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**"Vision One Million 2020" is the motto and the goal of the NSD to reach a membership of one million by 2020.**



# Vision One Million 2020

## Total Member Involvement Required

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The Three Angels Messages reached most of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territory more than 100 years ago. Abram La Rue arrived in Hong Kong as a self-supporting lay missionary in 1888, and W. C. Grainger arrived in Japan in 1896 as a missionary officially sent by the General Conference. The Adventist message arrived in Korea in 1904.

The Lord has blessed His work in the NSD territory in many remarkable ways. Now there are a little more than 700,000 Seventh-day Adventist Christians in this region. We praise God for the wonderful expansion of the gospel work far and near.

However, thinking of the enormous population in the region (1.6 billion), we understand that we have more work to do. There is a greater part of the work that remains undone. It seems that the environment for doing evangelism has become more challenging. People today seem more interested in worldly things due to the influence of secularism and materialism. People are constantly moving to large cities looking for better job opportunities and educational advantages. Many people seem uninterested in the Christian message. If this trend continues, evangelism will become even more challenging in five to ten years. Therefore, while we still have many mission opportunities, we should diligently and earnestly focus on our work. Now is the time!

The NSD has set a goal for this new quinquennium of reaching one million members: "Vision One Million 2020." It seems a very high goal and almost impossible to reach when we consider the past trend of church growth. However, we believe that nothing is impossible with God. Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God" (Luke 18:27). Ellen White encouraged us saying, "We are altogether too narrow in our plans. We need to be broader minded" (Ev, 46). We need to aim high, earnestly pray for our goal, and work together with united hearts. By the grace of God and through the power of the Holy

Spirit we will certainly reach the goal.

To accomplish this goal, we need Total Member Involvement. Ellen White, time and again, emphasized that everyone in the church should get involved in the mission of the church. She states, "It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (COL, 69); "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary" (DA, 195); "Every follower of Jesus has a work to do as a missionary for Christ, in the family, in the neighborhood, in the town or city where he lives" (2T, 632); "To save souls should be the life work of everyone who professes Christ" (ChS, 10); "Everyone who has received Christ is called to work for the salvation of his fellow men" (AA, 110).

In this mission, all church entities should be actively involved; all church institutions should seriously participate; all church departments should be absolutely mission focused; all church workers need to be mission oriented; and all church members should work as missionaries of Christ. This is Total Member Involvement.

When we unite with the "Mission First" spirit and move forward together to fulfill the mission of the church, the power of the Holy Spirit will be poured upon us without measure. God will use us in unusual ways to reach unreached people with the gospel message. Then the goal of "Vision One Million 2020" will be reached by the grace of God and through His divine power.

Let us daily think, talk, pray and actively participate in the mission of the church. The Lord will help us reach the goal of one million members by 2020. God is calling us now. God is waiting for us to respond so that united, we can go forward and be a part of this great 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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# “Build the Church of God! Jesus Is Coming!”

By the strong promptings of the Holy Spirit, the church in Japan is beginning to move forward. As if going along with the movement of the Holy Spirit, after five years since his last visit, General Conference president Elder Ted Wilson and his wife, Nancy Wilson, came to Japan from March 10 to 14, 2016.

On March 12, about 1,100 church members gathered for the special worship service at the Makuhari International Training Center in Chiba. The title of the sermon was “Build the Church of God! Jesus Is Coming!”

As Elder Wilson preached from Nehemiah chapter 6, he appealed to the congregation saying, “We are living in the last days of Earth’s history. Please build the church of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.” After the sermon, the

congregation paired up in groups and prayed as they dedicated themselves for a new beginning.

We opened the afternoon service with a special welcome message by Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and special music selections by more than one hundred Hiroshima Saniku High School choir members and graduates. In the afternoon, we were introduced to the following upcoming projects: new youth evangelism project called “Gideon 300,” the Tokai International Evangelism Center, and the Youth Rush Japan project. Nancy Wilson also made special appeals to the Japanese women in the congregation. During the afternoon service, in between each segment of the program, the newly formed Media Publishing Department promoted

various books, media, and the Hope Channel Japan website with much creativity and thought.

President Shimada and the GC leaders (Ted Wilson, G. T. Ng, and Michael Ryan) discussed the work of evangelism in Japan. As evangelism work in the world includes evangelism work in Japan, the GC leaders will earnestly pray and support the evangelistic work in Japan. Total Member Involvement (TMI) was emphasized multiple times throughout the day, with an appeal that every church member in Japan must be involved in evangelism work.

On this weekend, the All Japan Literature Evangelism Rally and the All Japan Youth Conference were held simultaneously at their respected locations. On Friday night, more than 200 young people

attended the special worship service at the Tokyo Central Church in Harajuku to hear Ted Wilson preach a special message.

One of the reasons Elder Wilson and his wife came to Japan was to discuss with the leaders in Japan the evangelistic campaign scheduled for May 2018. On Friday, March 11, the JUC evangelism committee members gathered for a special meeting. On Sunday, March 13, the JUC board members had very profitable discussions about evangelism.

Elder Wilson said, “The Lord is showing a special interest in big city evangelism. More than half the world’s population lives in the cities. Therefore we must follow ‘Christ’s Method’ and reach out to people. In the big cities, health evangelism is especially effective. Every Seventh-day Adventist must have compassion and be involved in this work. Even in Tokyo, the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. The big agenda for us is to figure out how to implement Total Member Involvement. Please figure out how to implement Total Member Involvement in Japan.”

After the discussion, we came to the conclusion that the 2018 evangelistic campaigns will be to harvest and close people on making decisions. Before the harvest, we



1. General Conference president Elder Ted Wilson and his wife, Nancy Wilson  
 2. Michael Ryan, GC assistant to the president, and G. T. Ng, GC executive secretary  
 3. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, and Yutaka Inada, NSD executive secretary  
 4. Masumi Shimada, JUC president

must organize prayer ministries, small group ministries, emphasize health evangelism, use media ministry, and work together with the institutions to cultivate the harvest.

“For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7). Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to move strongly in Japan.

\* You can watch the video of the special worship service at the Hope Channel Japan Church Channel Website. (<http://www.hopechannel.jp/church-channel/>)

**Norihiko Hanada**  
 JUC Media Publishing  
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Japan church leaders and GC officers discussed the evangelistic campaign scheduled for May 2018 in Japan.



Above: Nearly 500 people gathered for the evening prayer meeting, led by GC president Elder Ted Wilson, at Hong Kong Kowloon Church.

Below: Four presidents of the Church: Chiloe Fan (HKMC), Ted Wilson (GC), Jairyong Lee (NSD), and Bob Folkenberg, Jr. (CHUM)

## Elder Ted Wilson Encourages Adventists in Hong Kong

**H**ong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) held an evening prayer meeting on March 16, 2016, at Kowloon Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hong Kong. Nearly 500 people filled the sanctuary. The theme of the night was “Power in Prayer.”

Elder Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference (GC), was the honored speaker. He began his message by quoting Jeremiah 33:3, “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”

Wilson told his audience that by seeking God in prayer we could accomplish the seemingly impossible task of evangelizing our rapidly urbanized world. “Despite the overwhelming population in this modern city, you can finish God’s work here if you trust God for strength.” He then offered a heart-felt prayer to dedicate the Adventist leaders and lay people to God’s work.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, was present at the meeting. He and Wilson were attending the 10th Chinese Ministries Convention in Hong Kong.

**F**ulfilling the Gospel Commission has always been a great challenge in Japan. Missionaries, pastors, church members and administrators have faced various obstacles since Christianity first arrived on the shores of this island nation. In recent decades the Seventh-day Adventist Church has had to seek creative ways of working with added societal challenges, such as secularization, materialism, an aging population, declining church membership, a difficult economy and a shortage of ministers and other workers.

In response to these issues, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) recently called together a special commission for the revival and revitalization of Japan Union Conference (JUC). Representative leaders from JUC, NSD, Korean Union Conference, Taiwan Conference, Chinese Union Mission, Mongolia Mission and the General Conference convened from February 23 to 25, 2016, at Makuhari International Training Center in Chiba, Japan. The members spent three days in intensive dialogue and study regarding the present condition of the work in Japan. They also developed strategies to strengthen the Japan Union and all its churches and institutions in fulfilling the mission of the church.



The NSD called together a special commission for revival and revitalization of JUC.



## Special Commission for the Revival of JAPAN UNION CONFERENCE

Mark Duarte – Pastor at Tokyo International Church

The sessions began with a season of special prayer and an address from NSD president Jairyong Lee clarifying the purpose of the meetings. The purpose was not to criticize, but to find positive ways of supporting and encouraging the work and workers in JUC. It was also stated that what was learned during the 3-day session

would also serve to educate leaders from other areas in the NSD as they face similar challenges.

The first day consisted of detailed reports from all the departments and institutions regarding the present condition and challenges facing each area of the work. What had been done in past years and strategies

that had been employed were also reviewed.

On the second day, the attendees were assigned to various task groups to look at specific issues and to suggest creative and viable strategies for making the work more effective for accomplishing the mission of the Adventist Church in Japan. Each group chose a chairperson who then reported the ideas of their group to the rest of the commission members.

The interactions and reports were very helpful and informative. The attendees were able to return to their various countries and places of service with a better understanding of the present challenges facing the Japan Union and with specific things to pray about.

The NSD officers will follow up the commission meetings by working on synthesizing the strategies that were submitted and deciding which ones have the best potential for success in the effort to revitalize the work in Japan. The NSD will then pass those on to JUC, and JUC will then adopt the various suggestions submitted for trial in the field. The results will be reported at a future commission meeting. Please keep the work and the workers of JUC in your prayers as they strive to revitalize and maximize their mission efforts.

Through a special three-day meeting, a deeper understanding of the current condition of JUC was obtained and creative strategies for its revival were developed.





