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PROGRAM

- 4~6pm Health Seminar,
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- 6~7pm Healthy Food
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- 7~8pm Golden Angels Music Co

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- 7~8pm 음악콘서트



NSD and the Ilsan English Church held Mission Day together on March 27, 2018. More than 60 visitors came and enjoyed various events, including Health Expo, healthy dinner, and music concert.

The Conditions of True Prosperity for All Adventist Institutions

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division has about 180 institutions in Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Mongolia and China. Just like local churches, these institutions were established to fulfill the will of God and they are under God's special care and protection.

Ellen G. White clearly stated that there is a specific purpose and reason for their establishment, and she said that they will be very successful when they meet the conditions of true prosperity.

Then what is the purpose and goal of the establishment of these institutions? Mrs. White introduced us to the secrets of success by pointing to the lives of Joseph, Daniel and Moses, who were excellent in their faith and were great leaders.

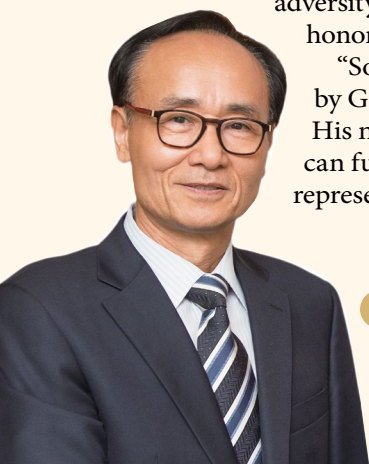
The Secrets of Success

1. We must remember that our institutions represent God to the people on this earth.
2. Our institution employees must do their best to share the truth with the people through evangelism.
3. We must put God first and try our best to honor His name and glorify Him.
4. Always be faithful in our daily duties and have pure hearts before God.
5. Obey God's word and reveal His character.

“Every institution established by Seventh-day Adventists is to be to the world what Joseph was in Egypt and what Daniel and his fellows were in Babylon. As in the providence of God these chosen ones were taken captive, it was to carry to heathen nations the blessings that come to humanity through a knowledge of God. They were to be representatives of Jehovah. They were never to compromise with idolaters; their religious faith and their name as worshipers of the living God they were to bear as a special honor.

“And this they did. In prosperity and adversity, they honored God, and God honored them.

“So, the institutions established by God's people today are to glorify His name. the only way in which we can fulfill His expectation is by being representatives of the truth for this time.



Kim SiYoung, President

Northern Asia-Pacific Division

God is to be recognized in the institutions established by Seventh-day Adventists. By them the truth for this time is to be represented before the world with convincing power.

“We are called to represent to the world the character of God as it was revealed to Moses. . . . In the most definite manner, God through Moses set before them His purpose and made plain the terms of their prosperity. ‘Thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God,’ ‘He said. . . . Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is god, the faithful God, which keep covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations. . . . It shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which He swore unto thy fathers: and he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee. . . . Thou shalt be blessed above all people’ (Deuteronomy 7:6-14).

“In these words, are set forth the conditions of all true prosperity, conditions with which, if they fulfill the purpose of their establishment, all our institutions must comply.” (*Testimony Treasures, vol. 2, 477-480*)



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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Mission First in All Activities to Reach the World

News & Views is published bi-monthly by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Its mission is to share the news of mission activities and views of mission of the NSD with the world church so that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will be hastened.



Connect Community to Christ

Northern Asia-Pacific Division & Ilsan English Church Mission Day 2018



“**T**he Ilsan English Church is an International Adventist Christian Community who strengthens each other, shares the everlasting gospel of Jesus, and offers loving service to the world.”

On January 13, 2018, the Ilsan English Church had a forum to renew the Church Mission Statement at the beginning of the year. The mission statement is very important since it specifies the reason of existence of an individual or an institution, and also defines what we are to do. The above mission statement was made based on the great commission that Jesus commanded His disciples, reshaped into three categories in a way that is suitable to our church. The first part is to strengthen our church holistically—physically, mentally, spiritually—through worship services, nurturing programs, and fellowship among members. The second part is to share the everlasting gospel, which is entrusted to the remnant church, with the world. And the third part is to offer loving services for neighbors, near and far.



1. Pastor Han SukHee, NSD Mission Day coordinator, introduced Dr. Ko JangMyun, who shared his personal evangelism testimony with NSD workers.
2. Dr. May-Ellen Colon, director of GC Adventist Community Services, gave a lecture on urban ministry.
- 3 & 4. At Health Expo, one of the Mission Day events, foot massage, health check-up, and other health-related programs were provided for the guests.



The first event that our church along with the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) had after coming up with the new Mission Statement was none other than Mission Day 2018 on March 27, 2018. Mission Day is a mission activity that all institutions under NSD carry out every year to enhance and develop the mission spirit of the institute workers by giving them the chance to participate in direct mission activities.

Working their own jobs in their respective parts of the institutions may be considered a mission activity indirectly, but I believe that it is a necessary experience and an important challenge for our institution workers to meet souls and deliver the gospel of Jesus in person. However, if this activity is limited to seed sowing, the meaning and effect of Mission Day will not

be satisfactory. This may be like a farmer who goes out and spreads the seeds but does not care for the plant anymore, and like a fisherman who throws out bait but does not try to catch the fish.

