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The People of Mission

Chosen for the Completion of the Gospel Work

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

Ever since the fall of man, God has called His people to work for the salvation of their fellow human beings. God's people are a people of mission. All born-again Christians have the responsibility to work for others as missionaries of God.

The salvation of man is the ultimate concern of the whole universe. It is one of the most obvious topics in the Bible. The Bible is a book of mission stories. It is the book of God's mission story: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). It is the book of the Son's mission story: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). It is the book of mission stories of the Holy Spirit: "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4). The Bible is the book of mission stories of God's people: "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'... Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day" (Acts 2:38, 41).

The church was established by Jesus for man's salvation. It is the very mission of the church. "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world" (AA, 9). The people of God are the people of mission. Mission is, therefore, to be the first and the top priority in the lives of all Christ's followers. The very moment that God's people lose the awareness of mission their life becomes meaningless.

In order to finish the gospel work, the mission spirit should be revived and strengthened among God's people. It is an urgent need. Like "the disciples cried to the Lord for the holy unction that was to fit them for work of soul saving" (AA, 37), we also need to ask God to strengthen our mission spirit every day. "The missionary spirit needs to be revived in our churches. Every member of the church should study how to help forward the work of God, both in home missions and in foreign countries" (6T, 29).

The NSD International Mission Congress

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) is holding the NSD International Mission Congress from August 28-31, 2013 on the beautiful Island of Jeju, South Korea. More than 3,000 delegates from all over the NSD territories will come and celebrate the mission of the church together and recommit their lives to the gospel commission of our Lord. It should not be merely an event. With united hearts, we will sincerely pray together for the outpouring of the Latter Rain upon His people. We will reconfirm that we are the people of mission living in the last days. I sincerely hope and pray that all participants have an experience of deep spiritual revival during the Congress and that their mission spirit will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Time is short. Jesus is coming soon. When we are filled with the mission spirit and the power of God, we can rapidly spread the gospel message to the world and consequently hasten the second coming of Jesus Christ. Let us not forget, we are the People of Mission.

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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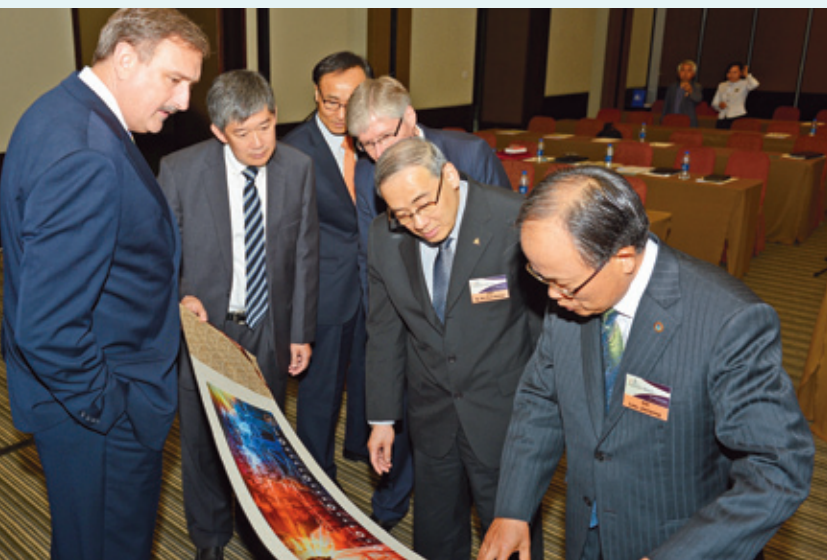
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2013 NSD *Midyear Committee* in Hangzhou, China

May 21, 2013, is a historic day for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). It is the opening day of the 2013 NSD Midyear Committee, as well as the very same day when the Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized in 1863. Also, it was reported that on the same day, May 21, the Wuxi Church, which is one of the biggest Adventist churches in China, held an opening ceremony for the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Adventist Church organization. Marking 150 years of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the church leaders from the General Conference, Northern Asia-Pacific Division, China (including Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, and Mongolia) recommitted themselves to mission work with the theme, “United for Mission.”



NSD, GC, CHUM leaders look at the Chinese version of “The Christ of the Narrow Way” painting

It is the second time for the NSD to hold an official Annual Executive Committee meeting in mainland China where more than 410,000 members worship at about 4,600 churches and companies. The venue was Hangzhou, which is the capital and largest city in the Zhejiang Province, 100 km from Shanghai in Eastern China. It is one of the most renowned cities in terms of Chinese history and beautiful natural scenery.

Devotionals from the opening session in the evening of May 21 to the last day, May 23, were presented by the General Conference Undersecretary, Myron Iseminger, the Chinese Union Mission President, Robert Folkenberg Jr., and the Taiwan Conference President, Steven Wu. The focus of the messages delivered

by all these speakers was on the unity of church leaders and members in the mission work. During the meetings, Dr. Jairyong Lee said, “We are God’s special people for mission work. We should be united for this purpose. The very reason for the existence of the Church is for mission work.”

During the business sessions, reports on various mission initiatives and programs were presented to the participants. Special reports on the “Tokyo 13” preparation and “Mission to the Cities” brought attention to the evangelism work in the big cities. Also, the progress of the preparation for the upcoming 2013 NSD International Mission Congress in Jeju was shared, with the current number of those registered for the Congress at more than 3,000.

One of the major decisions during the Executive Committee meeting was the Mongolian Mission Field’s



NSD and CHUM leaders hold "The Christ of the Narrow Way" painting



Steven Wu, TWC president introduces Taiwan delegates



NSD officers pray with the delegates from the Japan Union Conference

(MMF) status change to "Mission." In order to strengthen the mission work in Mongolia and help the church grow to be more self-supporting in the future, the Executive Committee members voted for the MMF status to be changed to "Mongolia Mission." The inaugural session of the Mongolia Mission will be held on November 18, 2013.

In 1926, the first Adventist missionaries from Russia came to Mongolia, but because of the Communist government's control, all Christian workers have been expelled for the last 70 years. In 1991, Brad and Cathy Jolly entered Mongolia as missionaries. Since then, through the many sacrificial efforts and support of missionaries from the outside as well as the church members in Mongolia, the Adventist Church in Mongolia has been growing rapidly. In 1999, the Mongolia Mission Territory became an Attached Mission Field (MMF) to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. As of December 31, 2012, there are 1,897 members, 8 churches and companies with 16 additional worship places.



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NSD Executive Secretary



NSD Midyear Committee delegates. The meeting began on the day when the Adventist church was organized 150 years ago.

The General Conference (GC) Communication Department held the annual Global Adventist Internet Network (GAIN) forum in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from May 15 to 19, 2013. The keynote message was “It Is Possible: Casting God's Net.”

GAIN is a community of Seventh-day Adventist communication leaders, technologists, and internet and media professionals who connect to discuss the creative use of internet technology in their work, and in the lives of those whom they serve.

The annual GAIN forum holds an important place in Internet ministry. This time, the forum was the largest meeting ever, with approximately 250 people, including delegates from Africa attending.

The GC officers included Robert Lemon, GC Treasurer; Benjamin Schoun, GC General Vice President; Delbert Baker, GC General Vice President; Armando Miranda, GC General Vice President and Ted Wilson, GC President. All the officers showed their support, and interest in the forum through their presence at the forum

Thirty-six presentations on the newest technology, issues related to the internet and media ministry, and thirteen Division reports on media ministry were presented during the forum. The presentations covered some important topics such as ‘The Multi-Screen Generation’, ‘Adventist.org Brand and Voice’, ‘Social Media Discipleship’, ‘Mobile Security’, ‘Copyrights and Media’, ‘The Connected Congregation’, ‘An Adventist Design Framework’, ‘How Innovation is Changing Storytelling’, ‘The Future of Adventist Media’, the ‘Creation’ Film, and ‘Internet Evangelism in China’. Integrated system construction of the Adventist internet website in the world and distribution of the



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Creation film were the main issues.

SukHee Han, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Communication Director, S.J. Byun, NSD Media Center Manager, and Paul Kim, NSD IT Manager, attended the forum as the representatives for the NSD. Brother Zhao Rui gave a presentation on “Internet Evangelism in China,” and was well received by the audience.

On Sabbath, all attendees went to the Gulf Mission Church, Gulf Field, which is located about an hour and a half drive from Dubai. Together with local church members, about 600 people had a united worship. Ted Wilson, GC President, delivered a gracious message on “Let Down the Nets for a Catch” which is based on Luke 5:1-11. “This is the Nets Age represented by the internet. The reason why the



internet is so full of activity nowadays is so we can cast the evangelistic nets to the world,” said Wilson.

SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director led the Sabbath School lesson in the morning and reported on the NSD’s PR/Media/IT ministries in the afternoon.

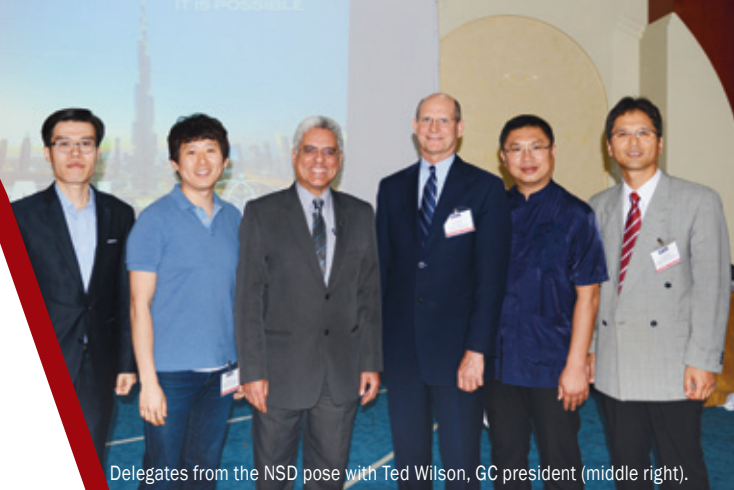
Attendees said they acquired very beneficial, and varied knowledge and information related to the internet and media ministry of today through the forum. It was also a great time to show cooperation and communication by Adventist Internet Ministry all over the world.

GAIN’s 2014 meeting is scheduled to be held in India. The forum is held in a different region of the world each year to motivate, and inspire local participants to understand the challenges and opportunities of fulfilling the mission of the Adventist Church in different cultures and regions. We hope that more people who are interested in the Internet and Media Ministry can attend the next meeting.