# *KUC Launches* Hope Channel Korea

The Hope Channel is the official mission media of the Adventist Church and was initiated in 2003. In July 2015, at the 60th General Conference Session, Korea along with five other countries, including Japan and France, officially launched the Hope Channel in their countries. In the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Korea and Japan are following after the Chinese Hope Channel, which is spreading the gospel in the mainland through the internet.

In Korea, there are many constraints on entering the cable network market as a religious broadcast. As alternatives, Hope Channel Korea has turned its attention to the potential of Social Networking Service (SNS), including Facebook, Twitter, and Kakao Talk. Nowadays, Facebook accounts of domestic broadcasting companies have actually gained explosive popularity from young people. Kakao Talk is also a major means of public relations by business companies. Media mission through SNS has already become active overseas.

Hope Channel Korea decided to concentrate on SNS, and it began to produce regular content. The initial target is young people, and Hope Channel Korea has been developing youth-specialized content with an SNS mission team made up of young volunteers. One of the main strategies is to increase the number of followers through various cultural events and performances by Adventist youth cultural ministry teams, including

Yemoon Agency and Sulammi, Oulim, and Hosanna. In addition, they will operate a professional religious counseling team to connect young people to mentor groups, taking advantage of the free and instant feedback provided by SNS.

The ratio of non-Adventist students in Adventist schools is increasing, but religious education is difficult due to regulations in Korea. In this situation, Hope Channel Korea will serve as a network which gathers Korean young people together in faith. After laying the groundwork for the youth channel, it will produce and distribute various content for adults.

## **GC Hope Channel Expects Cooperation with Korean Adventist Media Center**

Kandus Thorp, vice president of the General Conference (GC) Hope Channel, visited the Korean Union Conference (KUC) Media Center to explain the present condition of the Hope Channel throughout the world and to have a Q&A session about the global project. She demonstrated the Hope Channel broadcast of each country and talked about the importance and future potential of media mission.

Thorp underlined the fundamental principles of the Hope Channel. “The basic concepts of the Hope Channel are prayer, health – holistic and spiritual gift, and biblical doctrines. Although we produce a lot of content, those



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three concepts must become the core message in a harmonious way.”

She also emphasized that it is essential to have a correct biblical understanding of media ministry. Sadly, Christian media tends to aim for high audience figures like many other commercial media. Thus, unless we understand the Bible, our enemy will penetrate the church through media. “No matter which messages we include into products and which communications network we use, all the content we produce must reveal biblical truths. We should not forget the solemn fact that Hope Channel plays a role as a bride between God and people. We are people of mission. We should give a good impression to the audience so that they can learn healthier and more beautiful Christ-centered living through the Hope Channel,” continued. Thorp.

The GC Hope Channel is anticipating the growth of media ministry in KUC since it already has a developed broadcasting system and content. They especially have a great interest in Korea’s media ministry through SNS.

**Hope Channel in the World**

Since it began in 2003, Hope Channel has spread Adventist truths through 43 branches. The Hope Channel of each country produces and sends various types of content, such as music videos, animation, documentaries, talk shows and others.

In Brazil where there is a broadcasting station with about 430 workers, Hope Channel is working hard to win souls not only in its own country, but all over South America. The health-related Facebook page of Hope Channel Brazil is so popular that it has received more than 1 million Likes. Local churches in Brazil place the Hope Channel logo on their signs to effectively connect local gospel work to media.

Germany has also focused on direct mission work through broadcasting since 2008, and about 30 devoted



Kandus Thorp, vice president of the GC Hope Channel, visited the KUC Media Center and had a talk about Hope Channel.

workers are involved in this ministry. Beyond the barrier of individualism, which is a unique culture of advanced countries, the Hope Channel spreads the gospel to each family through media content and, as a result, many seekers have found the truth.

“I am sure that numerous people will discover the truth through media before Jesus’ Second Advent,” said. Thorp. This ministry, which has potential for growth, requires the interest and positive cooperation of Korean Adventists.



# World Church Advisory *for a new quinquennium*

Once every five years, the year following the General Conference (GC) Session, all of the Church ministries hold world advisories generally at the GC headquarters in Silver Spring, MD, USA. Through this advisory, GC and division ministries directors from around the world review the past, share ideas, and plan for the next five years, seeking God's blessings and guidance.

## Secretariat & ASTR (Archives, Statistics and Research)

Song SungSub - NSD Associate Secretary

More than 100 delegates from the General Conference (GC) office and institutions, from the thirteen Divisions and from MENA (Middle East and North Africa Union Mission) and Israel Field gathered together for the quinquennial Secretariat Advisory from March 7 to 9, 2016, and ASTR (Archives, Statistics and Research),

March 10 to 12, at the GC office building. It was the first time that the ASTR advisory took place separately as their own scheduled meeting since being organized by the General Conference.

G. T. Ng, GC secretary emphasized "mission as a priority" and "collaboration among departments and agencies" at his

first presentation. He quoted from Ellen G. White, "In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchman and light-bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world... There is no other work of so great importance" (*Evangelism*, 119).

Yutaka Inada, executive secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific



Division, presented the morning devotional message on the first day of the Secretariat Advisory. He brought out the importance of our mission and appealed to the audience to remember that this world is not our final home and that our eternal home is in heaven.

During the week, the comprehensive work trainings covered the various areas of secretariat, Adventist Volunteer Service (AVS), International Service Employees (ISE), Archives, Statistics, and Research (ASTR). Secretariat work can be divided into two categories: technical and missionary. The technical involves policy, agenda, minutes, committees, commissions, church structuring, statistics, system, missionary processing, liaising, peacekeeping, surveys, etc. Missionary work includes promoting mission, recruiting, strategizing, training, mentoring, missionary care, problem solving, etc.

Six people attended the meetings from the NSD: the secretariat team, which included Yutaka Inada, executive secretary; Song SungSub (Paul), associate secretary; En Hui (Esther) Ke, administrative secretary; and Lee HyungKyung (Caryn), administrative secretary, and the International Personnel Resources and Services (IPRS) team, German Lust, treasurer, and Cho KyungJa (Lily), chief accountant.

We greatly appreciated the GC Secretariat team's preparation and well-organized fruitful training programs as well as the warm hospitality. Following the GC secretariat advisory meetings, the NSD will hold our Division secretariat advisory from May 31 to June 2, 2016. Participants will be lecturers from the GC secretariat office, and the secretariat personnel at the NSD/unions/local conferences/mission and the AVS coordinators are invited.



# Health Ministries

Choi Youngll - NSD Health Ministries Director

The Health Ministries Department World Advisory was held from March 13 to 24, 2016, at the General Conference (GC) headquarters, with Health Expo and Mission Training. Several scholars presented on modern health issues, such as mental health, addiction, smoking, and lifestyle disease. After the presentations, participants had the opportunity to discuss the health issues. The health ministries directors from the 13 divisions gave reports regarding each division's situation, mission challenge, and future health ministry plan.

There was also a Health Expo and Mission Training regarding practical health methods in approaching people who do not believe in God. The GC health ministries team invited the global mission team to include health with mission strategy and to serve with strong mission spirit. The GC health ministries team emphasized comprehensive health ministry for the next five years. Through the meetings and training, participants realized that health is not just talk but action and that comprehensive health ministry can be a powerful tool for reaching people.



# Family Ministries

Nilde Itin Lust - NSD Family Ministries Associate Director

“Family Ministries exists to extend the redemptive ministry of Christ to relationships in families... [It exists] to bring a message of hope to families.” These were some of the words that the General Conference family ministries (FM) director and associate director, Willie and Elaine Oliver, shared with the family ministries world leaders at the world advisory from March 6 to 10. Elaine Oliver, associate director for the General Conference (GC) family ministries, mentioned that “The goal of postmodernism is individual fulfillment... a cultural shift where we move from a community-based society to an individualistic

society. What we are seeing is that we allowed so many of these traits and characteristics of the prevailing society to enter into our homes without really thinking about it. Family Ministries is constantly balancing two ideas: What are the ideals that we uphold and how do we minister to people where they are?”

The advisory meeting was an inspiring time for devotional thoughts, fellowship opportunities, brainstorming, discussions and strategic planning, as well as presentations and training such as the Prepare-Enrich program. The advisory was greatly enriched by the presence of retired family ministries directors, Ron and Karen

Flowers, who shared thoughts of encouragement, faithfulness and guidance on the mission of family ministries.

During this new quinquennium, the family ministries department will be celebrating 100 years of existence. “Reaching Families for Jesus” is the theme to lead all the endeavors of this department. During the opening meeting, Elder Ted Wilson, GC president, emphasized that the work will not be finished unless everyone is involved, and he added that “it starts with family, the basic factor of society.” We pray that each family will be involved in reaching their own children as well as other families for the Kingdom of God.

# Planned Giving and Trust Services

Stanley Ng - NSD PGTRS Director



The 2016 Planned Giving and Trust Services (PGTRS) World Advisory was held from February 28 to March 3, 2016, at the General Conference (GC) Headquarters.

All the world division PGTRS directors participated in the advisory along with the GC PGTRS directors and staff. On the first day of the advisory, we reviewed the mission, vision and purpose of this important PGTRS ministry, reminding ourselves that God is the owner of all things both tangible and intangible and that all human beings are stewards of God's assets.

The Planned Giving Ministry is a way that every Seventh-day Adventist member can be involved in the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to reach the world for Jesus Christ and to inspire the members and friends of the church

to fulfill their passion for ministry and to lead them to the recognition of God's ownership of all, by facilitating ways to leave a legacy through present and future giving.

We discussed many important agenda items, and various departments and services at the GC, including the Stewardship Department, Adventist Risk Management, and the Office of General Counsel, shared presentations. Our world church leader Elder Ted Wilson joined the meeting and spent a few minutes sharing his personal conviction of the important ministry of Planned Giving and Trust Services. All division department directors presented their reports from the past five years and shared their plans for the next five years.