For this year's Mission Day, the NSD and the Ilsan English Church worked together, at the suggestion of NSD president Kim SiYoung, to sow the seeds in a designated field and to bring fish to a fishery, expecting that this attempt will not only provide meaningful experiences of winning souls to the NSD workers as well as the church members, but also make the church revived in mission and nourished in spirit as a result.

The first thing we needed to consider was what we would provide. What would be appropriate items to attract invitees? We needed to consider if the NSD and the church

were capable of carrying them out and also if it fit the meaning and purpose of Mission Day. After some discussion, "Health and Happiness" was decided as the main theme for Mission Day.

The events for Mission Day were composed of three parts: Health Expo from 4 to 6 p.m., Healthy Food Banquet from 6 to 7 p.m., and Golden Angels Happy Music Concert from 7 to 8 p.m. The Health Expo consisted of six different booth activities: health seminar, health check-up, healthy juice, foot massage, eco-soap making, and health counseling. The participants enjoyed a variety of health-related activities and had the chance to get to know the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The food prepared for the banquet amazed visitors. They seemed to have a pleasant time enjoying the

healthy food and talking with those who had invited them. At the time of the Golden Angels Happy Music Concert, we were able to welcome them and to introduce to them our world church and the various programs of the Ilsan English Church as well as share a time of appreciating wonderful music.

Mission Day 2018 started with the motto, "Each brings one person to Mission Day." However, we were slightly worried because it would be on a weekday, Tuesday. How many people would actually respond to the invitation and come? However, the result was much better than our worried expectations. We had more than 60 visitors. A third-grade elementary school student invited her friend and her mom. One youth member who was baptized last year brought his mom to the church. Three former English students showed up in acceptance of the invitation after more than five years of absence. There were many church members who brought their non-Adventists or long-absent family members. A family of my old friend, who had served as a military missionary around thirty years ago, came in response to the invitation. For more than a month, all NSD staff and the church

members prayed for the invitees whose names were on their personal prayer lists. Including the NSD staff, church members and guests, around 150-160 people attended the Mission Day event. We thank God for sending us those precious souls. It is true that it was not easy to prepare all the programs, but the pleasure God paid back to us was much greater than the toils we had.

Connect community to Christ! This is not merely a catch phrase of Mission Day 2018. We can say that connecting our neighbors, near and far, to Christ is the core mission of the church and also of Christians. We believe that it is the mission of Christians, just like Jesus left his footprints on this earth, that we satisfy the felt and immediate needs of the people and finally lead them to feel the ultimate need in their lives which is salvation through Jesus Christ.

For this purpose, the Ilsan English Church is running the H2O Influence Center. H2O is the chemical formula for water as we know. Here, however, H2O is the acronym for Healthy, Happy, and Outstanding. The Ilsan English Church provides various programs regarding a healthy lifestyle, happiness through

faith in God, and outstanding education activities. Health seminars and healthy food cooking classes are being offered, and various health events such as "Healthy Walking" will be held soon.

In order to share our faith and happiness, the church started community services programs, such as healthy whole-wheat bread delivery services to senior citizens living around the church, and school uniform supply for students in need, all to meet the felt needs of the community. There are also Bible study small groups and discipleship training cells to meet the ultimate needs of the church and the community. As an education program for children, English Pathfinder Club is being run very actively.

For H2O education programs for the adults, we provide various language classes, not only English classes, but also Chinese, Japanese, and even Korean classes every Wednesday. The church plans to have a special event, which we call "H2O Celebrations," from May 14 to 19, 2018. Every evening, specialists

Below: Guests enjoyed a healthy food and a chat with their friends at a banquet.

Right: Happy Music Concert, performed by Golden Angels, was a wonderful time for the NSD staff, church members and guests.



from each area, health, education, and family happiness, will be invited as special speakers for the respective seminars, and on the closing Sabbath afternoon, there will be an H2O Expo to exhibit practical applications of what they heard during the week.

Seeds should be sown. Yes, they will continue to be spread. However, there seems to be an important question that we need to ask ourselves: “Is our field prepared for the seeds?” Do we care for our neighbors and the needs they have? Are we in a proper relationship with our community? Are we prepared to welcome them when the people outside come into the church? Jesus commanded us to be the salt and the light of the world. I pray that the people whom we meet may experience the deep taste of life through the salt and also see the brightness of their life by the light. I hopefully pray that this will happen in the Ilsan community around the Ilsan English Church and also in all the NSD territory.



Kim SunHwan
Pastor at Ilsan English Church

LONGER HARVEST MEETINGS YIELD GREAT RESULTS



Ron Clouzet
NSD Ministerial Association Director



Seventy people were baptized over the period of the evangelistic harvest meeting in Mongolia.



The Field School of Evangelism in Mongolia led by Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), lasted eight and a half months and yielded some wonderful results. The evangelistic harvest meetings and the training to mentor new believers culminated the field school on March 24, 2018. The Lord richly blessed the efforts made by pastors and committed lay people, leading to 70 baptisms and three people accepted on profession of faith.