GAIN

(Adventist Internet Network) Forum 2013 held in Nation Ends in Success

Written by SukHee Han NSD Communication Director



Delegates from the NSD pose with Ted Wilson, GC president (middle right).

SukHee Han, NSD Communication director (left) speaks to the participants.



GAIN participants having small group discussion.



S. J. Byun, NSD Media Center Manager (right) expresses his gratefulness for GAIN.

About 600 people came to attend the Sabbath worship at the Gulf Mission Church.





NSD staff and local church members go out to distribute booklets.



On this day, about 32 teams went out to share the gospel message with their neighbors.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held its ‘15th Annual Mission Day’ together with the Southwest Korean Conference (SWKC) and the Bitgoeul Church (Pr. Yeon Geun Pyo) in Gwangju on April 28th, 2013. The Mission Day has been held every year since 2004 to remind our church workers of their mission and renew their mission spirit by providing them opportunities to participate in evangelism activities.

In the early morning of this day, the Bitgoeul Church members invited many elderly people to join the Mission Day program which provided them with good activities, sermons and healthy food. After this big event, they had a Mission Day program with the staff of the NSD and the SWKC.

The guest speaker, Dr. Samuel Wang, Associate Director of Global Mission’s Study Center for East Asian Religions and Traditions, shared a special experience that he had gone through. He suggested several ways on how to effectively approach others with our message.

Pr. Yong Hun Kim, a school chaplain at the Honam Sahmyook Academy, and Elder Samkon Kim gave their own testimony of evangelism which had totally changed others lives from death to eternal life. Many people were touched by the speakers that day.

Pr. Yeon Geun Pyo grouped people into 32 teams and let them distribute leaflets along with small books on the street. Church members, NSD and

Mission Day

of Northern Asia-Pacific Division

By Kwon JeongHaeng NSD Adventist Mission, Stewardship Director

SWKC staff did this in unison, pursuing a common goal.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, gave his thoughts on evangelism by saying, “If all the 177 church institutions in the NSD territory, whether small or big, appoint a Mission Day each year so the 12,600 staff members could distribute 200 leaflets each, it would mean that we would be able to reach 2.5 million people

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Three Angels Message. I encourage all institutions’ participation in this meaningful day we could be inspired by the mission spirit and have a new vigor for evangelism.”



WHAT IS ‘MISSION DAY’?

Mission Day is a day set by denominational organizations to emphasize mission and evangelism among its staff members and in order to help the workers to renew their mission/evangelism spirit, providing them opportunities to participate in mission/evangelism activities. Mission Day was first started in 2004 by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

KUC

Mission Coordinator of the Middle East and North Africa Union Mission Visits Korea



Brian Manley, MENA Mission Coordinator (right) speaks to the Korean Adventist Youth.

Brian Manley, Mission Coordinator of the Middle East and North Africa Union Mission (MENA), visited Korea. MENA is in charge of ministry in the Middle East which is one of the most difficult regions for mission work. The General Conference (GC) and MENA are promoting some major projects to establish a foothold in the Middle East and Muslim ministry. The Waldensian Project is to send Christian students to famous colleges in the Middle East and to introduce Christian fellowship, culture, and Jesus to talented young people. For the project, MENA signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Continental Mission Movement in Korea and trained nine students, aiming to enter college in 2014. Manley, who is a third generation missionary, delivered a message on “What Have You

Got in Your Hands?” at the Sahmyook Adventist Youth (SAY) Church, and at the Mission Festival for Youth in the Middle West Korean Conference. He asked Korean Adventist young people for spiritual concern and dedication in the Middle East region, saying, “When we give what is in our hands, God sanctifies it and gives it back to us.” The Korean young people showed sincere interest in the new evangelistic method and asked many questions about college applications, majors, and mission strategies late into the night.

The Korean young people who volunteer to go to the Middle East are in training at the Missionary School of the Continental Mission Movement. They will depart for Lebanon this coming July, and be in a language training course as well as an acculturation process. Concern and prayer for our young people who go to the missionary frontline in the Middle East and the Muslim region are needed.

KUC

A Young Adventist Inventor Meets the South Korean President

There was a ceremony celebrating the 48th Annual Invention Day at the 63 Building, Seoul, Korea, on May 15, 2013. BoKyung Kwon, a Seoul Sahmyook Elementary School student, explained her invention, a ball-storable ping pong racket, to South Korean President GeunHye Park. She then presented it to the President. President Park carefully listened to and encouraged her.

Kwon submitted this invention to the Korean Student Invention Exhibition and was awarded the Participation prize. The Korea Invention Promotion Association set up a special booth at the venue to introduce her invention to about 1,000 attendees. Kwon also participated in the hand print ceremony with Mr. YoungMin Kim, President of the Korean Intellectual Property Office, where Kwon was chosen as a young inventor.



GeunHye Park, the South Korean President, poses with BoKyung Kwon who won a prize at the 48th Annual Invention Day.



The SDA Fair Mission members chant.



About 30,000 people visited the booth.



KUC

The SDA Fair Mission Participates in the International Health-Care and Medical Expo 2013

The SDA Fair Mission (SDFM) participated in the International Health-Care and Medical Expo held at Bexco, Busan, Korea, from March 28 to 31, 2013. More than thirty thousand people visited the booth and had a taste of brown rice cake and whole wheat bread. Magazines like *Signs of the Times* and *Home & Health*, as well as other pamphlets, were distributed. Over 300 copies of *Steps to Christ*, which contains the core of the gospel, were also handed out. Mr. SeongSan Kim, a deacon of the Centum Church, also in Busan, donated Sahmyook soymilk.

Visitors showed a higher interest in the vegetarian cooking lectures and simple principles of natural healing. Volunteers were happy with the crowd of visitors and did their best to approach them.

Mrs. YoungJa Kim set an example to her juniors as she served with abundant strength and passion at the age of 81. "I give thanks to God for using an old woman like me. It is the purpose of my life to be faithful to the Lord to death."

Because of the large crowd, it was both happy and sad. The rice cake and bread, mission magazines and pamphlets, were completely out of stock every day. But it was so beautiful to see that many different individuals and groups supported this event directly and indirectly, through prayer. One remarkable thing is that 1,754 surveys were collected during this event. It was the greatest number of surveys that SDFM has gathered during the last 10 times of exhibitions. God is definitely guiding this ministry.

The local Busan Mission Council which was aware of the interests of the people in Busan, is planning to prepare some programs and invite people. Also, a new branch of the SDFM will be established soon in Busan due to the successful work at this time.

The SDFM plans to participate in the Daegu International Food Expo on June 13 to 16, 2013, and the Busan International Food Expo on June 19 to 22, 2013. It is trying to introduce various messages of the church in order to vitalize the local community, as well as local churches.

KUC Adventist Young People Start a Pacific Ocean Crossing

It is the talk of the town that three teenagers, along with their guides, crossed the Pacific by boat. They are Mr. YeonBong Pyo and his son, PyoHyeon, his nephew, JeongHyun, and Mr. SeungYoon Lee and his son, HoGeon Lee. After long preparation, they finally put their idea into practice. The expedition left Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, on May 19, 2013. Their plan is to pass through the Bahamas, Jamaica, the Panama Canal, Ecuador, Galapagos, Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia, North Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Dokdo and Busan, Korea, taking 14 months. They will then finally arrive home on Jeju Island.

Mrs. Pyo said, "Actually I am very worried to send my husband and son, but this is not an everyday chance. It is required for my son to experience how to overcome difficulties and adversity by himself. I hope they can read many books, meet many different people, and have their own dream during the travel."

Mr. Pyo gives the teenagers missions to accomplish in every place they stop. In the Bahamas, they got email addresses from three people that they had met for the first time. They talked with foreign people in fluent English and accomplished the mission. They will continue to make friends in the next stops and experience life education. If you want to encourage them, you can communicate through their website, www.jjhschool.com.



KUC

A Feast for Adoptive Families

The Morning Calm Adoptive Family Convention was held under the auspice of the Morning Calm Adoption Association at the Madalpy Training Center on April 27 and 28, 2013. About 240 people from 68 families attended this 10th annual event for adoptive families and supporting members.

Dr. SangKyung Han, President of the Association, welcomed the attendees. "Walking with children, holding their hands is really lovely to see. The life that loves someone like this is most beautiful."

Pastor JaeHo Kim, President of South West Korean Conference, asked God's blessings upon those who save the little ones' lives with love according to Jesus' commandment to take care of orphans and widows. He also hoped this meeting could be a great foundation to raise abandoned children into healthy members of society.

A special performance by adoptive families from the Gangwon Province and a music concert by the SDA Flute Ensemble touched attendees' hearts. Children also enjoyed recreational activities and a mini Olympics.

The number of adoptive children who met a new family through the Morning Calm Adoption Association is 200 as of April, 2013. There have been 193 children adopted by 138 families, with another five families fostering seven children at the moment.



Left: The Festival participants spend time with a baby Right: Children joyfully participated in the program

KUC

Evangelism Expo Is Heated Up, No Less than the Garden Expo

The Saesuncheon Church took action to take advantage of the Suncheon Bay Garden Expo. The Suncheon Bay Garden Expo 2013 opened its door on April 20 expecting more than 4 million people to visit until it closes on October 20, 2013. The church is a five minute walk from the Expo venue, so it is planning to distribute evangelistic tracts and booklets, and vegetarian cooking booklets to tourists. In addition, the church has approached local residents through health seminars, health food cooking classes, chiropractic treatment, and food tasting events during April 29 to May 4 when the number of tourists was at its peak.



Sahmyook Health University College News

● Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) Holds a Week of Prayer

Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) held a Week of Prayer from April 29 to May 4, 2013. Pastor HanKil Lee from the Jumunjin Church in the East Central Korean Conference was invited to be the main speaker. The event entitled "Design Your Youth" was used as an approach to reach non-Christian students with Christ and the gospel. Staff and students began their morning with prayer and had a prayer relay during this period. Various booth activities helped students concentrate on the message. On Sabbath, a musical performance by Sulammi as well as concerts by other singers enabled students to glimpse Adventist culture. As a result, 54 students were born-again in Christ. The college keeps supporting students who are interested in Bible study by connecting them to local churches.