On the second day of the advisory,

we went to the Mount Aetna Conference Center to continue our discussion and to visit the Nature Center and have lunch with the donor who shared with the participants how he had turned the land into a Nature Center and how he had helped with the local church to set up a pipe organ. It was amazing to see the miraculous way God is working in the lives of these faithful church members. Because of their planned giving and dedication to the church, many people have been blessed.

As the advisory drew to a close, the participants recommitted their lives to God. They clearly understand that this is their responsibility and assignment. The Planned Giving and Trust Services ministry is to assist Seventh-day Adventist members in their final act of stewardship.





# Stewardship Ministries

Kwon JohngHaeng - NSD Stewardship Director

Division and Northern Asia-Pacific Division appointed two full time associate directors with a full time director.

Ted Wilson, world church president, introduced this unusual emphasis, saying, that “every division level will produce a renaissance that our relationship with God and with His work is so vital to the finishing of God’s work that every church member will resonate with this incredible understanding that what I am and what I have is all due to God’s grace and power in my life.”

Pastor Paul Smith, who was appointed to be the first GC associate stewardship director in 1967 and later served as GC stewardship director, was invited as one of the guest speakers. He shared a story of Elder Robert H. Pierson, the GC president at the time. One day, Elder Pierson requested that the general vice presidents whose offices were next to his move their office rooms further away. He then placed the stewardship director in an office which used to be occupied by the GC vice presidents. This shows how important the world church leader considered the role of stewardship ministries in the church and it has not diminished since then.

The world division directors shared division programs and ideas with other division directors. They also invited everyone to help with their own division stewardship meetings.

Every five years, the Stewardship Ministries Department of the General Conference (GC) convenes division directors for an advisory meeting. They listen to reports from the different divisions and share ideas on how to move forward during the next five years.

This year, the Stewardship Ministries Department Advisory, which met at the GC, from March 6 to 10, 2016, was especially meaningful. Although most division directors are placed in charge of only one department, other directors are given multiple responsibilities. The GC decided to pay the salary and travel budget of all division stewardship ministries directors for the next three and a half years granted they serve in the Stewardship department only. Nine divisions appointed full time Stewardship directors, the North American Division appointed an associate director, and the Inter-American





# Communication & GaiN

Han SukHee - NSD Communication Director

The 2016 Global Adventist Internet Network (GaiN) hosted by the General Conference (GC) communication department was held at the GC headquarters, from February 24 to 27, 2016. Under the theme, “Telling our story in a rapidly changing world,” professionals from various fields gave presentations on innovative mission strategies via the internet and media. Many different topics, including media mission in the 21st century, data science, web traffic, video magazine, crisis management, and web-based Bible study, provided new inspiration for the 300 attendees.

Mr. Zhao Rui, a Chinese missionary who works through the internet, and Pastor Daniel Jiao, Chinese Union Mission

communication director, received the netAward 2016. This award is given to those who are involved in creative online mission outreach of the church.

After the GaiN forum, the GC communication department held its advisory meeting with the division communication directors from February 29 to March 5, 2016, at the same venue. Elder Williams Costa, GC communication director, emphasized the necessity and importance of word, prayer, and the Holy Spirit at the devotional every morning.

During the advisory, participants discussed many different items, such as the internet and SNS mission, production of Christian movies and

documentaries, the Creation movie, smart devices mission, and Adventist News Network. Each division also presented a report on communication ministry. Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director, reported on the public relations and media ministry of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and received positive feedback.

On the closing Sabbath of the advisory, Elder Ted Wilson, GC president, pointed out problems of ministers who are like Balaam in Numbers 22, and he appealed to those who were in attendance to serve God with pure hearts. As a result of the meeting, participants resolved once again to effectively spread the Three Angels’ Messages.



# Women's Ministries

Nilde Itin Lust - NSD Women's Ministries Associate Director

A week-long advisory was held for Women's Ministries from March 8 to 12, 2016, and included inspiring lectures, reports of various activities around the world and presentations of old and new materials. Among the speakers were General Conference vice president Ella Simmons and retired women's ministries director Ardis Stenbakken. They encouraged all to continue doing what God has called us to do: to be involved in service and mission.

It was also a great opportunity for world leaders to get to know



each other better, discuss concerns and ideas, and learn what God has done and is doing in and through our sisters around the world. We pray that under the theme for this new quinquennium, "Touch a Heart, Reach My World," many lives will

be touched and inspired by a deeper relationship with Jesus and be filled with a passion to serve, minister and reach others with a message of love, truth and hope.



# Youth Ministries

Kim NakHyung - NSD Youth Director

The 2016 Youth Ministries World Advisory was held from February 29 to March 4, 2016, at the Mt. Aetna Campsite, located near the General Conference (GC) Headquarters. The youth directors from the 13 divisions and from the GC gathered together to set practical goals for the youth

department from a global point of view. The department adopted "Pass It On" as a strategic theme for the next five years, highlighting their resolve to empower youth. The yearly emphases for global youth ministries were also determined: 2016 – Refocusing (Refresh); 2017 – Reformation; 2018

– Leadership; 2019 – Local Church; 2020 – Reconciliation.

Europe was chosen as the destination for the 2018 Global Youth Ministries Congress with the view of taking young people of the world church back to the heart of the Reformation. The year 2017 marks 500 years since the Reformation, which started with Martin Luther nailing the 95 theses on the doors of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. The congress will be held from July 30 to August 4, 2018, in Messe Stuttgart, Germany.



The Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SS/PM) Advisory was held at the General Conference (GC) Headquarters from March 7 to 11, 2016, and the Sabbath School Bible Study Guide curriculum committee met from March 14 to 15, 2016.

The advisory was inspiring, informative, and innovative, seeking to implement the GC's suggested plans and initiatives included in the Reach the World strategic plan for this new quinquennium.

Dr. S. Joseph Kidder, professor at Andrews University Theological Seminary, gave an inspiring presentation. He said that one of the greatest hindrances to God's work is our attitude and that the most important ingredient for church growth is having a winning attitude

based on faith and trust in God and that nothing is more important than faith-based optimism.

He emphasized the Big Four factors, which are the secrets to a thriving church family, and promised that no matter who you are, the Big Four will equip you to powerful ministry and evangelism.

1. Bible Study: Build your own faith first. Study God's action in the Bible and in history.

2. Live Faith: Demonstrate faith in word and action, and talk about the incredible power of God.

3. Vision: Instill in the congregation a vision of God's greatness through sermons, testimonies, slogans, banners, and songs.

4. Enthusiasm: Build an enthusiastic congregation with a healthy self-esteem that believes all

things are possible (*The Big Four*, 36).

During the advisory meetings, we received reports from the 13 Divisions' SS/PM and discussed the Big Four of SS, Total Membership Involvement (TMI), SS curriculum for children, youth, young adults, and adults as well as Correspondence Bible Schools.

"The Sabbath-school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ. Our Sabbath School workers need to be especially imbued with the Spirit of Christ" (*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, 20). May God continue to bless you abundantly in His service!

# Sabbath School & Personal Ministries

Akeri Suzuki - NSD SS/PM Honorary Associate Director



The 2016 Publishing World Advisory was held from March 18 to 22, 2016, at the General Conference (GC) Headquarters. The GC conducts this kind of advisory once every five years, the year following the General Conference Session. The Publishing World Advisory provides an opportunity to review the past with gratitude and to look to the future with determination to continue building the publishing ministries department as an effective means to reach the world.

About 50 participants, including the GC publishing leaders and staff and the world division publishing department directors and selective publishing house managers, joined the advisory. From the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), three delegates, Stanley Ng, NSD publishing director, Norihiko Hanada, Japan Union Conference publishing house manager, and John

Zhang, Chinese Union Mission publishing director, joined the advisory. The general theme for this advisory was “Reach Everyone – I Live For Mission” in response to the GC initiative “Total Member Involvement” to challenge all participants to inspire, empower, and engage church members to share their faith on a regular basis.

During this 5-day advisory, under the leadership of GC publishing director, Almir Marroni, together with his associates, Wilmar Hirle and Stephen Apola, the participants discussed various agenda items related to their department activities as well as the publishing houses. The agenda covered the areas of Total Member Involvement, Missionary Book Program, Full-time Literature Evangelist Program, Student Literature Evangelist Program, publishing leadership development, Sharing Hope App, finance control,

the literature evangelist magazine, Glow project, Spirit of Prophecy books, new training materials, Impact Day, publishing house development and evaluation, and World Adventist Book Expo. The group made some recommendations to the GC administrative committee for implementation.

Ted Wilson, GC president, challenged the participants that our publications, as leaves of autumn, the participants that our publications, as leaves of autumn, must be multiplied and scattered around the world. He appealed to all participants that this work needs to be done, that the end is near, and that the printed page is essential.

During this advisory, many publishing houses displayed their products. It was amazing to see how God is using our publishing houses to do a mighty work. We concluded the advisory by holding hands and recommitting our lives to God and praying that during the next quinquennium, God will abundantly bless our publishing work throughout the world territory to Reach Everyone - I Live for Mission.

# Publishing Ministries

Stanley Ng - NSD Publishing Ministries Director





# Children's Ministries

Nilde Itin Lust - NSD Children's Ministries Associate Director



The Children's Ministries Advisory, which was held from February 29 to March 4, 2016, provided a great opportunity for division leaders to reflect, plan, and share resources, ideas and experiences. The theme "Reach a Child, Reach the World" guided the conversations and the decisions that were made in the meetings.

Topics of discussion included initiatives to help children and teens reach up to God through the development of a personal relationship with Jesus and a lifestyle of discipleship, including initiatives that would foster spiritual growth. The Ellen G. White Estate presented resources on Ellen White and the pioneers, currently available in the form of a game (Pitcairn <http://honor.ellenwhite.org/index.php>), and the *Visionary* magazine.