In an age when many no longer believe evangelistic meetings should go longer than six or seven days, the harvest meetings in Mongolia defied that logic. Dr. Clouzet presented 24 Bible subjects over a period of three weeks and four weekends, and the Holy Spirit spoke to the people who responded by surrendering to Him and His truth. Pastor Namjildorj Mandakh translated the messages.



There were six baptismal ceremonies over the course of these reaping meetings, March 2 to 24. Four were baptized on March 10, and another four on March 14. Twenty-one were baptized on March 17, seven on March 21, twenty-seven on the morning of March 24, and ten more were accepted into membership that evening. The new believers were assigned a spiritual mentor or friend to guide and

encourage them in their assimilation to the Adventist Church. The mentors received special training, were given resources to aid in their ministry, and committed themselves to one year of follow-up. All the new believers present and their mentors were introduced to the church on the last evening meeting, where baptismal vows were read as well as a charge to the new believers and a special prayer of commitment was given by Dr. Clouzet.

The most optimistic predictions were for 50 baptisms, but more people responded than expected. Even though the meetings were five nights per week and three on Sabbaths, the weeknight attendance did not appreciably drop, and many took notes of what they were learning from the Bible. Every night, time was given for questions, and on three nights each week, that period was extended to 35-45 minutes.

The meetings were broadcast live to a number of churches in the countryside, some far away from Ulaanbaatar. The media team worked faithfully to make that happen. There were also musicians, people in charge of refreshments, those in charge of book sales, and those who cared for children. A special mention should go to those who worked in the registration and attendance team as well as the row hosts who faithfully served every night and attended training two times each week. Praise be to God for this wonderful harvest! There is more joy in heaven for one person who repents than for 99 who need no repentance.





KEY LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE MONGOLIA FIELD SCHOOL

1. Process evangelism is much more biblical than event-centered evangelism.
2. The desire for lasting change comes only through the faithful teaching of God's Word.
3. People must be sufficiently exposed to the Word on a consistent basis if significant transformation is expected of both seekers as well as members.
4. People will make special sacrifices to attend many evangelistic meetings most nights of several weeks if what they learn is deemed worth it.
5. Members will make extra sacrifices for guests if they feel there is a clear plan of action and believe enough non-members are genuinely interested in God.
6. Consistent, faith-filled prayer will move the unmovable.
7. Believing in what God says is our victory—anyone's victory.

THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN **GOOD AND EVIL** **Ron Clouzet** NSD Ministerial Association Director

Batchuluun Tsagoantsooj was 16 when she and her family were visited by a shaman. The family needed some answers, and the shaman was happy to oblige. Suddenly, the shaman pointed to Batchuluun and her younger sister, and the spirit within him spoke declaring that the young women should become shamans.

Batchuluun never forgot that and wondered what her future held. As an adult, she had an accident, leaving her disabled. She walks with crutches now. In 2007, she was invited to attend the Amazing Grace Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ulaanbaatar, and she accepted. She kept attending and began to make meaningful relationships with the members. Eventually, she was baptized.

By 2013, however, the church moved to another location, and with her handicap and the fact that she now had a young child, it became nearly impossible to continue attending church. Her lack of fellowship made her more vulnerable, spiritually. One of her four sisters was in an abusive marriage, her younger brother was involved in a bad accident, and her mother had died. Her younger sister suggested that they visit a shaman to find out why these bad things were happening to their family.

They not only visited a shaman, but they also began training to become shamans themselves! They kept up with their training for six months, and right when they were about to become mediums and channel demon spirits, she decided to quit. "Somehow," she said, "I kept suspecting he was not telling the truth." And so, they left.

God never abandoned Batchuluun. He knew her struggles and also the way to freedom. The devil "does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him," said Jesus (John 8:44). But He also said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (verse 32). Only weeks ago, Pastor Purevjargal, from the Genesis Church, invited Batchuluun



to attend the pre-harvest February meetings with Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), at the Ulaanbaatar Event Center. She liked the meetings so much that she decided to attend the evangelistic meetings that began March 2, 2018, at the Ulaanbaatar Central Church.

And attend she did! Every night, she hobbled her way up three floors of stairs to hear the truth. "I understood in these meetings that the shaman's voice is not the voice of God but that of demons." She surrendered her life to Jesus, attended the baptismal classes each night, and on March 21, she was re-baptized as a newborn in Jesus Christ. She came very close to losing herself completely into darkness, but her Lord won the struggle between good and evil in her heart.



20th Anniversary of Korean Adventist Women's Association

It's been 20 years since we called upon Korean Adventist women to "Arise and Shine!" Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) was first conceived in April 1997. It was formally established under the women's ministries of the Korean Union Conference and five local Conferences nationwide as 400 women leaders gathered together at Geumsan Ilweol Park to accept the calling of the Lord's work in these last days.

In the past 100 years, women have worked as if their only service was to perform the role of deaconess or volunteer at Dorcas centers. However, they were able to do more, greater work with the establishment of a women's ministries department and KAWA. These pioneers and trailblazers worked tirelessly and with relentless determination to lay the foundation of women's work in the early days (namely, professor Song SookJa, first KAWA president; first presidents of each Conference: Seo DongSook of East Central Korean Conference, Koo YeonSoon of West Central Korean Conference, Cho YoungJa of Middle West Korean Conference, Gong BokSoo of Southeast Korean Conference, and Kim GilSook of Southwest Korean Conference).

