on issues related to women. After the prayer sessions, a healthy cooking class was conducted to teach the ladies on how to make vegetarian cuisine.

On the other hand, Ulaanbaatar Central Church had the celebration a

HisHands Dedication in Geumsan District, Korea



Geumsan District HisHands Missionaries in Korea

The Geumsan District of the Middle West Korean Conference (MWKC) invited Pastor SukHee Han, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) HisHands Coordinator, and Pastor MyungHwan Cho, MWKC HisHands Coordinator for HisHands training, and missionary dedication on March 24, 2012.

Six churches in Geumsan District decided to place their priorities on seeking those interested in learning more about Christ through constant house-to-house visitation this year. In the dedication service held at Chubu Church, 49 missionaries pledged an oath to serve the Lord.

Pastor ChangGyu Choi, District

Director, said, “The best part of the HisHands Mission Movement is that it is not finished with a workshop, seminar, or training but it continues to help church members actually practice the mission work in their life. Let us stoke the flames of mission spirit through HisHands and comb this area to seek those interested in learning more about Christ.”

Pastor SukHee Han emphasized that “as slump-ridden athletes get back to basics, our church which is in a missionary slump needs to go back to the basics that the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy suggest. That is to seek souls continuously in pairs.”

Pastor MyungHwan Cho, mentioned, “I am convinced that God will be with the members in the Geumsan District. The Conference will help and support those churches joining HisHands in close cooperation with the Division and the Union.”

Three children of Pastor SeongKwon Hong, Chubu Church, were also dedicated. Although they are young, they started their missionary life by delivering leaflets and booklets to their neighbors.



JungHwa Jin
NSD HHMM Office Manager

week later. A special program was prepared for, and participated in, by all women, and the sermon preached by Purevdulam was so moving that many of the congregation broke into tears. Then the prayer sessions followed, with a special invitation extended to all the mothers, including the nonbelievers. The prayer sessions were divided into four parts. Each prayer group was to advance through the four parts which were, “Uplifting God’s Name”, “God’s Character”, “Confession”, and “Healing.” The program was closed by a special lunch served to all the church members. During this time, everyone was given an opportunity to express and share gratitude to their loved-ones.

Indeed, it was great to set aside a special time to acknowledge and celebrate the role of our women not only in society, but most especially in our Church as light bearers of the family. Praise God for the good influence of these women who are faithful in their spiritual walk with Christ.



Group picture of CLAP 2C participants in Thailand

The third session of the second run of the Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) commenced at the Asia-Pacific International University campus from March 4-15, 2012. Thirty-three selected leaders from the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM), the Japan Union Conference (JUC), the Korean Union Conference (KUC) and the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) arrived safely on the campus of the University on March 4.

The last participant arrived in the early morning of March 5 at 4 a.m. Each one of them was upbeat because of the opportunity to learn and to renew acquaintances.

On the morning of March 4, Mrs. Erica Hole, the Key Instructor for

the program, and Ms. Leonora Carado, Assistant Instructor, met with selected tutors from the University to orient them to the roles that they have played in the training programs for these leaders. The entire preparation was made by Dr. Sally Lam-Phoon, her assistant, Ms. Esther Ke, and the coordinator, Ms. Suwannee, personnel assigned by the University to assist in the program.

The first leadership lectures were given by Dr. David Ripley, and Pastor Lynn Ripley, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Ministerial Secretary and Shepherdess International Coordinator.

The main leadership instructor,

Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, NSD Education Director, who also works as the coordinator for the leadership component of the program, has invited others from the University, along with Scott Griswold from the Buddhist Center in Ayutthya, to present other aspects of mission work to the group of participants.

The enthusiasm and camaraderie exhibited by the participants are spurring them on to absorb as much as they can in English and leadership to enable them to operate in a global setting now and in the future.



Sally Lam Phoon
NSD Women's Ministries Director,
CLAP Coordinator

CLAP MEMBERS REACH OUT TO A BUDDHIST SCHOOL IN THAILAND



CLAP participants giving away gifts to the students of the Wad Lai Thawi Panya Buddhist School in Thailand

The Sabbath of March 10 proved to be a most busy time for the members participating in CLAP (Communication & Leadership Advancement Program) 2C (Run #2, third session out of four) at the Asia Pacific International University (AIU) in Thailand. Right after the Sabbath school and church service, where many members took part, we made our way to the Wad Lai Thawi Panya Buddhist School in Ayutthaya province about one and a half hours away.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) had made a donation of USD8,000.00 to assist in the work of renewing this elementary school that had been submerged in water during the floods at the end of last year. In

some parts, the floodwaters reached the ceilings of the lower floor. This donation made it possible for them to replace the ceilings, their front steps, the iron grills of the windows and give all the buildings a new coat of paint.

In addition, we were able to equip their nursing room with much needed items such as mattresses and beds, a refrigerator, fans, and a medicine cabinet. More than 100 students showed up for the occasion, welcoming us with a classic and a modern Thai dance. The CLAP members led the children in singing Christian songs, taught them about important values through a pantomime, and distributed some snacks for the kids. This is our way of helping a

community get back to normal after the destructive floods that affected much of Thailand. The following day a group of students and faculty, including several administrators from AIU completed the painting of some of the classrooms.

The head of the temple who owns the school, a Buddhist monk, together with the principal and vice-principal of the school, expressed their thanks to NSD for the generous gift. We pray that this small effort will result in impressing them with the love of our Savior whom we represented that day.



Esther Ke
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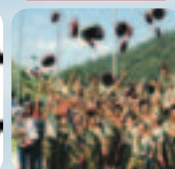
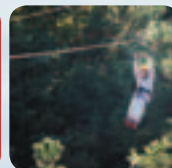
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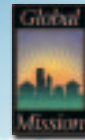
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