There were reports of what the divisions are doing in their fields and how God is using them for the growth of

His kingdom. One of the biggest challenges discussed was how to reach children and teens who live in large cities, in the 10/40 window, those with trauma and in crisis, and those with special needs.

Presentations were given on how children in the church can become involved in reaching out with God to others through different initiatives, such as health expos, distribution of GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tracts, Messy church (a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality), among others. The division leaders agreed that all departments that relate to children's ministries should cooperate, collaborate, share resources, and work together to have a stronger impact in the mission of the church to children and teens.

The 2016 Adventist Mission World Advisory was held from February 29 to March 3, 2016. Around thirty division directors and General Conference (GC) directors of Adventist Mission gathered at the meeting to discuss the plans of the department for the next five years.

The main agenda included Mission to the City evangelism, church planting in unentered areas, and special outreach projects for Muslims and Buddhists, postmodern and secular groups of people, etc.

Elder Ted Wilson, GC president, gave an encouraging video message for the all delegates. Dr. G. T. Ng, GC executive secretary, emphasized total commitment to spread the gospel to every corner of the world. Each Division director gave a report on the current situation of church planting and Mission to the City evangelism.

# Adventist Mission

Kim SiYoung - NSD Adventist Mission Director





I was a hippie—lost in the city of New York—but God was looking for me. And He found me. Here is my story.

I was born out of wedlock. My mother was only 14 years old when she gave birth to my oldest sister. My father was just 15—two teenagers without marriage or life skills.

They tried to make a go of it, but it didn't work. My young father had a roving eye and was soon looking at other women. He and my mother tried to build a home together, but it was over in a couple of years.

I have 17 siblings from different mothers, the result of a totally dysfunctional home. By the time my first birthday rolled around, my parents had split up. We were then living in the Dominican Republic. My father decided to move to New York City, and he took me with him.

Because I was his firstborn son, he was proud of me and wanted me to be just like him—an excellent dancer, lover, free spirit and pleasure seeker. I was on my way to fulfilling his wishes, because I, too, wanted to be just like my father. My father took me to places that were forbidden to minors and trained me to be just like him.

Because of my immoral upbringing, statistically I had no chance of making it in life. In fact, I should have been dead a long time ago like many of my friends. The odds of survival were against me. I was lost in New York City, participating in all the pleasures of life, but without God, without a future and without hope. Just another lost soul in the Big Apple.

I had no interest in religion, the Bible, or in God. In fact, there wasn't enough room in my life for God. And although I had everything that a young man could desire in a big city, without the guidance and example of a good father or mother, I felt empty. The music, the parties, the friends and women, the drinks, drugs and dance halls—all were not enough to quench the thirst for something different in my soul.

I started sensing a need for something bigger than me—bigger than the stimulation of the carnal senses. I started to feel a longing for something, but I didn't know what. I couldn't describe it.

## *I thought, Now I get it. This is God calling me to be His child!*

Trapped in a vicious cycle, I just kept repeating the same mistakes of my father, who'd learned them from his father, who'd probably learned them from his father. According to my genealogy, the odds were stacked against me, and my future looked bleak, my destiny hopeless.

But God had not forgotten me—he had a plan for my life. One day, an ex drug dealer named Andy invited me to his home in Manhattan. I had visited him before, and we were good friends, but this time I noticed something different. He seemed happier, peaceful, nice. His face had a glow that I'd never seen before. He invited me to dinner with his family—his third wife by now. He served me something that looked like meat, but it was not meat. He gave me cheese that was not cheese, and milk that was not the actual milk I was used to. It was strange. I thought he had gone crazy with all the drugs he'd ingested over the years.

I asked him, "What's going on?"

He replied, "I've been converted. I now belong to Jesus. I don't do drugs anymore. I read the Bible and go to church."

When I heard that, I started laughing. "You mean to tell me that after all these years selling drugs and being a bad boy on the streets of NYC, all of a sudden you're religious? You gotta be kidding me!"

Andy smiled and said, "I love Jesus, and I love you." Then he showed me a book titled *The Desire of Ages*.

I was curious, so I started reading it and fell in love with Jesus. I went to church with Andy a couple of times, but I was still struggling with drugs. I finally told my friend, "Thank you very much, but church is not for me."

Two years passed after that first visit to a Seventh-day Adventist church. One night, as I was driving home after leaving the dance floor of a ballroom at 4 a.m., I suddenly heard a voice say, "*Read the Bible.*" And then the voice said, "*Find a church.*"

I was startled to say the least! When I was a child growing up in the Dominican Republic, the parish priest, Rafael Fernandez, had given me a Bible with the words inscribed, "So that you will never forget your friend, or God."

Unfortunately, over the years I'd forgotten my friend, and worse yet, I'd forgotten God. I'd forgotten the gifted Bible, too. For years it had sat hidden away from view gathering dust in a junk drawer.

But God had not forgotten me.

*Read the Bible? Really?* I had never done that in my life!

That voice could not have come at a more appropriate time. I had been feeling sad, tired and dejected. For some time now I had felt like escaping life, and especially my past. Some events in my life had shaken me up. Two of my friends had died. One had jumped from the 35th floor of a New York City skyscraper. The other was stabbed while negotiating a drug deal.

Now the voice persisted, "*Read the Bible.*" It was not an audible voice, but the impression on my mind and heart was so clear that I hadn't the slightest doubt it was the voice of God.

I obeyed that voice, and in the morning I went out looking for a church. I found several, but wasn't impressed with any of them. So I drove back home, parked my car and started walking to my apartment. That's when a man approached me and said, "Young man, can I give you these magazines?"

I had never seen the man before. He was a total stranger. He gave me two magazines which I immediately recognized as religious. I realized this was no coincidence. I thought, *Now I get it. This is God calling me to be His child!*

It was as if a ray of light had come into my life, and suddenly everything became clear. I immediately asked the man four questions:

1. Are you a Christian? He replied, "Yes."

2. Are you a Seventh-day Adventist? Again, his reply was, "Yes."

3. When is the next time you're going to church? "Next Wednesday," came the reply.

4. Can you take me with you? "Of course," he said.

And that's how I walked into the Patterson Seventh-day Adventist Church. The year was 1974. I asked the pastor, "What do I need to do to be baptized?" I needed no convincing. God had called me, and I was ready.

The pastor gave me a set of Bible lessons. I took them all and told him I would study them on my own. I did so in record time, and when he tested me on the lessons, I knew all the answers. I was baptized without any formal Bible studies, but with a firm understanding and conviction of the truth.

The Bible has a transforming power that few recognize. Throughout the history of Christianity, men and women have recognized that transforming power. Not in the Bible itself—it's only ink and paper—but in its content. It's God's Word. Perhaps that's why Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).



**Ramon Canals**  
GC Sabbath School and Personal  
Ministries Associate Director

The 9th Global Leadership Summit was held from February 9 to 11, 2016, in Jerusalem, Israel. The thirteen Divisions take turns hosting this event. This year, the Israel Mission Field which is attached to the General Conference (GC) hosted the 9th Global Leadership Summit in Jerusalem. Since this was the first meeting during the new quinquennium, 2015 to 2020, the three GC officers including Ted Wilson, GC president, and all six vice presidents attended the meeting.

The purpose of the Global Leadership Summit was to discuss and suggest how to develop leadership skills and enhance the mission spirit of church organization and institution leaders. From the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), NSD president Jairyong Lee and assistant to the president Joo Minhoo attended the summit.

In the opening devotional meeting, Elder Ted Wilson emphasized the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on leaders. Today, leaders face many challenges in leading. Experience and skills are not enough. The guidance of the Holy Spirit is absolutely needed. In his presentation entitled “Eschatological Leadership,” Dr. G. T. Ng, GC executive secretary, emphasized last-day events and leadership. He stressed that leaders should remain faithful to the truth and to God’s mission.

Each division representative reported what they had done the previous year and presented a professional paper related to a leadership issue. Dr. Joo Minhoo reported on the work of the Leadership Training Center as well as leadership activities and events by the NSD. Dr. Joo presented

his professional paper, entitled “Leadership: the Key for Mission.”

With an assumption that everything rises and falls on leadership, Dr. Joo presented how total member involvement is made possible when leaders are standing in front by showing exemplary mission spirit. Even though lay members may be active and enthusiastic about winning souls, their service will be limited and will not last if church pastors do not support them wholeheartedly. If leaders are transformed, the church members will want to take part in church activities and God’s mission. As a result, total member involvement will be possible. Church members will be motivated and involved in God’s mission as they see the transformation of church leaders.

## GC The 9th Global Leadership Summit



The 9th Global Leadership Summit was held in Jerusalem, Israel. Leaders from the GC and the 13 Divisions attended to discuss various matters of church leadership.

Pastor Jairyong Lee, NSD president, gives a report on the mission work in the NSD at the Global Leadership Summit.



Guillermo Biaggi, GC vice president, and Michael L. Ryan, GC assistant to the president, co-chaired the meeting and gave suggestions for the development of a leadership training program, especially for administrators.

Late afternoon, the representatives had the chance to walk in the footsteps of Jesus in Jerusalem. Divided into two groups, the first group visited the city of David and the Wailing Wall in the old city of Jerusalem while the second group visited Via Dolorosa and the holy sepulcher of Jesus. On the second day, the two groups switched places. On the third day, the representatives toured the Jordan River, Galilee, and Nazareth. Walking in the footsteps of Jesus gave the leaders deep inspiration in order to put servant leadership into practice.