It is because of the solid base and groundwork set forth by these leaders that the passing of the torch has become easier and the successors are able to smoothly carry on the work. During the early days, since male pastors served

as directors of women's ministries at the Conference and Union levels, it was necessary and essential for KAWA to be established. The women's ministries and KAWA have always worked side by side, hand in hand since the beginning. They have been working as one body.

For the past 20 years, through KAWA, women have been able to better serve as missionaries in and out of the church by clearly establishing their sense of identity and educating themselves to live worthier lives. Not just domestically but in foreign missions, they passionately served the Lord by saving many souls and building churches.

Further recognizing the need for women leaders, Professor Song SookJa, first president of KAWA, started a women's health movement. The reason is that women must be healthy so that they can have the strength to serve their family and church. Thus far, around 100 health educators and health counselors have been instituted, and under the sponsorship of KAWA in November 1999, a vegetarian exhibition was held for the first time in Korea. This was an amazing opportunity for the Adventist health message to spread throughout society, and it also greatly contributed to the vegetarian (well-being) boom that began during that time. KAWA has led an annual vegetarian health movement ever since. More recently, it went through a greater transformative

development to further our message and this movement.

Continual efforts were made to develop better Adventist women leaders through spiritual, cultural, and missionary training programs. Also, a dire request was made to the union for women to hold key leadership and pastoral positions in the church. As a result, 15 female elders were appointed nationwide.

Over time, women leaders were elected to represent their respective regions at every church committee and assembly. Their efforts also contributed to the establishment of the mandate to permit women commissioning. Something unprecedented occurred on February 12, 2018. That was a historic day in Korean Adventist history: The commissioning of nine women as pastors.

In celebration of the 20th anniversary commemorating women's ministries and KAWA with a renewed sense of spirit, mission, and determination, we must embrace the call of the Holy Spirit to carry out the Lord's work in these last days with all our soul and might.

About 150 years ago, one of the founding members who laid the cornerstone of the Adventist Church

Former KAWA president Lee YoungJa and newly-elected president Nam SangSook



was a woman, Ellen White. Accepting the call of the Lord, she spread His message to her church and beyond. Moreover, she wrote at length about the importance of women's ministries, enough to fill a book.

KAWA created its own flag and song so that they can move forward with greater passion and vigor. Under this new flag, may they mightily march forth singing praises in one mind and spirit!



Lee YoungJa
Former KAWA President

8th Korean Adventist Women's Association Session



The Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) held a devotional meeting for board and advisory members at the Korean Union Conference (KUC) chapel hall on March 26, 2018. The meeting was for the members of KAWA, as they begin their 8th term, to dedicate themselves to God before initiating their projects. There were about 70 attendees, including three KUC officers as well as institution directors, women's ministries directors from the Conferences, and female pastors.

Mrs. Nam SangSook, newly elected KAWA president, gave welcoming remarks citing Matthew 23:8-10 and saying, "I was given an unexpected heavy responsibility, but I have faith that it will be done not

by me but by God. I am encouraged with the thought that our leader and guide is Jesus Christ Himself."

Mrs. Lee YoungJa, former president and executive advisor, delivered a congratulatory message, saying, "I hope that this term will be the most powerful, the most progressive. My wish is that KAWA will be the missionary organization that brings more commitment to God and rapidly spreads the gospel to the world."

Pastor ChoonKwang Hwang, KUC president, gave a sermon titled "One Person Is Ten Persons." He mentioned, "The revival of a family, a church, a community, a town and a country begins from a spiritual flame of a person." And he called for KAWA and women power to lead the Korean Adventist Church with the heart of Jesus, the heart of a mother.

The attendees prayed together for the projects and progress of the 8th KAWA, women's ministries, revival and active mission work of the Korean Adventist Church, KUC's mission plans, and the peace and unification of Korea.

Please pray that God may bless KAWA's mission projects and the workers who have resolved to faithfully obey God's call.



Han SukHee
NSD Communication Director

The World Literature Ministry Coordinating Board Meets at GC World Headquarters



Stanley Ng

NSD Publishing Ministries Director

Every five years, all Division publishing directors, and selected publishing house managers/presidents meet together at the General Conference (GC) headquarters for the World Literature Ministry Coordinating Board (WLMCB) meeting under the leadership of the GC publishing leaders. This time, the WLMCB in this quinquennium was conducted on April 26-29, 2018.

The responsibilities of the WLMCB, according to the GC *Working Policy*, are to serve as a central advisory, planning, mediating, and coordinating board for the total publishing program of the Church. It will make recommendations of development of publications that can be used in various parts of the world.

The main agenda items of the WLMCB this year included the following:

1. Total Member Involvement in literature distribution — challenges and opportunities, missionary book planning, literature distribution at 2020 GC session
2. Full-time and part-time literature evangelists — strengthening factors, full-time publishing directors at Union/Conference level
3. Student literature evangelists — How to develop student LEs, development of publishing leaders
4. Nurturing church / trade book circulation — local church publishing coordinator, translation and distribution of Ellen G. White books, new curriculum for Sabbath School quarterlies

Other agenda items included reports from each Division Publishing Ministries Department, publishing ministries communication tools, publishing department





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evaluation, 2018 four-division publishing director’s workshop, 2019 publishing house workshop and policy review, etc.