54 precious young people received baptism.

● SHUC Holds a Discussion Meeting for Campus Ministry



SHUC leaders meet with local church pastors

Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) invited some local church pastors to their campus for a discussion meeting regarding campus ministry. Pastors who serve at churches around the college, who serve churches that have an infrastructure for youth ministry, and who have interests and a passion for mission attended the meeting and shared many ideas.

Dr. GwangGyu Kim, SHUC President, said "It is so sad that students who were baptized at the school have left the church. This can be a motivator for campus ministry, and the students can take spiritual root in local churches."

SHUC is continuously trying to help students stay in the faith. They have been having discussions with pastors and finding other ways of being a liaison with local churches. As a

result, nine SHUC students were baptized at the Sahmyook Central Church.

At the discussion meeting, various mission programs run by the SHUC were introduced to 20 pastors, and they had a meaningful time mapping out specific plans.

● Two SHUC Professors Win an Education Minister's Citation

Dr. HaeYoung Lee, Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) Dean of Academic Affairs, and Dr. SeonAe Kim, Dean of the Nursing Department, received a commendation from the Minister of Education on May 15, 2013, Teachers' Day. Dr. Lee is a professor in the Department of Cosmetology and Beauty. At the same time, she works as a Dean of Academic Affairs and has reorganized the department's curriculum. Dr. Kim contributes to student guidance. She trains students to be responsible and to be leaders through counseling, and community service.



Two SHUC professors hold the commendation certificates.

Health Seminar for Parents at SHUC

Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC) held a health seminar for the parents of students studying at the College on May 30, 2013. This is the second consecutive year that such a seminar was held by the Health Promotion Center. Dr. HyunJae Joo said, "It is hard to invite parents to events at the college level, but we prepared this event because it can be a seed of the gospel to students and parents."

The seminar began with a nice dinner. A well-prepared vegetarian buffet, in accordance with the health message of the Adventist Church, was thought to be very delicious by the parents. Dr. GwangGyu Kim, SHUC President, welcomed them. "I am so grateful to share happiness, which is the core value of the college, with our students' parents. As it is said, 'losing health is losing everything.'"

Dr. HwangSoon Song, the main speaker of the seminar, emphasized that two major components of the food we usually eat are carbohydrates and lipids, and our health depends on the kind of carbohydrates we intake. Brown rice and bean flour were given to the parents, which greatly appealed to them.

One parent said, "I thank the college for the special time. It was meaningful to know that health and faith are closely related."



Dr. Song speaks to the parents of the SHUC students

KUC Laypeople Arrange a United Pathfinder Camp

There was a united Pathfinder Camp of the West Central Korean Conference at Taegang Sahmyook Elementary School on April 27 and 28, 2013. Over 186 Pathfinders from 15 churches attended the camp and participated in a campout and honors-earning activities. The booth activities were impressive and well-prepared by volunteer teams from Adventurers to Pathfinder seniors. Experimental booths such as rappel training, a Pathfinder history museum, instrument making, bracelet making, as well as some mission booths were provided. Pathfinders also learned bike-riding, archery, and aircraft in each booth to earn honors.

Pastor KapSeok Kim, Camp Coordinator, said, "The Pathfinder Camp will be a good example to churches which are preparing Pathfinder Club's and it can also inspire churches already running a Pathfinder Club. We hope many churches will attend the camp which will be held once a month." The camp was so special because it was planned and arranged by laypeople, not ministers.



The Pathfinder camp participants of the West Central Korean Conference raise their hands in salute. This camp was special because the laity arranged it.

CHUM

Hong Kong-Macao Conference Holds Seminars for Sabbath School Teachers



Pastor Chiu presents a seminar to the participants.



About 110 Sabbath School teachers attended the seminar.

The World Church's focus on "Revival and Reformation" is the theme for their collective spiritual journey in 2010-2015. Knowing that Sabbath Schools are important venues to turn church members into disciples of Christ, the Hong Kong-Macao Conference has planned three seminars that aim to teach, to motivate and to equip its Sabbath School teachers.

The first seminar was held on March 23, 2013. About 110 people attended the event. Pastor Samuel Chiu, also an associate professor at Hong Kong Adventist College, was the main presenter. He used various charts to clearly explain the Twelve Minor Prophets, the main subject of the Sabbath School lessons for the second quarter of 2013. Pastor Chiu hopes that, by giving the comprehensive overview and some additional knowledge of the twelve books in the Old Testament to our Sabbath School teachers, he can help them better relay the messages in these books to our local Adventists. Many of those who attended the seminar expressed their appreciation for this timely training.



CHUM

A Dream Comes True — The Urban Evangelism Project

By Sally Lam-Phoon

A faithful deaconess of the Penang English Adventist Church (Malaysia), Mrs. Stella Hong, had a dream to train young people to spread the gospel in China three years ago. How could she do it? Professionally, she is the managing director of three schools in Malaysia; all named Stella-In International Advanced Aesthetics Academy. Being an international consultant and trainer in beauty and complementary therapies with more than 45 years of experience, Stella has educated thousands of young people

over the years, connecting them with universities and aesthetics academies in Britain and Australia.

By God's providence, Mrs. Hong met Dr. Sally Phoon who is the Women's Ministries Director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and enthusiastically shared her dream. Thus was born the idea of marrying the skills that Mrs. Hong had with the evangelism work in China. Thus was coined the name "The Urban Evangelism Project for China." The Chinese Union Mission

voted to run this program and requested financial help from the NSD and the General Conference (GC) to support this novel approach to outreach.

The aim is to equip a group of 16-20 church members in each of four locations in China with skills in massage and cosmetology. They can then set up their own businesses or work with wellness centers, salons, spas and the like, which are mushrooming in many big cities. Armed with these beauty skills, these urban

missionaries will rub shoulders with all kinds of people, making friends, meeting their needs right where they are and then begin spiritual conversations with them. Those who set up their own independent businesses will gain entrance into homes that will never open their doors to colporteurs or pastors.

The first church in China to respond positively to this idea was the Gangwashi Church in Beijing, which is under the leadership of a woman, Elder Chen Yaxien. Thus on April 5, Mrs. Hong arrived in Beijing together with her trainer, Ms. Cheah Hooi Sen, to launch the first class which ran from April 7 through 18, 2013. With a little financial encouragement from the church board, the group of 16 students (all women) put together their money to purchase all the necessary materials for the class. During the first session of two weeks, they learned the basics of cleansing, facial massage and makeup.

After the conclusion of this first session, the students had a month of practicum before the second session began from May 6 to 16, 2013, during which time the students mastered body massage, waxing, pedicure and manicure. Since many of the churches are doing outreach through renting out their facilities for weddings, bridal makeup and hair styling was included in the curriculum.

Elder Chen is encouraging the group to plan for their own future. The leader in the group said, "All 16 of us intend to reach the people of Beijing with the love of Christ using these skills." It is hoped that this will only be the beginning

as everyone is looking to God to multiply the initial efforts, and help to identify potential trainers from among this group. These leaders will then, in turn, continue to train more young people who are interested in serving God in this manner.

It is interesting how God is working His will through this project. Hooi Sen, the trainer for this project, is not yet a Christian but has learned to pray and to trust God. Her son was healed in time for her to return to teach the second session as all of the women in the project united in earnest prayer for mother and son during his illness. During the daily worships, she has enjoyed Christian music and sings along enthusiastically. She was touched by the spiritual insights on discipleship shared each morning by Mrs. Joyce Sham, Associate Women's Ministries Director from the Chinese Union. After going home to Guangzhou, she will continue to study the truths



she has learned during these two sessions.

Also during the second session, friends were invited in to serve as models. One of these "models" has now attended church and another has

shown interest in having Bible studies. Indeed this is only the first step in reaching the millions in Beijing who need to learn about a soon coming Savior. Our Urban Evangelism missionaries who have chosen to stand up and be counted as 'ambassadors for Christ' (II Cor. 5:20) are now equipped with a set of usable skills to reach others for their Master.

We are confident that if they persist in spending time everyday in the presence of God to drink in the Holy Spirit, God will accomplish "far beyond what we ask or think" just as He has promised.

Left: Lecturer Stella guiding a student
Above right: Manicurist in Action
Bottom right : Group of Happy Graduates



CHUM

MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT LEADS TRAINING

NSD Ministerial Secretary, David Ripley, and Assistant Ministerial Secretary, Lynn Ripley, provided a two and half day training event for pastors, church leaders, seminary students, and church members in the Unorganized Territory (UT).

The emphasis of the event was equipping area churches with skills for small group church planting. Topics covered were discipleship, small groups as a basis for church life, mission focused church culture, dealing with church conflict, and how to give personal Bible studies.

The group members were very enthusiastic in their desire to do

outreach and useful community service. During the training time, they practiced how to invite someone to accept Jesus as a personal Savior, and how to run a small group, as well as how to write small group Bible lessons.

The pastoral spouses in attendance also met for an evening meal. You will notice from the pictures that some of our pastoral spouses are ladies and some are gentlemen. Our GC (General Conference) Leader, Janet Page, has encouraged us to remember to serve all our spouses, female or male, and their families.

One attendee asked for prayer that, "we will serve our communities with caring, united heart and that God will be glorified through our witness."



Lynn Ripley
NSD Assistant Ministerial Secretary



Left: The pastors and spouses meet with Dr. and Mrs. Ripley's Center: Training event group
Right: Small group activity practice



NSD Shepherdess International Launches Pastoral Spouses Web Site

NSD (Northern Asia-Pacific Division) Shepherdess International Coordinator, Lynn Ripley, would like to announce that by July 2013 the pastoral spouses web site nsdspouses.org, will go live.

On it you will find pages for each of the major languages of the NSD mission territory – Chinese, simplified and traditional, Japanese, Korean, and Mongolian. There will also be links to the GC (General Conference) Pastoral Spouses/Shepherdess web site and the NSD website. The goal of the web site is to share important information on upcoming events and useful ministry resources that can be used as our mission territories seek to better serve pastoral spouses and their families.



Elder Mueller (left) stands with NSD pastors



Dr. Akeri Suzuki



The members review the Ordination documents.