On the way home, Dr. Lee and Dr. Joo dropped by MENA (Middle East and North Africa) Union Mission in Beirut, Lebanon. In MENA territory, the dominant religion is Islam, and Adventism encounters many challenges in

terms of mission. In the face of difficulties and hardship, God’s mission is progressing inch by inch. Four Korean pastors are serving in MENA: Chung ChanMin, communication director; Jung HyoSu, Turkey-Iran Field president; Park GyoRin, Gulf Field executive secretary; and Park JinSung, PMM pastor in Turkey. On Sabbath, Dr. Lee preached a sermon on the mission we have to fulfill in order

to hasten Jesus’ second coming and burned the hearts of the audience with the zeal to do God’s mission. On Monday, he addressed church leaders from different fields, asking them to be faithful to God by engaging in God’s business.

**Joo MinHo**  
Assistant to the president of NSD



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## Pastor Lee MyunJu Reappointed as President of Bangladesh Union Mission

On February 8, 2016, the Southern Asia-Pacific Division executive committee voted to reappoint Pastor Lee MyunJu as the president of Bangladesh Union Mission. Pastor Lee, who was called to Bangladesh in May 2013, began his second term.

“As far as big projects are concerned, an Adventist nursing school is now under construction. We are praying for the establishment of an Adventist hospital here in Bangladesh,” said Pastor Lee. As a missionary from Korea, he will also encourage and help other Korean Adventists to do mission work outside of Korea.

Pastor Lee was the first Korean Adventist to be elected as a union president outside of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division territories. He has promoted seven major projects for evangelization in Bangladesh as part of the celebration of the centennial anniversary of Bangladesh mission work. He has also tried his best for church growth despite the poor missionary environment.

Bangladesh is definitely a challenging field as the total number of registered Adventists is 30,000 (1 Adventist per 5,000 people) and financial self-sufficiency is only about 20%.



NSD

# *Sabbath School & Personal Ministries for Vision One Million 2020*

The Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SS/PM) department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held its advisory meeting at the NSD headquarters from March 23 to 25, 2016. The Union and Conference/ Mission directors of the department attended the meetings.

Pastor Ramon Canals, associate director of the SS/PM department of the General Conference, shared with the group that his conversion into the Seventh-day Adventist Church was because of a powerful personal ministry. NSD president, Dr. Jairyong Lee, also challenged everyone to trust in the Lord and to work together to reach the goal of Vision One Million 2020.

Everyone was excited about the different materials and ideas on how to enhance Sabbath school programs and how to use small group disciples in action. Issues on retention and reclamation were also discussed. The SEEK initiative was introduced, an acronym

that stands for Seek, Encourage, Empower, and Keep people until Jesus comes. Pastors Akeri Suzuki, Kim SiYoung, Kwon JohngHaeng, Joo MinHo, and Mrs. Nilde Lust stressed the importance of personal testimony, mission, stewardship, Total Member Involvement and children’s ministries in connection with Sabbath School and Personal Ministries.

At the end of the advisory, a mission consensus statement declared the commitment of the SS/PM department of the NSD:

*In the spirit of Vision One Million 2020, the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division is committed to fulfilling the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, namely, calling all people to become disciples of Christ, proclaiming the three angels’ messages (Revelation 14:6-12), and preparing people for Christ’s soon return. This vision and mission may be accomplished by*

*Total Member Involvement in doing personal ministries through Sabbath School disciples in action in which every disciple is equipped and trained to become like Christ to win souls and to SEEK people for God’s kingdom, for “the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).*

The challenge is great, but we will move forward because our God is great. Vision One Million 2020 is possible because we have a great God. This was the message delivered by Pastor Richard Sabuin, the NSD SS/PM director, who emphasized that although we have great challenges with the NSD Vision One Million 2020, we have a great God who will enable us to conquer the challenges and turn them into great opportunities.



**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD SS/PM Director



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# Adventist Education Honors Women and Mothers

By Rodrigo and Gabriela Assi  
– Vice director and volunteer missionary in Tusgal Adventist School in Mongolia Mission, respectively

On March 8, 2016, the world celebrated International Women's Day. Here in Mongolia we also celebrated Mother's Day. Such a special day like this deserved our full attention, the least we could do to demonstrate our appreciation for one of God's most precious gifts – our mothers and all women in general.

To properly observe the occasion, Tusgal Adventist School carefully prepared two activities. On the morning of March 8, all mothers and women who entered our institution were honored with a nice decoration that we had made for them. They were offered songs as well. To cap it off, they were each given a delicious cupcake. The elementary students had also made handcrafts for them and cards with lovely and heartwarming messages for their mothers.

In the afternoon, we invited the mothers of the secondary students, too. We decorated the school cafeteria using the pictures of the mothers and their children. The tables in the cafeteria were also arranged in such a way that they could eat their snacks in groups while having conversations.



Tusgal Adventist School prepared the Women's Day event.

Starting with God's presence is always the best way, so we prayed first. This was followed by musical numbers and recitations of poems written by the students. We enjoyed recreation and games. Ultimately, the most memorable moment was the presentation of photos and messages of love and affection that their children had written to them.

“In Mongolian culture, we often don't express our feelings, even to people that we really love. So this special date and celebration was a good opportunity to say to mothers and women in general: I Love You!” said Ogie Otgontuya Tserenpil, the Tusgal Adventist School principal.

All the mothers were thrilled and touched by the honor they received. Our school also paid tribute to all the women employees by handing them roses and cookies. And with that, we celebrated Mother's and Women's Day in Tusgal Adventist School, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.



Tusgal Adventist School invited students' mothers and had a celebration with various programs.

HKMC had their 6th Youth Sports Day at Hong Kong Adventist College.



## CHUM HKMC 6th Youth Sports Day

The 6th Youth Sports Day of Hong Kong-Macao Conference was held on February 28, 2016, at Hong Kong Adventist College. The exciting activities included worship, a sports competition, games and hot pot buffet. The Adventist members took this opportunity to let their friends know more about the Church.

Participants played basketball, ping pong, badminton, and soccer games in the morning. In the afternoon many

participated in a hilarious game called Bubble Football in which players, wrapped in inflated bubble suits, tried to knock down their opponents. The clumsy suits made their movements slow. They bounced off one another and fell, providing the audience with great amusement. Laughter and shouts of excitement filled the gym.

Many Adventist youth voiced their appreciation for this meaningful day. One said, “The Youth Sports Day helps me put aside my smartphone for a day and interact with other young Adventists face to face. It is good for both my body and my soul!”

Another remarked, “I don’t want to be a Sit-Down-Always Adventist! I want to be a Super-Dynamic-Action Adventist!”



## KUC Radio Ministry in Korea

February 13 was World Radio Day. Since

Emmanuel Mission College in Michigan, USA, began radio ministry in 1923, the world Adventist Church has been using radio for mission. The Korean Adventist church, as part of Adventist World Radio (AWR), also significantly contributes to gospel work.

The mission of Korean AWR is to spread the gospel to overseas Koreans and Korean-speaking people all over the world, including North Koreans. This year, it will reinforce programs for overseas Koreans. Programs with Korean-Chinese and North Korean defectors living in Korea have been planned. MP3 players containing the Bible and the *Great Controversy* will be distributed to North Koreans and overseas Koreans. In addition, Korean AWR will promote the Voice of Hope channel to domestic listeners.

To gain more listeners, various programs, such as the Spirit of Prophecy, Christian music, classical music, and children’s songs, will be updated. Korean AWR will also look for moving stories of listeners, and the website will be utilized for communication between producers and listeners.

Ansan Multicultural Family Church, which is affiliated with the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), had an ordination ceremony for Pastor Yoon SunCheol on February 27, 2016. Pastor Kim YoungSoo, director of the Ansan Multicultural Family Service Center, warmly welcomed the guests with his welcoming remarks, and Pastor Choi YoungIl, NSD health ministries director, gave the opening prayer.

The Golden Angels singers filled the audience with hearts of blessing and thanks through their harmony. Pastor Jairyong Lee, NSD president, said in his sermon, "My hope is that you are a faithful pastor of prayer and the Bible so that you can be a gospel worker needed in the current age."

Five ordaining members came to the platform, and Pastor Park JoonSeok, treasurer of West Central Korean Conference (WCKC), offered the prayer of ordination. Pastor Shin WonSik, WCKC secretary, congratulated and challenged Pastor Yoon who was born again as a son of God through this ordination.

Pastor Yoon SunCheol expressed his resolution: "I am being born again as a minister needed in this age through this ordination ceremony, and I will be a devoted servant of God for the gospel work until Jesus' second coming."

## Pastor Yoon SunCheol of Ansan Multicultural Family Service Center Is Ordained



KUC

## ECKC Spiritual Life Camp for Teenagers

ECKC Spiritual Life Camp held at the Student Mission Center.



The camp participants are trained outside in spite of the cold weather.



The East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) held a spiritual life camp for teenagers at the Student Mission Center. Twenty-three participants attended the camp from January 10 to 15, 2016, to receive training in Bible study, prayer, and Christian life.

The camp targets student leaders, missionary applicants, and theology-major applicants within the ECKC, and its purpose is to provide spiritual training to help participants be like Jesus and to be His disciples. Participants at the camp learned about Bible meditation, prayer, prophecy, doctrines, Adventist history, worship training, spirituality, time management, dating, and communication skills for Christian living.

Attendees also had the chance to focus on healing the wounds in their hearts and minds during healing time, which was included in the program for the first time. They shared their pain and prayed together that they would grow more in faith.

"Because of the camp, I have learned how to deeply meditate on God and the Bible. I also realize that the reason I must study is to accomplish my dream in God," said a participant.

"I was sorry that there were many students who could not attend because of the limit on the number of attendees," said Pastor Cha MinKyung, the camp manager. I hope many more students will learn about the Student Mission Center."

The group from Chile together with the Mongolian youth of Bayan Khair Church in Ulaanbaatar.