The board also recommended and approved some initiatives to strengthen the recruitment and training of literature evangelists and future leadership development and to review and update the responsibilities of local church publishing coordinator. A request was also made to the GC publishing department to coordinate the development of a world-wide Home Health Education Service (HHES) logo.

The participants spent an afternoon enjoying a field trip to visit a newly-opened Museum of the Bible in the Washington DC area. This was surely an eye-opening experience to understand the history and origin of the Bible.

“The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand” (*Colporteur Ministry*, p.145).

Youth Rush in Kobe and Chiba, Japan

Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Ministries Director

The youth ministries department of Japan Union Conference (JUC) held “Youth Rush” mission activities for three weeks from March 5 to 24, 2018, in Kobe and Chiba. This is a publishing ministries project for volunteer youth literature evangelists.

Although the weather was a little chilly, participants showed more enthusiasm during this program than ever before. In the morning and afternoon, they divided into pairs and distributed flyers to deliver gospel publications and news stories of the Adventist Church.

After their daily work, they gathered together in a church to be trained on skills of house visits, conversations with people, and delivering the gospel effectively. Through this evening activity, participants could become even better skilled gospel workers.

Pastor Yasuki Aoki, JUC youth director, said, “The purpose of Youth Rush is not just to sell Adventist publications. We hope these youth literature evangelists will grow as disciples of Jesus through the mission activities, and our ultimate goal is to make them future leaders of the Japan Adventist church.

It is expected that churches in Japan will become healthier and more energetic through “Youth Rush Japan.”



NSD youth director Kim NakHyung (left) visited the Youth Rush Chiba group to encourage them.

Dr. Ron Clouzet, the NSD ministerial secretary, served as the speaker for the 2018 NSD week of prayer.



2018 NSD Week of Prayer

News & Views Editorial Team

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held their 2018 week of prayer from March 26 to 31, focusing on the theme “The Holy Spirit: Our Greatest Need.” This year, instead of inviting a speaker from outside, Dr. Ron Clouzet, the NSD ministerial secretary, shared motivational messages with the NSD office family.

At the beginning of each meeting, a scripture text for each day’s message was presented. Also, the Golden Angels, the singing missionaries of the NSD, and Pastor Kim SunHwan, associate director of the Adventist Mission department, brought special music so that we could prepare our hearts to be filled with blessing from God’s word.

On the first day, Dr. Clouzet pointed out “Our High Places,” which separate us from God, and urged us to let Christ remove them. On the second day, the sermon “When the Church Kept Jesus from Coming” focused on missed opportunities to finish the work because the church was unwilling to receive the fullness of the Spirit. On Wednesday morning, the meeting began with Colossians 1 and taught us “The Meaning of ‘Christ In Me.’” This year, the NSD family was double-blessed because the week of prayer included a two-day spiritual retreat at Anmyondo Training Center.

On Wednesday evening and the next morning, Dr. Clouzet revived our spirituality with powerful sermons entitled “Yielding Much Fruit” and “Conditions for Spirit-Fullness.” On Friday, the topic “Praying for the Spirit” led to a significant decision: the NSD family began the following week to pray every day at noon for the Holy Spirit and the mission challenges the NSD faces. The week of prayer concluded on Sabbath with the message entitled “The Key to the Abundant Life.” “The key to a life in the Spirit is to make a decision to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd,” said Dr. Clouzet.

After each message, NSD workers prayed together to ask for God’s blessings on upcoming mission plans, such as the All Japan 2018 Maranatha evangelism, simultaneous evangelistic meetings in Korea, and the NSD International Mission Congress.

During the week of prayer, everyone at the NSD family was deeply grateful for the special messages shared by Dr. Clouzet each day. Leaders, directors, and staff members determined again to keep their eyes on Jesus and faithfully carry out the mission with guidance of the Holy Spirit.



Children's Sabbath School Teacher Training

Celeste Sha TWC Children's Ministries Director
Nilde Itin Lust NSD Children's Ministries Associate Director



Children's Sabbath School teachers in Taiwan gathered for a weekend to participate in a training.

With enthusiasm and commitment, a group of children's Sabbath School teachers met from March 2 to 4, 2018, at the Sanyu Health Center in Taiwan for a weekend of training, team work, and encouragement. During the past year, these attendees had been applying the knowledge and skills they had learned during level one training, which was held last year.

This time, during level two training, a new opportunity to support and affirm teachers was organized by the children's ministries department of Taiwan Conference. It provided a time to share together over the weekend. Away from their busy church and family life, the participants had time to recharge and were filled with power from the Holy Spirit to continue with their multiple responsibilities. They were able to enhance their skills and knowledge through several workshops and talks on various topics, including interactive storytelling, class management, and how to ask questions. They also learned new songs and crafts and shared ideas on how to prepare for the new Sabbath School quarter.