GC & NSD BRC members

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Biblical Research Committee Meeting in Hong Kong



David Ripley

NSD Ministerial Association Director

June 3-5, 2013, at Hong Kong Adventist College, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Biblical Research Committee (BRC) members and invitees met. Under the guidance of General Conference (GC) BRI Deputy Director, Ekkhardt Mueller, the committee discussed the theology of ordination. Our work was in conjunction with the work of the World Church as it prepares for this discussion at the 2015 General Conference session.

NSD Secretary, Akeri Suzuki, served as acting chairperson for the meeting. Devotional message were given by Bold Batsukh, MM Ministerial Secretary; Katisumi Higashide, San-iku Gakuin College President, and Elder Robert Folkenberg, Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) president. NSD BRC Secretary, David Ripley, and, committee member, Chek Yat Phoon were in attendance, as was the Ministerial Director from CHUM, Elder Isaac Foo. One or more scholars represented each of the NSD universities and colleges. The Committee also has two pastors/scholars from the NSD organized territories, Zhang Hua Sarah, and David Liu.

Eight papers were presented and much positive discussion took place. The committee reviewed the GC Theology of Ordination Study Committee's consensus document and made recommendations that Dr. Mueller will present to that group.

The general consensus of the NSD BRC members was that we have an important message, a large mission territory, and urgency to complete God's mission on earth in preparation for Jesus' soon return. They are very interested in engaging every Adventist in ministry and will follow the world church leadership as it guides us in this work.

CHUM Wedding Evangelism - By Sally Lam-Phoon

When a church is committed to evangelism, the creativity which originates from the Holy Spirit makes it possible to come up with all kinds of approaches and strategies to evangelize with. Such was the case with a vibrant church in the huge city of Shanghai. Last November, four couples were ready to tie the knot having nurtured their relationship within the church circle. While celebrating this once-in-a-lifetime occasion, they asked how they could witness for the Christ who had brought them together.

Their young enthusiastic elder, Dennis, suggested that they use the wedding as a means of evangelism, an attempt to reach non-Christian parents, relatives and friends of the four couples. Hence, every segment of the event was a testimony of how God put things together to culminate in the union of their hearts. The brides did all their preparations at church where they hosted a pre-wedding party. Church leaders entertained the guests by sharing the role of the church in nurturing young people and providing an environment where they could find their life partners.



The Newly married couples

After that, the wedding party proceeded in an open top tour bus to a larger church (their church was too small for the ceremony) that they had rented for the actual wedding ceremony. En route to the ceremony, the wedding couples and their friends rode on top of the open tour bus, shouting, "We are getting married! God loves us and God loves you!" The bus purposefully chose the most frequented roads where hundreds of tourists and locals heard the message and saw their banners decorating the bus.

The ceremony highlighted the importance of the Fifth Commandment as the couples bowed in typical Chinese style in honor of their parents and gave gifts of appreciation to them. Later at the wedding banquet, the couples gave moving testimonies of how God led them and answered their prayers in providing them with a soul mate.

Many seeds were sown that day and they pray that the God of the Harvest will soon bring precious fruit into His Kingdom.



A big church was rented for the Wedding Evangelism

JUC

TOKYO13 Project

‘Jesus@Tokyo’

By Norihiko Hanada,
Director of Evengelism, JUC



In recent years in Japan, there has hardly been a case that souls have been saved simply as the result of holding evangelistic meetings. So such a way of evangelism in Japan has been invalid in today's society. But there is one method of soul winning still valid in this secular world. That is Christ's method. The Lord Himself mingled with people, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence, then told them "Follow me." In this way, He won many souls. Yes, our strategy for TOKYO 13 will be exactly like this - a relational evangelism.

During this coming Fall, 2013, we will hold 49 evangelistic meetings. In order to make them successful, our local churches will organize small groups, then do teams ministry for the revival of church members, and to invite new people to the church.

Our goal for soul winning as a result of TOKYO 13 is 100 new believers. You may think this number is too small compared to other goals among the Adventist churches in the big cities around the world. However, 100 is three times larger than the number of baptisms of one year in the Tokyo area in the recent years. Thinking of this fact, even 100 is a big challenge for us.

At the Tokyo Korean Church, and the Tokyo Chinese Church, each already has held their first evangelistic meeting in May this year, and won a few souls. And in June, six churches had a camp meeting together, to which approximately 160 attended, and six souls were baptized on Sabbath afternoon during the meeting. One of our teams has started special prayer meeting, and another team has already met especially for TOKYO 13.

Joining with our church schools, Japan Union Conference (JUC) has started a new style worship called "Tokyo Worship" in a contemporary way, and tried to approach young parents with school children. Our Publishing House and the department of Colporteur Ministry of the JUC together held a special meeting especially for the readers of the monthly magazine, *the Signs of the Times*, and 100 readers attended it. Also, training seminars for church members such as a care-group seminar, and His Hands training seminar for students are being held. In June, we will have a Family Ministry seminar instructed by Drs. Phoon from the NSD (Northern Asia-Pacific Division). This July, a special seminar to prepare for TOKYO 13 will be held by Pastor Kwon Johnghaeng. The JUC has just made new tracts and correspondent Bible studies. It is to support local churches.

Our great appreciation goes to Pastor Hong Kwang Ui who has visited Japan many times in order to hold a lot of revival meetings at different places here in our country.

'13' of TOKYO 13 means every pastor and the church member is to become the 13th disciple of Christ. This is my sincere prayer that through this evangelistic project for the great city of Tokyo, every church, pastor, and church member will feel a burning missionary spirit in their hearts, and this experience will be the turning point for the great harvest for the church existing just before His second coming. Please pray for the TOKYO 13 project.

Above & Middle: Tama camp meeting. Bottom: Tokyo Worship



Imabari Church members with the Golden Angels, senior aged home director, and staff



Golden Angels singing at the Fukutakeso Day Care Center

JUC *Heart Moving Concerts by* *Golden Angels*



Tadaomi Shinmyo

Fomer NSD Adventist Mission Associate Coordinator

Elderly people, as well as the staff in a day care center, and a senior aged home, were greatly moved by two concerts presented by the Golden Angels on May 29, 2013, in Shikoku, Japan.

The members of the Golden Angels sang first at the Fukutakeso Day Care Center on the third floor of the Aijukai Hospital in Saijo City, Ehime-ken, Shikoku in Japan. The concert started at 4:00 p.m. and immediately the participants were attracted by the beautiful and solemn atmosphere of the music performed by the Golden Angels. Most of the attendees were elderly, commuting to this center during the day. Additionally, there were a few hospital patients. Some people were so touched by the gospel music that they wept. There were around 100 people attending including patients, staff and the Imabari Church members with Pastor Kazunobu Osada. They were able to listen mainly to English songs with Japanese translation on screen, one Japanese song “Furusato” and one Korean song “Arirang.” After the concert, some of the participants gave their thanks to each of the Golden Angels on behalf of others. Then, the members of the Golden Angels greeted them one by one by shaking hands and speaking to them. Dr. Shin Uchida and Dr. Kazumichi Moriyama, the hospital President and Vice President, came to express their gratitude to the singers.

After the one hour program, the Golden Angels moved to another building in the same huge compound of the hospital. It was the newly built Senjuen Senior Aged Home. Another concert was conducted beginning at 5:00

p.m. The number of those attending altogether was around 70. Many people came to listen in their wheelchairs. The Golden Angels sang the same songs here as well. It must have been the first time for those attending to listen to Christian songs sung by dedicated young people because some people wept due to the power of the Holy Spirit. After the program, the singers came to those listening to converse with them and to comfort them. Mr. Toshiaki Kondo, director of the home, expressed his great thanks and entertained the singers with tea and cake.

It was the fifth week of the Golden Angles trip from the greater Tokyo area to Shikoku Island in Japan, so they must have been tired. In spite of that, they sang and praised the name of God from the bottom of their hearts. These heart moving concerts were the outcome of their dedication to the Lord.

Miss Hiromi Yokogawa, a church member and trained pipe-organist, commented, “It was wonderful.” Miss Michiru Kikugawa said, “I gained new energy from the Golden Angels.” These events were planned by the Seventh-day Adventist Imabari Church. The reason why the church conducted these concerts at the hospital instead of the church is due to Miss Ana Catolico who is working at the Aijukai Hospital as a nurse. This hospital is the sister institution to the day care center and the senior aged home. She is Filipina and passed the difficult Japanese examination for overseas nurses last year. (See the May/June 2012 of NEWS & VIEWS.) On this day, as she was free from her duties, she was also able to enjoy the music.

Now that the Taiwan Conference has come under the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) as an attached Conference (beginning on January 1, 2013), the NSD has started to take over the administrative responsibilities for the Taiwan Conference. The NSD will also take over the responsibilities of some of the

elementary schools with less than 28 students that have poor resources. The Director's report on the activities and community services of the TWAF was followed by the election of the new Board of Trustees. Dr. Lee, NSD President, and Ken Osborn, NSD Treasurer, were elected to the Board of Trustees.

During the afternoon, the Legal Holding Body of the Taiwan Seventh-day Adventist Church held a board meeting, followed by a board meeting of the Signs of the Times Publishing Association (STPA), which was held at its conference hall.

celebration of the new laboratory system, Dr. Jairyong Lee addressed administrators and physicians with words of thankfulness and encouragement. TAH has some future plans which will help it to keep up with the unavoidable aging population, and cancer which is so prevalent in today's society. Currently, TAH has 117 medical doctors, 419 nurses, 119 paramedics, and 268 supporting staff.

The following day, Dr. Lee led the TAA (Taiwan Adventist Academy) and TAC (Taiwan Adventist College) board meeting at the Taiwan Adventist College in Taichung. Currently, both educational institutes co-exist on the same compound. TAC has 57 students on campus and 153 off-campus students, while TAA has 364 students. During the meeting, the Board approved the resignation of the academy principal, Ms. Hsiao Hui-Lan who has served as the principal since August 1, 2010. The reason for her resignation was that the Ministry of Education in Taiwan does not allow retired principal's to continue working in a public or private school with pay. Mr. Jackson Chen, TAA Vice-Principal and Dean of Student Affairs, was unanimously nominated by the Board to take her place and serve for the time being as an acting principal.

On April 25, the Taiwan Conference Executive Committee was held under the leadership of Steven Wu, Taiwan Conference President. The Marathon meeting went from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., dealing with some challenging issues on finance and personnel. In Taiwan, lots of work and mission should be done for urban dwellers. Urbanization accelerates secularization rapidly. The Taiwan Conference is still struggling to fill the empty hearts of the city residents.