## My Dream of Being a Missionary Comes True

On September 20, 2015, six students, including two pastors and me, flew to Mongolia for an adventure of a lifetime. “Pastors to the World” is a mission project for theology students at Chile Adventist University. It allows students to visit foreign countries and gives these future ministers a broader view of mission by giving them an opportunity to learn about different perspectives of preaching the gospel of God in other cultures.

After we stopped in Dallas, Texas, USA, and Beijing, China, we finally arrived in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, where the fresh, cold morning air welcomed us. Pastor Namjaa and Pastor Nyamsuren took us to the Mongolia Mission office, which was our home during the 10 days of the project. This was my first impression of Mongolia: an impressive landscape and lovely people.



### The Touch of Jesus

We ran a series of evangelistic meetings with Bayan Khair Church. Under the theme, “The Touch of Jesus,” we prepared cooking classes, special music, personal testimonies, and presentations from the Word of God.

The response from visitors was very favorable. We were grateful to share the experience with Bayan Khair Church. The members had worked hard to reach the lost sheep in a field which is not always open to talk about

God. On Sabbath evening, we held a concert and had time to praise God and thank the people we had met for their love and care during our time in Ulaanbaatar.

### HANDS, Adventist Students Association

In addition to the evangelistic series, we accomplished another purpose of our trip, which was to organize an association of Adventist students in Mongolia. The association will meet weekly to encourage each other, strengthen their faith, invite non-Adventist students, plan various activities with them, and finally present Jesus as their Lord and personal Savior. The student association was named HANDS, which is an acronym of the mission of this group: Helping, Advising, Nurturing, Discovering/ Developing and Supporting the students of the university.

# MM “Pastors to the World” in Mongolia: An Experience of a Life-Time

By Luis Camilo Ibarra – Theology student at Adventist University of Chile



Chilean students, theology teachers from Chile Adventist University and a Mongolian Tibetan-Buddhist monk (Lama) in a monastery in Ulaanbaatar.

### We Are All Called to Go

Looking back and thinking about the way God works in our lives, I can only praise Him for His mercy and love and for giving us the privilege of participating in the spreading of the message of salvation.

I encourage you to take part in this lifestyle: Share Jesus wherever you are, in your workplace, the school, your home, with your friends and even until the uttermost parts of the earth. This is the real spirit of the NSD motto: Mission First in All Activities to Reach the World! God bless you all!



# GC Global Leaders Discuss Work at the Chinese Ministries Convention

Attendees of the 10th Chinese Ministries Convention at the Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital in Hong Kong.

The 10th Chinese Ministries Convention (CMC) took place from March 15 to 17, 2016, at the recently dedicated new Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital in Hong Kong. More than 90 people attended the convention, including delegates from the General Conference (GC), the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Chinese Union Mission, Hong Kong-Macao Conference and other overseas institutions.

The delegates presented many reports from their fields of ministry. They asked how they could better assist in the work in the Unorganized Territory (UT). The meeting itself was an eye-opening experience for many delegates who wanted to learn more about the UT, despite the fact that most of them had attended the Convention multiple times over the years. “The UT is one of the most challenging fields. The Adventist churches there are dynamic and pose new questions on a regular basis,” one delegate commented.



Various ministries were reported at the convention.

GC president Ted Wilson, with his wife Nancy, attended the Convention. NSD president Jairyong Lee and some other NSD officers also participated. After the Convention, many delegates had the chance to tour a few Adventist heritage sites, such as the Pioneer Memorial Church, the first Adventist church built in Hong Kong.

## KUC

### Dr. Kim SungIk, the 14th President of Sahmyook University



On February 1, 2016, Sahmyook University had an inaugural service for Dr. Kim SungIk, the 14th president of the university. In attendance were 100 faculty members, students and guests.

Dr. Kim suggested focusing on the development of glocal (global and local) talented students with mission, vision, and passion. He also set the target of being named one of the top quality colleges in the capital area by 2020 and to become known as a global university. “Going through the high tension of university structural reform evaluation, we will creatively apply the philosophy of Adventist education in tune with the times. The Lord may bless our efforts so that this school can become more developed and well-known,” said Dr. Kim.

Citing Deuteronomy 20:1-4, Pastor Hwang ChoonKwang, chair of the board of Sahmyook University, said, “God is with us and He fights for us in time of crisis. I hope Sahmyook University experiences amazing development through the unity and dedication of the president, faculty, and students in the rapidly changing educational environment in Korea.”



CHUM

# HKMC Celebrates Lunar New Year in United Worship

By Edmund Cao – Regional Director of CHUM

Joy and excitement filled the gymnasium at Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School, Hong Kong, on the Sabbath of February 20, 2016, as more than a thousand Adventists gathered for the united worship service organized by the Hong Kong-Macau Conference (HKMC). It has been a tradition for Adventists in the HKMC territory to celebrate a Sabbath together shortly after the Spring Festival, the first day of the New Year according to the lunar calendar. The lunar year of 2016, also known as the year of the monkey according to the Chinese zodiac, began on February 8.

Church members from different parts of Hong Kong and Macau came to the gathering. Many big churches hired chartered buses to help transport their members. It was a gorgeous Sabbath morning. Sunshine bestowed the warmth of spring upon the jubilant crowd.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division

(NSD), was the honored speaker for the worship service. He awed his audience by greeting them in English, Chinese and Tagalog, which instantly drew closer the hearts of the people. When he spoke in Tagalog to greet those who were from the Philippines, a shout of jubilation erupted from the crowd. Dr. Lee lived in the Philippines for many years when he studied and taught at the Adventist International Institute

of Advanced Studies (AIAS) and served as director of the 1000 Missionary Movement.

In his sermon, Dr. Lee preached on the concept of Total Member Involvement in light of the mission goal set by the NSD in its territories from 2016 to 2020. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in the NSD is aiming for one million members by the end of 2020, from the current membership of 720,000.



Many Adventist church members from different parts of Hong Kong gathered to celebrate a Sabbath together after the Lunar New Year festival.

# NSD Joins 2016 GLOBAL YOUTH DAY

Above: NSD president Jairyong Lee and HKMC president Chiloe Fan  
Below: A Sabbath school in a classroom



“This is not impossible if every individual Adventist is involved in outreach efforts,” said Dr. Lee. Despite the tremendous challenges posed by the complexity of cultural, socioeconomic and politico-religious conditions of each member country, NSD leadership believes that the goal is reasonable and reachable if the whole Church is mobilized. “As God’s remnant people, we have a wonderful organizational structure that can efficiently reach the world with the good news of Jesus Christ and God’s end-time message.”

In the afternoon, representatives from different churches gave testimonies on how God had led them in community outreach and how they had been blessed as God’s people in the past year. There were lively special music performances which brought encouragement and enjoyment to the faithful. HKMC leaders also awarded certificates to several outstanding members of local ministries.

March 19, 2016, was Global Youth Day (GYD) set by the General Conference. This is an international event day when 8 million global Adventist young people all over the world do social service activities. Adventist youth in each country participate in the relay community service for 24 hours under the theme of “Be the sermon.”

This year, sharing activities took place around the world, beginning with Fiji. The GYD SNS application was developed so that young people in each church could share their activities with pictures and videos.

It was the third Global Youth Day for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territories as it has participated in the event since 2014. Taking up the baton from Melbourne, Australia, at 4 p.m. on March 19, Korean Adventist young people shared neighborly love all over Korea, and their activities were broadcast live via internet and mobile. Evangelistic and volunteering activities of Japanese Adventist youth in a downtown area of Tokyo were also introduced.

“We have this very precious time to be Jesus’ disciples through this GYD activity. Let us go out with the everlasting gospel to lonely and hopeless people who are in pain because of loss of family and who are homeless, and let’s implement the spirit of the Good Samaritan in the local community,” said Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD youth ministries director.

“The spirit of salvation and service is the philosophy and spirit of Adventist Youth. Let us go forward with the power of God regardless of difficulties. Faithfully show love even in small affairs,” said Pastor Lee KiHo, Korean Union Conference youth ministries director.

Korean Adventist youth showed Christian love in many ways. Wolgok Church youth group shared homemade Korean-style pancakes with neighbors near the church. They actually have a bimonthly “Korean Pancake Day” and visit a nearby nursing home to have a good time with the elderly. Dongbaek Church youth group went out to clean up the streets. Other young people provided helping hands for free meal distribution to the homeless at Jongno on Sabbath.

NSD’s one-hour special broadcasting on GYD led to Manila, Philippines. Audiences were deeply touched by the Adventist youth who went out to be a sermon to the world.

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## Southwestern Adventist University Singers Visit Korea

Southwestern Adventist University Singers held concerts at Bonbu Church, Sahmyook University Church, Sahmyook Central Church, and Adventist schools in Korea from March 4 to 12, 2016. This special music tour was organized to introduce Southwestern Adventist University, which is an Adventist university in Texas, USA, to people in Korea and to build a good relationship with Korean Adventist schools.

For this music tour, 26 choir members and four sponsors visited Korea. The choir made a strong impression with their praises, including “Amazing Grace,” “Hymn Creation,” and “Great Day.”

“I visited Korea with the students because Dr. Ken Shaw, president of the university, and other officers who visited Korean Adventist schools last year praised the educational system,” said Pastor Park JeongWook, youth ministries director of Oklahoma Conference.



“Although the choir members are not professional vocalists, we are happy to share gracious time with Korean Adventists. We also appreciate the warm hospitality of Korean Adventist brothers and sisters,” said Pastor Park.



## TWC Taiwan Holds Its First ASI Convention

(Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries)

By Jim Hsu – ASI Taiwan coordinator of Taiwan Conference

Taiwan ASI (Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries) was organized and held its first convention on March 22, 2016. About 20 people became members of ASI and gathered at the convention in order to discuss

a general plan for Taiwan ASI. As the core members of ASI continue recruiting members, the number of ASI members will increase.