Plans for the year were presented, and teachers were assigned to be in charge of the monthly sharing of ideas and suggestions throughout the year. The participants left the place with their mission bags and filled with experiences, friendships, and responsibilities. They were inspired to continue "Walking with Jesus" in their service for God, ministering to the youngest disciples and missionaries of God's family, the precious children of Taiwan.



A Convention of 200 Educators



About 200 education leaders from four world Divisions convened together in Bangkok, Thailand, from January 28 to February 1, 2018, in a Regional LEAD Conference. The four Divisions represented were the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD), South Asia Division (SUD), and Southern Pacific Division (SPD). The purpose of the conference was to develop and formulate strategies to enhance and strengthen the quality of Adventist education in all levels, including primary, secondary and tertiary educations.

The NSD sent 23 delegates including the division officers, presidents and chairpersons of our tertiary institutions, and education department directors of the division, the unions, and the conferences/

missions. The other three divisions also had the same composition of delegates. The meeting was organized by the General Conference (GC) under the leadership of Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, the GC education director.

Division presidents presented reports on challenges, strategies, and achievements of Adventist education in their territories, based on the 10 objectives of Adventist education formulated during the GC LEAD Conference in October 2016. NSD president, Dr. Kim SiYoung, had the first privilege to present his report. He emphasized that there are aspects in which the NSD is progressing well, but at the same time, there are still challenges to overcome and targets to achieve.

One highlight of the conference was the round-table discussions

involving education leaders from different Divisions sharing their challenges and strategies with one another. It was a learning experience for everyone. Later, each Division had its own group discussion to formulate strategies for Adventist education in its territories for this quinquennium. NSD education director, Dr. Richard Sabuin, led the two-session group discussion of the NSD. A consensus was reached for recommendation to the NSD Administrative Committee for approval:

Facts

1. There is a direct correlation between enrollment/attendance in Adventist schools and the retention of young people in our churches.
2. Adventist education should be readily available to ALL Adventist children.



3. Not all members and even church workers are convinced of the importance of Adventist education for the salvation of our children and young people.
4. Some schools are located where only few Adventist members are living.
5. Most primary schools are located in big cities, so only those who live there have access to Adventist education in the primary level.

Recommendation

1. NSD-specific data needs to be collected and analyzed regarding exposure to Adventist education and youth retention rates. This may be undertaken in a collaborative effort between the NSD education department and one of the tertiary institutions in the Division.
2. Steps should be taken to inform/ educate parents at local churches about the value of Adventist education and the importance of sending their children to Adventist schools. Adventist education is not just about being able to observe the Sabbath, nor is it just about academic excellence, even though both factors

are important. Adventist education is about instilling Bible truths with conviction into the hearts of our young people so they will grow in their relationships with Christ and remain committed to the church.

3. Seminary students should be sent to have externship or practicum program at local schools, so they will experience and be exposed to Adventist education system. This is particularly essential for those ministerial students who come from non-Adventist schools; this is also a means for tertiary level institutions to assist local schools by providing assistant chaplains or Bible teachers or university ambassadors.
4. In places where it is feasibly needed and possible, it is recommended to open new Adventist schools.
5. A commitment needs to be made at all levels to hire and train highly qualified Adventist teachers to maintain academic excellence in our Adventist schools.



Richard Sabuin
NSD Education Director

WCKC Spirituality Camp for Middle and High School Students

A spirituality camp for middle and high school students and their instructors, hosted by the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) youth ministries department, took place at Deer Mountain Training Center from January 12 to 14, 2018. This event was planned for the spiritual reformation of young Adventist members. It included devotional messages, small group activities, community training, workshop on Bible meditation, and dedication service.

Pastor Ji SungBae, dean of Pakistan Adventist Seminary, delivered messages themed “Give me this hill country.” College students led the Bible meditation workshop as mentors of the small groups.

“Middle and high school students these days are experiencing lack of spirituality in the aftermath of studies, smart phone usage, and multimedia. I hope this retreat can be an opportunity to renew their spirituality. The reason we invited Pastor Ji as the main speaker is to implant dreams to be a missionary into attendees’ hearts,” said Pastor Jeong YoungKyu, WCKC youth director.



Adventist Health Message Reaches People in Japan through Radio Waves

Atsushi Yamamuro

JUC Assistant Health Ministries Director



Every morning, Monday through Friday, for the first time in the history of Japan Union Conference (JUC), an Adventist health radio program is heard by many non-Christian Japanese. Only one other time, in 1952, has the Adventist church had a radio presence in Japan. That was when the Voice of Prophecy aired a program through Radio Tokyo (now TBS) to reach people who were interested in spiritual talk. However, this time the goal is to target those who are interested in health, which many Japanese are.

In March 2017, Adventist World Radio planned radio broadcasting in preparation for the Total Member Involvement (TMI) evangelistic meetings in the Philippines. This met with such great success that the same strategy was made for the TMI evangelistic meeting project in Japan for May 2018. However, radio stations in Japan are quite strict about broadcasting programs with religious content. We had challenges from the start.

First, we contacted Tokyo FM which is listed among the top five most popular FM radio stations in the Tokyo area. In spite of the high broadcasting price, we knew that this station would reach a large percentage of the population. What we did not know was that, even though the focus of our programs is health, just the mere mention of our church or the Adventist Hospital as the sponsor was enough to make the station flatly refuse any negotiation with us. We were back to square one.