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Assistant to the President



TAIWAN

Institutions Board Meetings

major institutions in Taiwan, from China Union Mission Conference (CHUM). The newly organized CHUM Transition Management Committee made great efforts to arrange the transfer of authority from CHUM to the NSD. However, it looks as though it will not be a single day's work. Dr. Lee, NSD President, spent the whole week (April 22-16) in rearranging the board of Trustees of some institutions and taking the chair of board meetings.

On April 22, 2013, the Taiwan Adventist Foundation (TWAF) Board meeting, which consists of 13 board directors, was held at the Grand Hyatt Taipei Hotel at 10 a.m. The TWAF is an institution which provides for people in need with community services for their welfare. The TWAF has several outstanding programs such as "Sweet Home" which repairs and paints houses, and "Happy Handmade Package" which helps

The main work of the STPA is to keep developing the promotion of publications to church members, organizations, and the public. They also support the efforts in the publishing ministries work in the UT (Unorganized Territories) through the translation of materials into Chinese.

On April 23, there was a Taiwan Adventist Hospital (TAH) board meeting in the Health Management Center Conference Room on the 5th floor of the hospital. Prior to the board meeting, there was another celebration for the installation of a brand new automation system at the medical lab. This new system is needed because the volume for the health check-up medical services had increased dramatically in 2012, and the old system was not able to meet the need of a lot of the services. Dr. Huang, Hui Ting, the TAH President, expects service volume will increase by threefold with the new automation system. During the



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Left: NSD Editor's Meeting participants
Right: This first Editor's Meeting was held at the STPA in Taiwan.

Editor's Meeting in Taiwan

The first Editor's Meeting of the NSD was held at the Signs of the Times Publishing Association (STPA) in Taiwan, from February 19 to 21, 2013. This meeting was planned for the benefit of the editors working for publishing houses and ministries. The main subject of the meeting was how, especially in our Division, translation is inevitable not only due to the language differences among unions, but also cultural differences between the Christian culture and the Eastern religious cultures of Asia. The main lecturers for this event were Dr. Jim Nix, Director of the Ellen G. White Estate of the General Conference (GC), Pr. Jerry Thomas, Chief Editor for the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and Elder Wilmar Hirle, Associate Director of Publishing Ministries of the GC. Pr. Jerry Thomas, the famous author of "Messiah" (which is the modern-day English version of the "Desire of Ages"), emphasized to us the unique roll of editors in conveying the Message cross-culturally. Dr. Nix emphasized to us the importance of the publishing work in the last days through Ellen G. White's writings. He stated that it is the publisher's responsibility to keep the original message and authenticity of Ellen G. White's writings through abiding by copyrights and the approved format of the inspired writings. Around 20 attendees came from the Japan Union Conference (JUC), Korean Union Conference (KUC), Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC), Taiwan Conference (TWC), and the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF). Thanks should go to the staff of the STPA who did a lot of preparation for the meeting, as well as to Elder Hirle of the GC.

KUC

Seoul Sahmyook Elementary School and Sun Yat-Sen Elementary School Sign a MOU

The thirty-nine students and five teachers from the foreign primary school attached to the Sun Yat-Sen University, visited Seoul Sahmyook Elementary School on March 26 and 27, 2013. Delegates of the two schools signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in order to help students in the two schools understand each other's culture, and develop their insight in this global era.

Students presented songs and dances they had prepared, and encouraged each other. They then also had time to experience the Korean culture through Kimchi making. Chinese students did homestay with 36 Korean families. It was just a one-night stay, but the Chinese and Korean students had already opened their hearts to each other, and became familiar with each other's culture. When they had to say farewell, they had tears in their eyes and were unwilling to part with their new friends.

GeumRang Nam, Principal of Seoul Sahmyook Elementary School, said, "As the school has invested in English education, the English abilities of the students has been improved. As China becomes one of the major countries in the world, speaking the Chinese language will be very useful. The two schools started this exchange so that students can experience the Chinese culture and learn the Chinese language."

A delegate from the Sun Yat-Sen School said, "There is an interest in Korea from China because of the Korean Wave, and we try to learn about the outstanding English education system from the Sahmyook schools and institutes."



Left: Group picture of the Students from China and Korea Right: Both Schools' Representatives hold the signed agreement.

Dongdaemun Community Welfare Center Holds a Charity Rummage Sale

On April 23 and 24, 2013, the Dongdaemun Community Welfare Center held a charity rummage sale in order to give the community an opportunity to share with others and to raise funds to help low-income families.

While 40 volunteer workers helped with the event, various items including clothes, shoes, household goods, agro-fishery products, and stationery were on sale at a relatively inexpensive price. Residents from the local neighborhood participated in the event which raised 15 million won.

All the proceeds of the charity will be used to support the elderly living alone, grandparents-grandchildren families, and single-parent families. The Center will continue to develop many different activities for sharing.



A local resident purchase an item at the Charity Sale.

KUC

The Pocheon Welfare Center Offers a Number of Events During Family Month

The Pocheon, Korea Welfare Town developed various events in May which has been designated as Family Month. There was a festival for the elderly on May 8, which was Parents' Day. The city of Pocheon invited senior citizens in the city to the event, and provided many performances and booth activities. Performances by 70 elderly people included Nanta (beating drum performance), line dance, Samulnori (Korean traditional percussion quartet), magic, and a traditional dance that they had honed. The Pocheon Senior Welfare Center prepared this event to remind everyone of the sense of gratitude and respect our parents deserve, and it will continue to work hard for the happiness and the beautiful aged life of senior citizens.

In addition, the Pocheon Welfare Town held another event on May 5, celebrating Children's Day. Family Love experimental booths were run in front of the Songwoo Elementary School. About 380 families visited the booths and had an opportunity to promote family harmony through programs including caricature, balloon art, candle making, and many other activities.

On May 2, adults with disabilities living in Pocheon had a special picnic in the Jade Garden Ecological Park in Chuncheon, Gangwon Province. The Pocheon Welfare Center will provide services that meet the needs of those with disabilities, so that they can also enjoy the cultural benefit.



A special picnic for disabled people



A dance performance for the elderly



People line up to get free food at the Osan Adventist church's food service. This service brought many positive responses from the local community.

KUC

A FOOD CART SHARES LOVE

The Osan Church in the West Central Korean Conference shares free food and love at the Osan Station Plaza at 4:00 pm every Sabbath. About 250 clothes are also distributed twice a year. Elder HeeSeok Lee said, "We planned to give some clothes out to those who come to eat in summer and winter as they are happy for it." One visitor said, "Of course the food tastes good, but I appreciate their hospitality more."

The church started the Free Food Cart Service as an outreach to their neighbors in need and to practice the love of Jesus. But the church experienced more happiness and blessings through the service. First of all, the church's reputation in the local community was improved. Many media sources including the local newspaper asked for interviews and introduced the church. Pastor InWoo Baek said, "We just try to do as Jesus did serving His neighbors on Sabbath. As many people came and this service became widely known, the church appeared in the local press. We can feel happiness, joy, and pride when we help others. Evangelism is to share love and the love begins with meeting others' needs."



Church members prepare foods.

People enjoy the food service.

This service is to practice the love of Jesus.



KUC

An Overall Seminar on Ministry and Mission Is held

The Korea Union Conference (KUC) Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department held an Overall Seminar on Ministry and Mission at the Anmyeondo Retreat Center from May 6 to 9, 2013. The Seminar was different from previous years mainly because it was focused on mission rather than lectures. There were 65 pastors from the South East, Middle West, and South West Korean Conferences attending the event.

Pastor DaeSung Kim, KUC President, highlighted pastoral life and mission in his lecture dealing with calling, self-management, family management, sermons, visitation, caring, relationships, and missionary method. He also said, "One of the most important missions and responsibilities of ministers is to vitalize and train their church members for evangelistic work. To do this, ministers need to show their missionary passion as an example. We should practice evangelistic training regularly and continuously."

Dr. KukHeon Lee, a Sahmyook University (SYU) Theology professor, gave a lecture on identity, and missionary vocation of the Adventist church. He said, "The establishment of identity is a vital factor to prepare for the future, so identity gives an opportunity to figure out new change and promotion."

Other lectures on 'Community Service and Mission', 'Three Angels' Message', 'Pastors' Spirituality Management', and 'Prayer Band' were also presented to the attendees.



There are 65 pastors from each conference attending the event

KUC

Does Spring Come in the Mission Work in North Korea?

The America Sahmyook International Medical Association (ASIMA) visited Pyongyang, North Korea to discuss the opening of the Pyongyang Mission Euimyong Dental Hospital. They also discussed the donation of the newest dental equipment, operation of a dental technology school, and natural healing hospital by the invitation of the North Korean government from May 18 to 29, 2013. Seven members, including Elder SuMyoung Kim, ASIMA President, and Elder HaengSeon Kim, ASIMA Vice-President accompanied this official trip. Many church members in Korean-American churches worked together to plan this meeting. The visitors' group is also planning to give support to farming and baking, as well as medical support, so that substantial aid and self-support assistance can be offered to North Korean people.

The visitors then worshiped at the Bongsu Church in Pyongyang on Sabbath, which was the first public Sabbath worship since the North and South Korea split 65 years ago. "Our wish as Adventists is to open wide the way of Salvation to people in North Korea. We will do our best in practicing Christian love and service by meeting the North Korean's needs," said Elder HaengSeon Kim.

May God's abundant grace be with the ASIMA which enlarges God's territory through sincere service and a beautiful devotion. We also pray for the spring of mission in North Korea to draw near.



Left: Elder Kim's group who visited N. Korea
Right: NSD Directors with Elder Kim's Group



KUC

27th Foreign Missionaries Spiritual Retreat

Themed “A Love Like Christ’s,” the 27th Annual Spiritual Retreat held at Yeongsuwon, Anmyeondo last April 19-21, 2013, had eighty-six 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionaries spiritually revived, and had their sense of mission rekindled.

The message of God reminded the missionaries about the Savior’s main purpose in sending them here. “You were not sent here to teach English. You were sent here to share the gospel in English.” Pastor Algier Ravelo spoke with so much love and passion during the Vespers.