The attendees had the privilege of having valuable lectures from guest speakers. Pastor Jairyong Lee, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), talked about various initiatives and goals in the NSD territories, including the “Vision One Million 2020” project. He urged attendees to run ASI as a major engine for achieving this challenging goal.

Pastor Joo MinHo, NSD assistant to the president, emphasized the missionary purpose of ASI. He asserted that unless organizations or gatherings in our Church have a missionary purpose, they do not mean anything.

Elder Song JongHyun, NSD ASI president, introduced ASI and its ongoing projects. Elder Oh SooHo, NSD ASI vice president, announced the plan for next year’s ASI convention, which will be held in Taiwan next May. Elder George Lee, ASI Hong Kong-Macao president, talked about the establishment of ASI in Hong Kong and the work ASI has done there.

Through Taiwan ASI, Adventist business people in Taiwan will have the opportunity for fellowship and to draw up plans for practical mission work and to keep encouraging each other to be God’s faithful servants.

New Board members and officers of Taiwan ASI are as follows:

- President: Dennis Hwang
- Vice President: Jackie Hwang, Jo Jo Zun
- Executive Secretary: Daisy Ko
- Treasurer: Zhun Fong Lee
- Other Officers: Noah Lai, Cyrus Shen, Joseph Ma
- Coordinator: Jim Hsu and other members





# Adventist World Editors Consulting Meeting

By Kim HyoJoon – Church Compass editor

**A**dventist World International Editors Meeting was held at the conference room of Korean Union Conference on March 2, 2016. Attendees were Bill Knott, editor of *Adventist Review* and publisher and chief editor of *Adventist World*; Andrew McChesney, news editor; Jared Thurman, marketing and strategic partnership director; Chun PyungDuk, international publishing manager; Park JaeMan, chief editor of Korean Publishing House (KPH); and Kim HyoJoon, *Church Compass* editor of KPH.

Agenda items included reorganization of *Adventist Review/Adventist World* ministry and schedule adjustment in the overseas edition, increase of *Adventist World* subscribers due to design change, strategic plan for *Adventist World* design, reissue of Swahili edition for African readers and utilization of digital technology and

media. They also discussed inserting news of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

Pastor Chun PyungDuk reported good news that sending magazines from Korea to the Philippines, which had been placed on hold for a year due to problems with customs, had been recently approved.

After the meeting, the members visited several places, including Sahmyook Seoul Hospital, Funeral Hall, SDA Education headquarters, and Sahmyook University, to cover the news.

*Adventist World* has a global monthly circulation of 1.5 million and is printed in 8 languages (13 languages on the internet), and 21.5 thousand copies of the Korean issue, including issues inserted in the *Church Compass*, are printed.

## KUC The First Nationwide Pathfinder Leaders' Council



**A**Korean nationwide Pathfinder Leaders' Council was held on January 23, 2016. In the past, each conference has organized their own Pathfinder Leaders' Council, but this was the first time to hold a nationwide leaders' meeting. Pastor Lee KiHo, youth ministries director of Korean Youth Conference, along with 24

Pathfinder leaders attended the camp for the development of Pathfinders.

“It is an undeniable truth that there has been a significant decline in the number of Adventist young people in Korea. I hope Pathfinders helps youth stay in the church and grow in faith and that it brings new young people to the church,” said Pastor Lee.

The participants met to plan Pathfinder activities for the year and to discuss how to sustain growth. They also talked about larger issues of Pathfinder ministry, such as construction of a campground, an auto-camping site at Deer Mountain Retreat Center, Master Guide for parents, Pathfinder uniform, and workbook development. Pathfinder leaders will hold nationwide meetings regularly for information exchange and mutual cooperation.



# The First Lay Congress in Mongolia Mission

The first Lay Congress in Mongolia Mission (MM) was held at the Dugan Khad Resort from March 17 to 20, 2016. Around 150 attendees came from all over the country to be trained, to share their experiences, receive spiritual encouragement and together overcome local missionary challenges by faith.

The Bible says that “all the believers were ONE in heart and mind” (Acts 4:32). With the theme “Нэгдмэл Нэгж” (*Negdmel Negj*), which literally means “United Units,” with the idea of “Become One Body,” the primary aim of this meeting was to gather leaders (pastors/elders) and church lay members in order to train and empower them to accomplish their ministry whole-heartedly and to fulfill God’s mission.

“At this Lay Congress, we are emphasizing small group ministries in MM. I am convinced from the Bible that small groups are the key for church growth, outreach, fellowship

and discipleship,” said Pastor Bold Batsukh, MM executive secretary.

All departments of the church are fully engaged, presenting relevant seminars/workshops for eight distinct groups. Despite the variety of spiritual gifts and ministries, each one of us serves the same Lord; we have only one purpose and only one mission, namely, to preach the gospel and to make disciples according to the Great

Commission in Mathew 28:19-20. That’s why MM fully believes we must put “Mission First in All Activities to Reach the World,” and that is what we did during this training.

Church members and local leaders also had the opportunity to participate in a forum. They asked questions to the pastors and also expressed their own points of view, based on the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, about relevant theological, ecclesiastical and missiological issues.

“The Lay Congress was remarkable for me. I learned that when we share the gospel with our ‘neighbor,’ our faith is also revived because the more



Multi-cultural missionaries from Brazil, Mongolia, and Korea have one and the same mission.



# Medical Missionary Training Program of West Central Korean Conference

West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) in Korea had a medical missionary training program at Chunsung Church on April 3, 2016. About 200 participants from a variety of places in Korea attended the meeting. The General Conference (GC) is emphasizing comprehensive health ministry during the next five years in order to reach out to cities with the health message. The church is the center of medical mission, and all church members are medical missionaries according to a health ministry book written by Ellen G. White.

WCKC has set up comprehensive health ministry as a major project for the next three years, and WCKC will have regular programs to train medical missionaries. We are facing a very big mission challenge, and health ministry is a successful method of proclaiming the good news to people around world.

Comprehensive health ministry includes topics, such as philosophy of natural healing, wonderful natural healing power, useful natural therapy, cause of disease, lifestyle disease, and the promise of medical mission. According to Kim SungKwon, health director of WCKC, health activities will be the right arm of the gospel and help hasten the latter rain of the Holy Spirit. WCKC will offer a second training course on June 5 and 19, 2016, and a third course on September 25 and October 9, 2016.

Most of the participants at the first medical missionary training program were confident that we have a strong health message that is able to go forward with modern medicine. They are willing to devote themselves to God's mission as medical missionaries. With the guidance of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Health Department, WCKC will continue to research how to develop practical medical missionary work that includes physical, mental, and spiritual factors.

we give the more we receive to share. So, being a witness to the truth, as Jesus commanded us, must be our lifestyle," said Otgoo, a Mongolian young person who was recently baptized in August 2015 at Maranatha Church in Ulaanbaatar.

"One of the biggest challenges the Church faces today is how to move from a stagnant membership model to a 'new paradigm,' which actually comes from the Early Church, the *discipleship model*," said Pastor Yure Gramacho, who is in charge of MM Sabbath School/Personal Ministries.

Our church members must realize that their duty doesn't end with church attendance. We really need the power of the Holy Spirit as well as 100% engagement in order to SEEK the "lost sheep," the "lost coin" and the "lost son." Discipleship, this is what "Total Member Involvement" is all about; this is what we are looking for as our primary goal in Mongolia Mission!



**Yure Gramacho**  
MM Sabbath School &  
Personal Ministries Director





The Little Drummers Pathfinder Club of Taiwan Saru Church held a launching ceremony.

On March 12, 2016, there was a launching ceremony for the “Little Drummers Pathfinder Club” of Taiwan Saru Church. Ten club members were arrayed in fine Pathfinder uniforms, each carrying a drum. Their eyes shone with anticipation for the upcoming Pathfinder activities.

For the past six months, Taiwan Saru Church has been inviting children to join the Little Drummers Pathfinder Club. This is one of the results of putting our heads together to develop a Pathfinders Club even though we only had a small number of members. “Joyful Children, Happy Family” – this is the slogan we created for our church’s Pathfinder Club.

Last January, the Little Drummers Pathfinder Club actually began. Since all of the club members had never played a drum, they first needed money to buy instruments and have drum lessons. With earnest prayer, the club members and I developed a plan for fundraising. The members put their own money into the fund first. It was amazing that all of the church members and even some people our church contacted donated to this project. More than



## Little Drummer Boys of SARU CHURCH

By Kwon HyukMin – PMM Pastor at Saru Church

26,000TWD (\$800 USD) was raised for this project. Additionally, an Adventist from Korea sent us some money with a message of support. People’s help ignited our courage to push forward with the plan of playing drums.

Since traditional Taoism and Buddhism are prevalent throughout the country, it is hard to evangelize

people in Taiwan. Saru Church has not stopped preaching the gospel of God through evangelistic meetings, seminars, and discipleship programs, but sometimes it doesn’t seem easy to tear down the religious walls in people’s minds. However, we have not given up our mission; instead, all of our church members have prayed together to find practical ways to approach our neighbors and discover their needs.

What we’ve learned is that people in Saru have a comparatively low level of education and there are not enough community facilities for children and middle school children. This is why we started the Little Drummer Pathfinder Club. We believe that our Pathfinder club will serve as the link between Saru Church and the club members’ parents. Our Pathfinder club will bring joy to children in Saru, bring happiness to their parents, and help us to invite our neighbors to Saru Church and eventually lead them to Jesus.

Please pray that the children in Saru Church’s Little Drummers Pathfinder Club enjoy learning how to play the drum and are able to use it as a tool of mission.



Taiwan Saru Church Pathfinders with Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD youth director (right)

The 47th batch kicked off their commissioning program on March 25, 2016. Sixty-eight graduates from five different countries, namely China, Indonesia, Laos, South Korea and Philippines, joined together one special evening to dedicate 10 months of their lives to the Lord's service post-training.