After several attempts with different major FM and AM stations, we kept coming to dead ends. The only station that did not mind our church connection would not allow advertisements or announcements for health seminars.

We knew God wanted us to reach out, but somehow the direction we were trying to go was not in HIS will. We realized that we had been thinking about how to promote our program to radio stations. Our focus had somehow become how to reach radio stations, but it was supposed to be to how to reach people! So our prayer changed. Instead of asking for our desires to be fulfilled, we asked for God's will to be done.

Jesus instructed His disciples on how to do evangelism. Acts 1:8 says: "But ye shall

receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

This is the way to evangelize. This is what Jesus said to his disciples before he went up to Heaven. First, go to the city that is nearest to you; then expand more and more.

Exodus 4:2 says: “And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.”

God asked Moses what was in his hand. And Moses said, A rod that I use every day for my work.

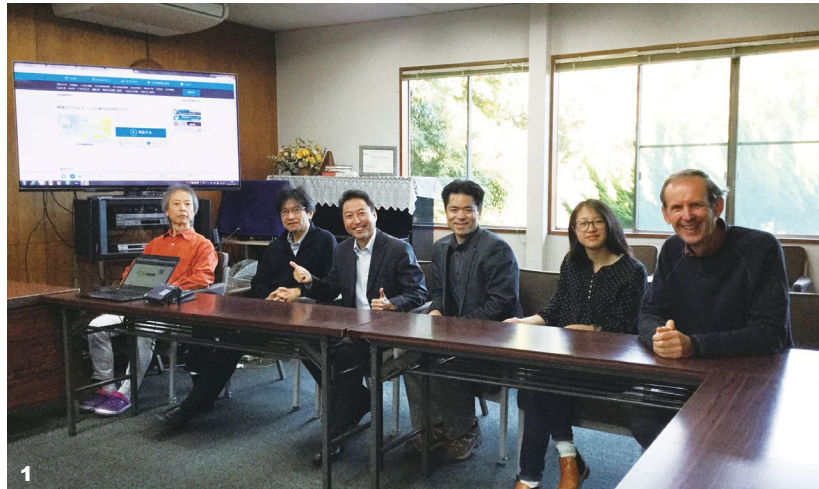
“What do we have in our hand?” we asked ourselves. We already had a small radio program using Radio NIKKEI short wave since 2000. We did not think people listen to short wave radio, but short wave can cover the entire area of Japan. After several meetings and lots of prayers, we were impressed to try this short wave radio station.

As soon as we contacted Radio NIKKEI, the door swung wide open. Radio NIKKEI said that using the name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a sponsor was no problem. It was okay to announce our health seminars. They created a website page for our program for free. They even put an advertisement in their newspaper for free. And the cost for broadcasting was significantly lower than the other stations. When we sent our sample program to them, they accepted our program within two weeks and in another two weeks, our radio program was ready to go on air.

That is how, in November 2017, the first-ever health radio program in the history of JUC began. Two months later, seven community FM stations in Tokyo began broadcasting our health radio program as well. Since the first broadcast in November 2017, the listening audience on NIKKEI’s website has grown to more than 30,000, not counting the additional community FM stations in Tokyo. We have no idea how many are actually listening on air.

Last month, we had a report from a church member in Osaka, which is about 500 km south of Tokyo. One day while she was outside cleaning her front yard, her elderly neighbor came over to talk to her. He was so excited about a health radio program that he had been listening to, and he wanted to share some of the wonderful health tips with her. He said that he listens to the business stock market information on Radio NIKKEI and had started hearing this health program too. The more he listened, the more he could not wait to share the health tips with someone. When he discovered that the church member knew the DJ personally, he was even more excited. The church member invited him

*“Health for Every Day!
A 10-minute supplement
for your mind and body!”*



1. JUC radio staff who developed the Adventist health radio program, “Health for Every Day!”
2. The radio program was launched as a result of staff members’ constant prayer.
3. Program director Atsushi Yamamuro writes a script.

to come to church with her, and he has been coming ever since.

We found out about this story because this church member’s daughter is a friend of the DJ. Who would have thought that there were listeners in Osaka? Since our target was primarily the Tokyo area, this story was a great surprise to us.

It is hard to find out exactly how many are listening to the program, but God knows those who are seeking. We just need to trust God who is faithful. Our radio program “Health for Every Day!” is somewhere, somehow reaching people today.

Please keep this program in your prayers!



HKMC Shares Healthy Living Methods

Nickey Shum
HKMC Associate Health Ministries Director



Nickey Shum, HKMC associate health ministries director, demonstrates a hot foot bath during her health lecture for elderly people.

On January 17, 2018, thirty elderly people attended a health lecture in Siu Sai Wan Elderly Center, which was provided by the Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) health ministries department. Miranda Wong, HKMC health ministries director, and I, the associate director, gave lectures which were mainly focused on how to prevent getting infected by seasonal influenza.

Before the lectures, the center's chaplain led out in a simple exercise time. The attendees were passionate about following the chaplain and learning exercises.

During the health lecture, I suggested a hot foot bath as a method of preventing influenza. One of the attendees actively responded to my invitation to be a volunteer for the hot foot bath demonstration. Every attendee paid full attention and showed their interest in the lecture.