The retreat was packed with activities from a Communion Service, to group dynamics, and early morning God-time. There was also physical exercise, a sundown program by the seashore (amidst the very cold winds), and a social night which were all deliberately prepared for the missionaries to see deeply the love of Christ and to have it reflected on others.

The inspiration and encouragement they received were more than enough for them to be spiritually rejuvenated. But with God’s generosity, His spiritual blessings came with bonuses as missionaries received devotional booklets, t-shirts and other tokens sponsored by the Korean Union Conference (KUC) and the 1000MM.

The missionaries went back to their mission fields with their hearts heavy but inspired, sad but happy, physically tired but spiritually invigorated. With so much faith and eagerness to go on with their journey of service with Christ and for Christ, we hope that this will always be reflected in everything they do as it is inscribed in their hearts: A love like Christ’s.

Report of Retention Project Seminar in *MM* (Mongolian Mission)

By Teru Fukui - NSD Retention Project Coordinator

The issue of retention is very serious in the Mongolian Mission, as well as in other Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territories. The retention rate is said to be around 30%. One of the reasons may be due to the nomadic nature of the Mongolian people, as some have said. Recently, young members are said to be leaving the churches because of job opportunities that threaten Sabbath observance.

The NSD Retention Project is trying to raise the church retaining power of its members by proposing ways to strengthen the relationship level, especially among new members, through two initiatives, Message Delivery and Small Group Initiatives. By these initiatives we are aiming to care, nurture, disciple, and train members. For this purpose, we invited a lay evangelist, Mr. Johnny Wong, to introduce his way of effective and active “Care Group” to our Retention Project Seminar that was held from May 12 to 16, 2013, in the MMF lecture room. He brought five members from the Gateway Church in Australia to make the Seminar more practical and convincing to the attendees. They came to aid us at their own expense. What grace they showed to us all!

From 26 churches and companies in all the MMF, around 40 attendees joined the Seminar, and 21 churches were represented by their pastors, Bible workers, and lay members. Devotional life and basic training in starting a Care Group were well presented in a practical manner. The FAST Disciple Kit Program was translated into Mongolian to strengthen leadership training. (For more on the FAST Disciple Kit Program, go to www.FAST.ST) We would like to give a big thanks to Pr. Nyamdavaa, Pr. Kuhn, leaders, and others of the MMF for making this Seminar a success. Great gratitude should also go to the staff of Johnny Wong’s group.



Retention Project Seminar participants in Mongolia Mission

Week of Prayer

Strengthening Family Relations

“One well-ordered, well-disciplined family tells more in behalf of Christianity than all the sermons that can be preached. Such a family gives evidence that the parents have been successful in following God’s directions, and that their children will serve Him in the church” (*Adventist Home, Chapter 4, paragraph 4*). In conjunction with the admonition of Ellen G. White as quoted above, the Family Ministry department of Mongolia Mission (MM), through the leadership of Cleidi Kuhn, initiated and organized a Family Week of Prayer on May 11-18, 2013, at the Central Church. The Sabbath afternoon trainings were organized in collaboration with the Women’s Ministry Coordinator, Purevdulam Jugderjav. The meeting is aimed to strengthen family relations by educating the young people on Biblical principles regarding marriage (the choice of a Christian partner), and the responsibilities that embody parenthood. One of the most important subjects that were shared is the importance of commitment both to the spouse, and above all, to Jesus Christ who is the ultimate source of marital bliss and the anchor of stable and happy Christian families. The program was well participated in by all the Seventh-day Adventist churches located within the premises of the capital city, Ulaanbaatar. Regular members had invited their friends and relatives who had come to the church for the first time, thus the nightly meetings were filled with a very good number of attendees.

Pastor Elbert Kuhn, MM Director, opened the Week of Prayer by giving a powerful sermon about ‘Family: A Powerful Christian Witness.’ On Sabbath afternoon, expectant mothers gathered for an informative lecture on ‘pregnancy.’ Orientations were given on how to deal with the changes in their bodies and their hormones, as well as the crucial role mothers play during the formative years of children, and the Christian concept of child guidance. On the succeeding days, the topics discussed included the following: ‘Choosing a Life Partner’, ‘Character Matters’, ‘Standards of Family Living’, ‘Children: the Heritage of the Lord’, ‘Parents Position and Responsibilities’, ‘Graces that Brighten Family Life’, and ‘The Reward Here and in the Hereafter.’ Joining Elder Kuhn, among the resource speakers from the MM, were Pastors Bold Batsukh, Ministerial Director; Kang Hashik, Youth Director; Nyamdavaa Dovchinsuren, Evangelism Coordinator; and Dr. Josue Orellana, ADRA Mongolia Country Director. The program closed on Sabbath afternoon, May 18, with a discussion about ‘Living and Leading Your Spouse to Christ.’

It is overwhelming to see the affirmative response of the congregation who attended the meetings, together with their spouses and children, with so much enthusiasm and delight. Not only the family lives of our Adventist members are renewed, but it was a very good opportunity to share the gospel of Christ among non-believers who regularly graced the Week of Prayer. The latter were given some of our Christian books like *Adventist Home*, *Radical Protection*, just to mention a few. As E.G. White says, “The mission of the home extends beyond its own members.” The Christian home is to be an object lesson, illustrating the excellence of the true principles of life. Such an illustration will be a power for good in the world. As the youth go out from such a home, the lessons they have learned are imparted. Nobler principles of life are introduced into other households, and an uplifting influence works in the community” (*Adventist Home, Chapter 4, paragraph 1*). It is therefore our prayer that our Family



The Family week of prayer participants pray together with their spouses and children. The Adventist families in Mongolia Mission were able to renew their family lives through this event.



A Mongolian lady sings during the Family Week of Prayer program at the Ulaanbaatar Central church in Mongolia.

Ministries in Mongolia will make a significant impact on the lives of the people we associate with. And, by the grace of God, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, our faithful Christian walk will mirror what the Adventist home is all about.

TWC

Mission Day at Taiwan Adventist Hospital

“**T**here is no boundary between evangelism and medicine. In order to save people’s lives and restore their health, doctors and missionaries shall work hard together, and be serious and detail-oriented, in the same manner” (Mrs. Ellen G. White). All of us have to do our best to achieve our goal of healing the body and soul, just as Jesus preached the gospel and performed medical treatment in His days.

The Taiwan Adventist Hospital (TAH) celebrated its 58th Anniversary, inviting many from the community, as well as church leaders, to join in the festivities. They also introduced the history of the development of the Adventist Church in Taiwan, and gave an overview of the hospital to all the participants. The history and overview can be seen below.

● *Session I of Mission Day.*

The History of the Taiwan Adventist Hospital was shared.

First Period: Taiwan-Sanitarium Hospital Period

1955 – Dr. Miller, church leaders, and government officials planned for the establishment of TAH.

Second Period: Taiwan Adventist Hospital Period

1986—The hospital was renamed “Taiwan Adventist Hospital.”

Third Period: Preventive Medicine Period

2005—The Health Management Center was established.

● *Session II of Mission Day.*

Our Vision: To become a benchmark for the highest client satisfaction possible and to set up a model for preventive medicine.

We shoulder the responsibilities of a Christian hospital at the regional level, providing complete professional, highly efficient medical services. Also, we strive to care for communities, promote a healthy life, and serve as a model for preventive medicine.

● *Session III of Mission Day.*

Celebration: We held a carnival in the afternoon to celebrate the 58th Anniversary of the hospital. On that day, many patients and hospital staff took part in the event. This was a good opportunity to spread the gospel to the community.

‘Medical Services Team Without Borders’

Carries out Free Medical Treatment at GeunHeung Church, Korea



Above: Dental treatment for the community people
Below: An elderly person was able to stand straight after a spine corrector treatment.



Members of the Medical Service Team Without Borders came from Los Angeles, California, USA, to Korea in order to provide free medical check-ups and health lectures to local residents around the GeunHeung Church in the Middle West Korean Conference from April 28 to May 4, 2013. During their time at the church, about 200 people visited and were treated every day. The 13 members of the team included a chiropractor, a pharmacist, a dentist, physicians, oriental medical doctors, and nurses. Mrs. YeonHee Cha, one of the leaders of the team said, “We had no plans to come to Korea, because our medical service in Brazil was scheduled for this year. But when we read the letter from Mr. SangDon Bae, an elder in the GeunHeung Church, we knew we must come to Korea. During our time here, we gave more thanks to God than ever before.”

Mrs. Mun, one of the patients whose back was bent, testified that she believes that God has been with her. Through a treatment using a spine corrector, she can now straighten her back.

The Medical Service Team Without Borders has visited Korea for more than 10 years. Medical personnel such as doctors, specialists, nurses, and physical therapists, do outreach service at their own expense. They usually visit churches that need free medical treatments. Through their service, the churches improve their reputation in the local community and strengthen their mission work for soul winning.



Members of the Medical Services Team without Borders

UT participants with their teachers



After CLAP, Then What?

(Communication & Leadership
Advanced Program)



Sally Lam Phoon

NSD Women's Ministries Director, CLAP Coordinator

Feedback from those who have completed the Communication & Leadership Advanced Program (CLAP) always buoys my spirit. Members share their experiences on how the program has transformed them in ways that surprise even themselves!

Our current group of CLAP members from the Unorganized Territories (UT) has set up their own QQ group, which is a social network in China, to share their thoughts and ideas. Every morning, as early as 4:00 in the morning, the group begins to chat and share their devotional thoughts. This "requirement" for them to do their morning devotion in English has changed a number of lives. One member from Shanghai comments, "CLAP has changed me for the better—instead of staying up late as is my habit, I have now chosen to go to bed early so I can wake up early to spend more time with God, reading my English Bible in various versions, meditating and studying the passages in greater detail. I have felt so refreshed and revived in the Lord, and am so thankful to the Lord for this new lifestyle change. In fact, God has been whispering His will to me.

At the first CLAP session, the strict rule of "no computers nor devices of communication" was

imposed so we could focus completely on learning leadership and improving our English. I learned after attending two weeks of classes that my business could actually continue to run without me! My Lord has been calling me to cut back on my secular work in order to devote more time to ministry. This is a new direction I am pursuing as God speaks to me."

Another CLAP member who has graduated from a previous group will be leading an English Sabbath School lesson study group in her church to keep up her English proficiency. She recognizes that with any language, one must continue practicing, and what better way than to share God's Word on Sabbath. Similarly, another member has been running an English Bible study group among international students in her community.