Pastor Lee EunSup, former associate director of 1000MM, encouraged the graduates to be convicted, to endure and to continue as God's servants like young Timothy commissioned by Paul. The highlight of the evening was the formation of a cross and the lighting of candles, symbolizing the missionaries as fervently burning light amidst

the darkness in their soon-to-be-mission fields.

The following day, the morning worship was graced with Pastor Galabit's presence and his timely message for the young missionaries. Former 1000 MM director, Pastor Park KwangSoo, spoke to them Sabbath afternoon with a message about facing mountains ahead, as a "quitter" who gives up, a "camper" who waits or a "climber" who takes up the challenge.

Silence ensued as the missionaries awaited the announcement of assigned partners and mission fields. There was a mix of excitement and anxiety in the air. One by one, the pairing and assignments were announced, which were received

with favorable reactions, approving looks and big smiles. It was a joyous occasion, indeed!

The graduates spent time with their partners, and in the evening program they learned of humility as they washed each other's feet for the foot washing and communion service. They reflected on what Jesus had done in the Upper Room, washing His disciples' feet before He was crucified and later on resurrected. Jesus then commissioned His disciples and told them, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

## 47th Batch 1000MM Missionaries Commissioning Program



A graduation ceremony for the 47th batch of 1000MM missionaries, made up of 68 people from 5 countries.

On March 13, 2016, we, the 13th batch of Golden Angels, got on a plane bound for Hong Kong, fluttering with mission spirit. We were going to lead out in a Week of Prayer at Kowloon Sam Yuk Secondary School in Hong Kong. Because there were no guest speakers, we were to lead all of the programs for the week.

On the first day, each of us went into our assigned classes and spent time with the students as their one-day teacher. Most of the students at Kowloon School are not Adventists. We talked to them about Korean culture and language. We also talked to them about Jesus. We divided the students into small groups so that they could share prayer requests and have time for a group prayer. The students seemed to show interest in Jesus and His message.

Throughout the week, we had a worship service every day. We sang praise songs and shared our testimonies with the students. We tried to share the love of Jesus, how He came into our lives and has led us.

It was God who touched many of the students and teachers of the school through our testimonies.

On Sabbath afternoon, we had a small concert. We invited neighbors and church members near the school as well as the students. Many people who didn't know about Jesus came to our concert and were impressed by our praises. God worked through our songs and filled the audiences' hearts with joy and peace. One student remarked, "Your songs moved my heart. For the first time, I'd like to become a Christian." Our earnest hope for the students is that they get to know more about Jesus and believe in Him.

After completing a one-week trip in Hong Kong, we flew to Beitun District, Taiwan, to help with an evangelistic series at Beitun Adventist Church. When we arrived in Beitun, a dark gray sky and strong winds were waiting for us.

Before we started to work on evangelism, we set a goal: we made up our minds to mingle with local



Above: Golden Angels eagerly pray for their mission work at the school in Kowloon.

Below: Golden Angels invite young people to an evangelistic series.

## Golden Angels 13: Mission Trips to Hong Kong and Taiwan

By Kim AhnSic and Lee YoungEun – Golden Angels 13



Golden Angels sing a praise song at Kowloon Sam Yuk Secondary School.

people, show them the character of Christ, deliver His words, and make them His disciples, as Jesus did on the Earth. Together, we earnestly prayed for this goal and were armed with God's words.

On the first day of evangelism, we went to Taichung University of Science and Technology to meet students. As soon as we began to do our mission work in front of the university, the rain started to pour. However, the heavy rain could not stop us from preaching God. We kept our spirits up, handed out evangelism tracts, held an outdoor concert, and invited people to the evangelistic meeting. When we ran out of tracts, we tried to get their phone numbers so that we could contact them later.

It was amazing that many students actually turned up at the church meeting in the evening. Among them, 10 people enrolled in Beitun Church's Korean class, a class held every afternoon during the evangelism although it is normally held twice a week. The ultimate goal of Korean

class is to teach students the Korean language and then offer them Korean Bible study course for beginners.

Every day, we went out to meet people, visited local people door to door and listened to their stories, talked to them about God and His words, and sang praise songs to bring them joy and comfort. Although there wasn't a single day that it wasn't raining, our God gave people hearts to long for God's word and lead them to the church.

God is so great that the Beitun Church baptized sixteen souls through this evangelistic series. We pray that these sixteen people who were baptized, will be disciples of God, and make other disciples.

College students in Beitun join the Golden Angels as they perform on the street.



## HisHands Training & Dedication at Naegak Church

By Han SukHee – NSD HisHands Coordinator

Naegak Church invited Pastor Han SukHee, communication director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, and Pastor Kim InSang, West Central Korean Conference personal ministries director, for HisHands training and dedication on March 26, 2016.

“HisHands missionaries have focused on literature ministry through house-to-house visitation, but from this year, their activities will combine with medical mission work and local community service. Before we sow the seed of the Word in people’s minds, it is crucial to plow the soil,” said Pastor Han.

“HisHands is a vital project that gives wings to the mission work of local churches,” said Pastor Kim. He suggested four practical plans for continuous management of this movement in the local church.

Twenty members applied to be HisHands missionaries during the 5-hour training and dedication. They will pray together and work in pairs in an assigned field every Sabbath afternoon and at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. Naegak Church will use evangelistic booklets, including *Finding the Day of Rest*, *Finding the Greatest Truth*, *Finding Eternal Life*, *Finding the Origin of Sunday Worship*, and *Finding the Life of the World to Come*, for HisHands activities.



Above: Pinning ceremony during the HisHands dedication service at Naegak Church.

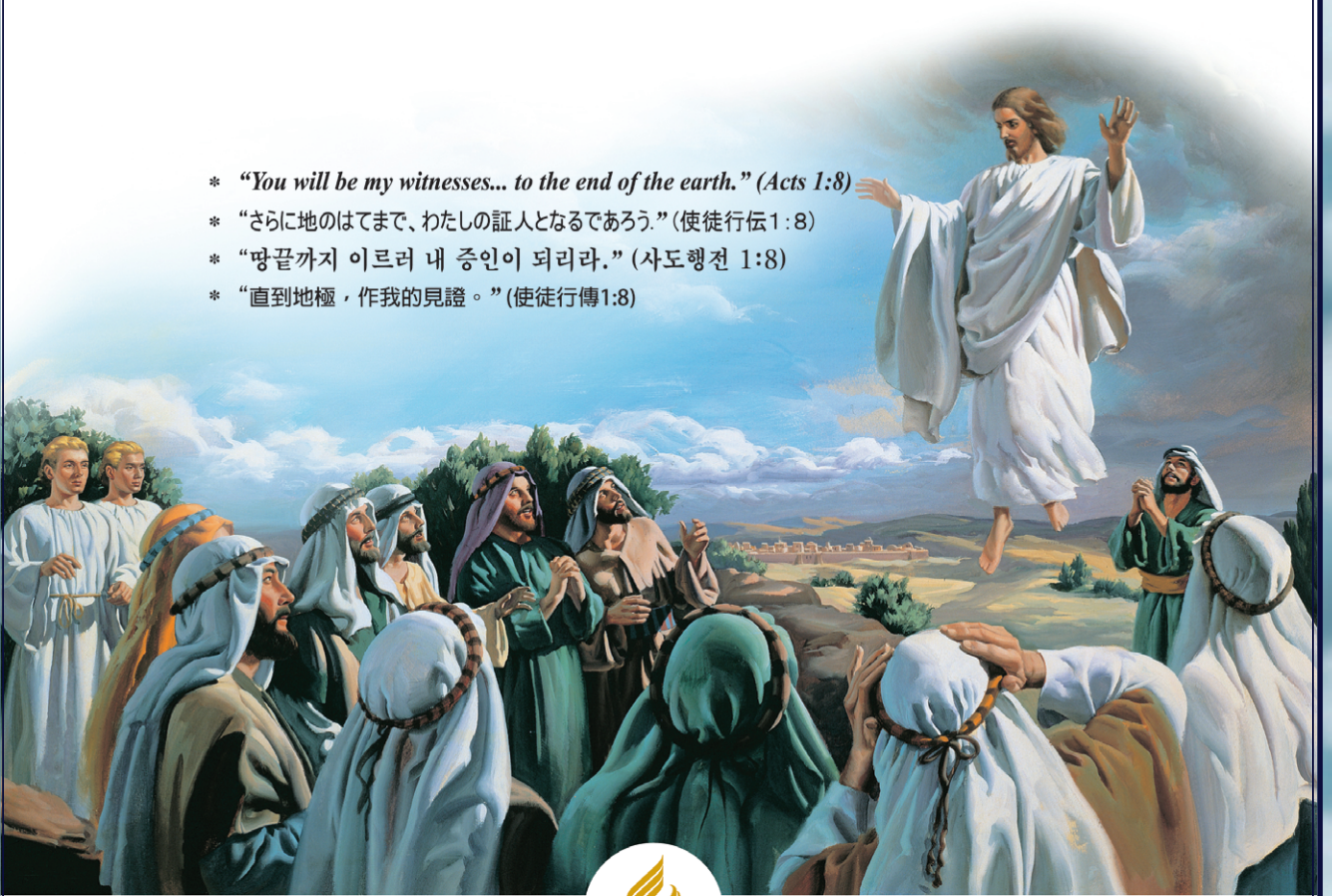
Below: HisHands missionaries in Naegak Church

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- \* “さらに地のはてまで、わたしの証人となるであろう。” (使徒行伝1:8)
- \* “땅끝까지 이르러 내 증인이 되리라.” (사도행전 1:8)
- \* “直到地極，作我的見證。” (使徒行傳1:8)



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