As we travel around China, meeting up with CLAP members is such a joy. On many occasions, they act as our translators at our various seminars. God has certainly equipped them with an effective tool with which to do His work. We praise God for how this NSD program has changed lives and opened up many more opportunities for mission!



Some bigger kids also participated the service.



Spiritual Festival

at the Multi-cultural Family Service Center

On two beautiful spring Sabbath days, the Multi-cultural Family Service Center (MFSC) held special events. On May 4th, 2013, the MFSC held a children dedication ceremony to mark Children's Day, with 22 precious children being dedicated to God. Almost all of them were born into what is referred to as multi-cultural families, where one parent is not Korean. Their parents were also not SDA church members originally.

More than half of the children are students of the Russian school and kindergarten, which is operated by the MFSC. They had not heard of Jesus' name before,

but learned how to pray and thank God from sincere SDA teachers of the MFSC. This change influenced their family and delivered God's love to them. Some of the parents decided to dedicate their children to God.

The rest of the children live in the shelter of the MFSC with their single mothers. The MFSC provides shelter for people who are in urgent need. Some foreign single mothers who have divorced their Korean husbands are living in this shelter with their children. Seven of them decided to dedicate their children to God. They gave their treasures to God, who had seen Hagar and Ishmael when

they were helpless and alone in the desert.

On the following Sabbath day, May 11, nine people were baptized (two people who promised but could not attend that day, were baptized on the following Wednesday, May 15, which then totaled 11 people who were baptized). They met Jesus when they were staying in the MFSC shelters, or whenever they received help from the MFSC when they were in desperate situations.

One woman who had been attending the SDA church when she was a little girl restored her faith after many years of back sliding. One man met God while



MFSC MISSION STATEMENT

Our center is a multi-cultural and multi-national community sharing happiness and suffering with all its members, transcending races and languages to form one body in Jesus Christ. Our mission is to preach the Three Angels' Message to the end of the world as ordered by our Lord.

he was receiving financial and emotional help from the MFSC, when he was bedridden from an accident. Another woman came to the MFSC to avoid assault from her abusive husband, and that paved her way to God.

Baptismal ceremonies are always joyful, but are especially moving in the MFSC. Since the MFSC knows people's stories, and assists them when they are facing down their adversaries, it was so wonderful to see them born again as a child of God.

After the Baptismal ceremony, Gym Night followed. The MFSC prepared this event to enhance closeness among multi-cultural

families and to offer them time to emotionally rest and be comforted. Playing ball and jumping rope together, more than 100 participants laughed and felt closer to each other. There was a special invitation for other multi-cultural communities in Korea, including the Cambodian community of the Incheon Danwol-ri Church and the Seoul Korean-Chinese Church. The MFSC is planning to continuously band together with the other communities.

The MFSC will keep on providing food and shelter for both the flesh and the spirit of the

foreigners, following after our God who was especially concerned for widows, orphans, and foreigners.

We believe the Holy Spirit is moving in all the people's hearts of the MFSC, healing and caring for them. We also believe that those people with the seed of the gospel of Jesus will eventually become missionaries for their families and their home countries in the future.



YoungSoo Kim

Director of Ansan Multicultural Family Service Center

Taiwan Adventist Hospital

Taiwan Sanitarium Hospital was established with 70 beds by Dr. Miller and Madame Chiang Kai-shek (the First Lady) with a ribbon cutting at the completion of the hospital on March 28, 1955. In 1986, the old and decrepit buildings were demolished and a new hospital was born which was the Taiwan Adventist Hospital. In the early days, many foreign missionaries came to Taiwan for the health ministry. Therefore, health promotion and community outreach had been the strategy of the hospital since its inception. In 2000, our mission was reviewed by the Administration council and was decided to be the following; “we are here in one spirit to serve the needs of our people, following the unwearied example of our Lord Jesus, to remove the burden of disease, wretchedness, and sin, and to give to our people health, peace, and perfection of character. As a Health Promoting Hospital (HPP) of the World Health Organization (WHO) Network, we strive to create a total healing environment to accommodate our patients, staff and community with age-friendly facilities and vast green areas. In 2005 we unveiled our Health Management Center and inaugurated health promotion. THE NEWSTART program reflects the Adventist lifestyle and we set up a Lifestyle Center at Yu-Chi to empower people with health literacy based on the Eight Fundamentals of Life. Health promotion is a promising work to do and we received a gold medal from the European Network for Smoking-free Hospitals (ENSH) in 2012. We care about people and we loved our earth as well. We have an Energy Management Policy for the mitigation of carbon emission which was certified with PAS 2050 and ISO 50001. Taiwan Adventist Hospital was the first hospital to gain this certification in the world.

At this time we have 383 beds with 923 staff in total. Our hospital features a supporting environment for health care, advanced medical facilities for clinical services, and a continuing quality improvement for patient safety. For instance; we have a spectacular gym for exercises which has earned an impressive status in Taiwan. In addition to health promotion, we always pride ourselves on improving our quality of health

care. We acquired Joint Commission International (JCI) approval in 2012 which is the most coveted accolade we have ever gained to ensure medical quality. A top notch automation system in our laboratory was completed in 2013 to increase service volume and dispense with labor work as well. We believe we may thrive by following the example of our Lord Jesus. We promote the SHARE spirit which was adopted from Florida Adventist Health Care System to teach our staff how to serve patients with love and compassion. All together we will bring out the best quality care for our clients. We emphasize wholeness in physical, mental and spiritual well being.

We bind three planks together which include medical service, health promotion and evangelical work in terms



President Dr. Huang, Hui-Ting



Taiwan Adventist Hospital

of revival and reformation. In 2012 we built a chapel in the lobby of the hospital for the worship of God and to provide a private place for counseling. We have several programs and initiatives to enhance our faith in God and we are united for mission work. Every year we offer spiritual books at the hospital's expense to each our worker as the bread of life. Beginning in 2013, we will continue to hold Mission day to celebrate the anniversary of the hospital. This year, we were grateful to receive a message from Dr. Lee, the President of Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and Mr. Wu, the Vice-President of Taiwan at Mission Day this year. We are so thankful for their encouragement and commendation which really inspired us. We encourage our coworkers to attend all-staff devotions on Wednesday morning and join Bible study group for spiritual growth. There are a total 36 groups or fellowships to participate in. We also hold Gospel Month in the spring and fall for spiritual emphasis and recognition that Jesus is the Savior of our life. For comforting the patients we provide *Signs of Times* and *The Last Day Shepherd's Call* on the wards and public areas. We are so fulfilling our promise to serve the patients in such a meaningful way. We count our blessings every second from God and we make every second count for God.



PMM Baptism Series

SiYoung Kim

NSD PARL Director, PMM Coordinator



Baptism in Russia

Pastor Jongyeol Kim, ministering at Khabarovsk in Russia, is ceaselessly endeavoring for the revival and growth of the church even with challenges and difficult situations. A variety of mission services are bearing good fruit, with two souls being baptized, and fifteen candidates sharing their intent of being baptized, on May 4, 2013. We hope that the Khabarovsk Church might become a main leader in Russian mission performance.



Khabarovsk church members



Pastor Jang baptizing a lady in Taiwan.



Beitun church members

Baptism in Taiwan

Pastor Imchul Jang, a Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) missionary in Taiwan, likes to think that six years in missionary service is the tithe of his life for God. Because of his passion, contribution and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division's (NSD) support, the Beitun Church has been planted and dedicated for the glory of God. On April 13, 2013, there was a significant first baptism. God's overflowing blessing will constantly be of help for the revival and growth of the Beitun Church.

PMM Pastor Cha (front row left) and the newly baptized members in Tanzania.

Baptism in Tanzania

Pastor Sungwon Cha, who has been serving God's mission in Africa as a Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) missionary, had a meaningful baptism service for nine precious souls at the Hydram Church in Tanzania. We pray earnestly that Pastor Sungwon Cha and his family carry out the mission of evangelism successfully, despite many kinds of difficult conditions, through God's continuing guidance.





Thanks to God for providing instruction from the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) and for being with us here in Peru for the past five years.

We held missionary training in January and February of 2013, for our 5th Batch of missionaries from Peru, where 21 young people applied.

There were 16 out of the 21 devoted young people who completed all the training and were sent to the mission field in pairs on February 24, 2013.

Once the training got started, devices such as cell phones, MP3 players, computers, and radios, were forbidden to use in order for the trainees to become separated from the external world. The environment enables them to focus entirely on Jesus through His Word.

I felt thankful to God as our trainees diligently started every day by turning on the lights in the hall at 2:00 am, with the desperation to know our God. They continued living in such exhausting conditions, despite my worries of whether they could follow the tight schedule starting at 4:00 am or not.

Also, I felt thankful to God as I heard the testimony of our young people who had decided to take on this mission after they realized that they had not been able to meet God in the past 20 or 30 years of their lives.

Mission Report 5 Years in PERU

By Yang EuiSik, 1000MM Peru Branch Director

After completing the fourth week of training, we went to Lima, the capital city of Peru, with all of our trainees, and held an evangelistic meeting at a place called El Paraiso in the Villa Maria del Triunfo area. Senior missionaries, who had previously graduated, voluntarily joined us to provide help for the evangelistic meeting, as well as the four young people from the Paraguay Korean church. We also went to an area called Cero where houses are built on the stone mountains.

The schedule was tough as we had to perform door-to-door visitation as well as provide Bible studies in the morning, run Bible school for children in the afternoon, and hold evangelistic meetings for adults in the evening. However, it enabled 20 souls to be reborn as sons and daughters of God with His guidance.

Everyone was entitled to join this movement, but five people had to return during the training as we could not send everyone to the mission field.

After the seven week training session, 16 young people were selected. There were also two people who devoted a year of their life to the mission field and decided to continue for another year. Thus we decided to send a total of 18 people to the mission field.

In all, there were a total of 20 people, including another two missionaries from our headquarters who had worked as long-term missionaries.

I hope our God will accomplish beautiful things with our devoted and precious missionaries in 2013.



Earnest Prayer for my Mission Field

By YooJin Cho, a 41st Batch 1000MM missionary

The mission field assigned to me is a small island in the Bisayas, the Philippines. I still remember the feeling of awkwardness and freshness when I first arrived here like it was yesterday. Though this place is definitely isolated from the civilized world, I gave thanks to God. If I am granted all I want, that would be a huge temptation. God has prepared everything for me. On the day after I arrived here, a pastor visited one sick church member with my partner and me. In a dark room, we heard a groan of severe pain. There was an elderly couple. The elderly lady's belly was very bloated and the elderly man was caring for his wife. I was lost for words. The unfamiliar scenes that I heard from senior missionaries' testimonies or I had watched on television unfolded before my eyes. Her sickness started in June, 2012. All we can do is to pray to God. Hoping to see any improvement, I put a charcoal patch on her belly. The next morning, I visited the house again. There was no change. But I changed the charcoal patch and prayed. On the next day, the pastor and my partner talked together seriously in Tagalog. They said the elderly woman had passed away. How could it be? I had felt the presence of God with this lady. I cannot forget the sadness of her husband. Attending her funeral service, I prayed that God would let him happily meet her again in heaven. I also prayed for the many people suffering from diseases.

When Sabbath came, my partner and I visited and helped the sick in the afternoon. We met many people and treated some with medicine.

I am so happy. God is with us and He is listening to our quiet voice. As a shepherd is looking for one lost sheep, leaving his 99 sheep in a sheepfold, I thank Jesus for His love that cherishes even one single soul. Thank God.



Missionary Yoojin Cho offers an earnest prayer with tears.



The newly baptized people by the effort of the Hishands missionaries and the Sihwa church members.

I Am a HisHands Missionary Delivering Gospel to My Neighbors

Mrs. JeongSook Park is a deaconess of the Sihwa Church, Korea, who became a HisHands missionary in September of last year. She is a passionate missionary who is willing to go anywhere for mission. She is also an exemplary young mother who has her 7-year-old daughter memorize 13 memory verses each week, and puts morning and evening worship first before anything else.

There was something very happy and joyful for her on March 9, 2013. That was the baptismal ceremony of JinJoo Lee, a 13-year-old girl who was evangelized by Mrs. Park.

One day, Mrs. Park went to a playground in front of her house with her two daughters. Giving thanks to God for the bright sunny day, she opened

her Bible and read it to them. One girl passing by took a close look at them and showed an interest in what they were doing. Then the girl asked Mrs. Park many questions such as “How was man created?”, “What’s God like?”, and “What kind of place is heaven?” Mrs. Park answered the questions in detail and asked the girl her name, age, and where she lived. After that, Mrs. Park invited the girl to her house almost every day, and introduced books such as *Walking with Jesus* and *My Bible Friends*. She also explained the Word of God for several months.

Taking heart from Mrs. Park’s concern, love, and encouragement, Jinjoo started to attend church last fall. One day Jinjoo asked Mrs. Park whether she could be baptized because she

had learned about baptism in the children’s program on Sabbath.

Jinjoo studied the Bible with Pastor Seok Jang and his wife, and she was finally baptized with the confidence of salvation. It was a very touching moment sharing the joy of salvation with the little soul.

Mrs. Park said, “Jinjoo was very self-assertive, but she realized the true meaning of Sabbath through Bible study. I really thank God for His presence and guidance from the first meeting with Jinjoo to her baptism.”

HisHands missionary, JeongSook Park is happy to testify about Jesus to other mothers in her neighborhood again today. She gave thanks to God for guiding her to choose God’s way in any circumstance as a HisHands missionary.

The 10th HisHands Dedication at Saesomang Church

The Youth Department of the East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) held the 10th HisHands dedication service at the Saesomang Church on April 27, 2013.

Before the service, two HisHands missionaries, Ms. ChangSook Bok and Mr. YeEun Lee, talked about the mission given to us and their testimonies. Pastor KiYoung Yum, ECKC Youth Director, emphasized the importance of the HisHands Mission Movement. "As Jesus sent 70 disciples two-by-two into every city and town, we need to be sent by His power."

Thirty-five HisHands missionaries attended the dedication. Pastor Yum again emphasized the necessity of mission, quoting Ellen White's writing "No one will be registered in the books of heaven as a Christian who has not a missionary spirit" (Christian Service, 86). Being proud of the HisHands pin glittering on their chest, they made themselves a promise to deliver the gospel as His hands. We hope the fire of mission will burn through the HisHands missionaries.



Saesomang Church HisHands Missionaries

82 HisHands missionaries at Onyang Church

Onyang HisHands missionaries on the training for equipping the full of 'Mission Spirit'



There was a HisHands dedication service at the Onyang Church on April 27, 2013. Pastor SukHee Han, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Communication Director, led the event. There were 82 HisHands missionaries who received appointment certificates and pins.

HisHands activities began with the voluntary mission work of lay people in the Onyang Church. Some members who moved to Onyang from other areas spontaneously did house-to-house visitation and literature evangelism. Touched by their examples, many other members joined the mission activities. Then, the church committee voted to hold a HisHands dedication for more systematic and effective mission work. The church asked members to join, and finally 82 members dedicated themselves. Actually, almost all members of the church except the very elderly, children, and new believers, were dedicated.

The Onyang Church expects that this dedication service will be an epoch-event for church growth.

"We are HisHands Missionaries! Let's go to the mission fields!"



HisHands Pledge



Pinning Ceremony





Wh NSD Intern



Jieun Baek: "Let's make unforgettable memories with the global Adventist families! You will be a part of the beautiful harmony this summer!"



Akeri Suzuki: "I'll pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit will surely ignite the hearts of all the participants from the NSD (Northern Asia-Pacific Division) territories who will be attending the upcoming NSD International Mission Congress on Jeju Island."



ByungChil Jang: "Only God knows what the future holds. Guidance is crucial as we try to be ready for the International Mission Congress 2013. We don't know everything that is coming but we will follow Your guidance every day."



SeongJun Byun: "This NSD (Northern Asia-Pacific Division) International Mission Congress will be a historical event that will work as a crucial momentum to hasten the outpouring of the Holy Spirit for finishing the gospel work."



David Ripley: "I am so excited about Mission Congress! I am eager to meet and visit with pastors from all over the NSD (Northern Asia-Pacific Division). The pastors are the ones to lead the mission charge after the Mission Congress. I believe the church will grow as pastors and their church members get excited about discipleship and mission!"



James I.B. Torres: "I can't wait to go to Jeju and attend the upcoming IMC (International Mission Congress). I am excited to see and talk with my missionary friends. To be in a beautiful island with my friends is just awesome!"



Kim MinKyung: "I pray that all who attend this special event can be fully healed physically and mentally in Him."



Esther Ke: "I am looking forward to meeting old friends and making new friends."



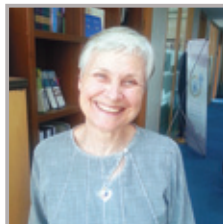
Youngil Choi: "I am one hundred percent sure that the IMC (International Mission Congress) will be filled with the Holy Spirit. That is God's confirmed plan. Let us go together to His kingdom, carrying the IMC flag."



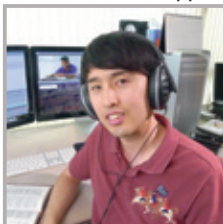
Sally Phoon: "Praying hard that the Congress will inspire many to rise up for the Lord and join His Great Mission on earth."



Wesley Hong: "Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."



Ivannette Osborn: "As the date draws closer for the International Mission Congress, my prayers are focused on the attendees. I am praying the attendees will be spiritually fed and blessed with new visions for how to tell others of Christ's love and live out God's love in their lives. I am also praying this will be the last time an International Mission Congress will be needed....come quickly Lord Jesus!"



Andy Im: "May God bless all of the staff who are preparing the Mission Congress."



SungSam Lee: "In these days, I feel a lack of spiritual exercise. I listen to a good sermon every Sabbath day but if I do not propagate the gospel, my religion will decline. So through the International Mission Congress, I hope I can increase my mission spirit. I also believe God will bless the Congress very much."

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Chek-Yat Phoon: "God's call to us individually for Mission is His vision for the Church corporately."

Your help and
ational Mission
in the process,



JangJin Jo : May the Holy Spirit pour out into our hearts and we will be revived by the words of God through this mission congress!



Paul Kim: International Mission Congress; "It is a great, and possibly a once in a lifetime, opportunity for me to see my global Adventist family members whom I have only seen in the Sabbath School Quarterly Lesson!"



Stanley Ng: "I pray and hope that this coming International Mission Congress will remind each of us that we are the People of Mission. All our plans and activities should be mission-focused and mission-oriented."



Byung Kwon Ahn: "I pray and hope that God will pour out the Holy Spirit upon us for this great up-coming event."



Barbara Choi: "I pray only that the Holy Spirit will be with the IMC (International Mission Congress)!"



Sungsub Song: "I believe that our loving God will also send his invisible visitors (holy angels) to the gatherings of more than 3,000 people. May the Holy Spirit visit and draw all the participants to the Lord!"



NakHyung Kim : "We are so sure that all of the 3,000 representatives from each country will have a revival such as the Neo-pentecostal experience in this 21st century through this Mission Congress."



David Park:
"I: I'll just praise His name at the
M: Mission Congress for
C: Christ, our Lord!"



SukHee Han: "The NSD (Northern Asia-Pacific Division) International Mission Congress will be a rare occasion, one which we may not have again for years. Accordingly, I truly hope that by the prominent power of the Holy Spirit every believer will get every spiritual advantage possible throughout this extraordinary event. I eagerly wish that this meeting will mark an epoch turning point and a new era for the rekindling of the "Mission First" spirit in the history of the work of God in the vast field of the NSD."



Lily Cho: "I hope all the participants identify and witness where we are in the Three Angels message (Rev. 14:6-9), which will be proclaimed from the midair of Jeju island to the end of the world."



Lynn Ripley: "I'm praying that each person that attends the IMC (International Mission Congress) receives at least one new ministry insight or encouragement that will compel them to be a new witness for the gospel."



SungKyo Choi: "I am expecting that the Mission Congress will encourage all the church members in the NSD territory to focus on God's Mission which is about spreading the Gospel to the end of the world. It will also be a festival to share testimonies and to share the same dream which is to go to heaven together, staying with Jesus Christ throughout eternity."



Heeja Kim: "May you be blessed through the experience of the Mission Congress!!!"



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