Genesis 1:29 says, "Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.'" This original diet that God has given us seems to have disappeared in some Christian church denominations. I had the special opportunity to share the benefits of vegetarianism to a group of church members from other denominations who were also visiting the center as volunteers. One of the members has already changed to a vegetarian diet. Some other members were also interested in learning about a diet based on the word of God.

After the lectures, a vegan meal was catered by one of our church members. All the attendees were so surprised that such a palatable Chinese meal was made with plant-based ingredients.

Ruth Yu and Choi YoungII, TWC and NSD health ministries directors



Taiwan Conference Health Ministries Strategy Meeting

Taiwan is a challenging country in terms of mission work. Since Taiwan is a country full of diverse Eastern religions, such as Buddhism, Taoism, Shamanism, and other indigenous religions, it is not easy to preach the gospel in Taiwan. However, the Adventist Church with our health message emphasizing vegetarianism has a big advantage in delivering the gospel in this

country. According to statistics, about 13% of the Taiwan population are vegetarian.

From March 5 to 6, 2018, Dr. Choi YoungII, health ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), had a strategy meeting with the health department of the Taiwan Conference in order to utilize the Adventist health message as a useful tool for mission work in Taiwan.

Every year, Taiwan Conference has had an annual “Vegetarian Week” to introduce the excellence of Adventist health messages to non-believers. This year, they are planning to have the week from May 7 to 12, 2018, and are planning to have various events.

Moreover, during this strategy meeting, the decision was made to send as many Taiwanese participants as possible to the Medical Missionary Conference that is scheduled to be held during the NSD International Mission Congress in August this year. Medical Missionary Conference, an intensive training course for future medical missionaries, will serve as a good opportunity for participants to learn correct health principles and service skills that can be used practically in the local community. We hope that many Taiwanese people are able to participate in this conference to become qualified medical missionaries and to devote their lives in spreading the gospel in Taiwan.



Choi YoungII
NSD Health Ministries Director

Health Ministries of Hong Kong-Macao Conference

Miranda Wong
HKMC Health Ministries Director

From January to March 2018, the health ministries department of Hong Kong-Macao Conference spent six Sundays with Pastor Zephaniah Tay to train health and gospel workers in our conference. We are anticipating that the 20 participants of this training will be ready to go out into their neighborhood and to their friends during the second half of the year to share the health message of the Adventist Church.

Another event was held from January to February, throughout four Sabbath afternoons. The Adventist Health Society organized a depression seminar for seekers and church members at the Bible Auditorium Church. We invited nurses, health educators, a dietitian, a hospital chaplain and a counselor to conduct the seminar. The seminar was well received by the audience.



Combined Worship Boosts Spirit of Festival in Hong Kong



One week after the Spring Festival, which was on February 16, 2018, to celebrate the Lunar New Year, the Hong Kong-Macao Conference held its annual combined worship service on February 24. It has been a tradition for Adventists in Hong Kong to gather for a combined Sabbath worship during the festival period, and Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School campus has been an ideal venue for such an event. This year was no exception.

Dr. Ron Clouzet, the Ministerial Association director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, delivered the sermon “Why Christians Wear Shoes.” He encouraged the audience to wear shoes (Ephesians 6:15; Romans 10:15)—that is, to work for the Lord, pressing through every challenge, and to bring the gospel to every corner of the world.

The day was filled with singing and prayers. Everyone was delighted by the atmosphere. In the afternoon, 43 attendees who were qualified donated blood to the Red Cross. The act of selfless love concluded the day of worship.



1. Dr. Ron Clouzet, NSD Ministerial Association director, delivered the message at HKMC combined worship.
2. HKMC and CHUM presidents joined the blood drive.
3. Forty-three people showed their Christian love by donating blood.

On March 8, 2018, members of the *Adventist World* Management Board met at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) headquarters in Ilsan, South Korea, to hear 2017 financial reports and vote the 2018 proposed budget of the international monthly magazine, which is printed in nine languages and boasts 1.5 million copies every month.

The committee was chaired by Elder Kim SiYoung, president of NSD. The members of the NSD administrative team included P. D. Chun, international publishing manager and former NSD president; Yukata Inada, NSD secretary; German Lust, NSD treasurer; Han SukHee, NSD communication director; and Lyu DongJin, NSD undertreasurer. Representatives from the General Conference headquarters included Ray Wahlen, undertreasurer of the world church; Karnik Doukmetzian, general counsel of the world church; Bill Knott, executive editor and director of *Adventist World*; Greg Scott, associate director of *Adventist World*; and Gerald A. Klingbeil, associate editor of *Adventist World*.

After a devotional by Elder P. D. Chun, the committee reviewed the financial situation of the magazine, welcoming the fact that the actual costs of the publication came in under the voted 2017 budget due to some extraordinary circumstances. Ray Wahlen and Bill Knott introduced the 2018 proposed budget, which was unanimously voted, followed by an overview, presented by Gerald Klingbeil, of the redesign and reimagined brand of *Adventist World* and editorial highlights covering the April 2017 to March 2018 period.

During the meetings, the *Adventist World* editorial team highlighted personnel transitions, the plans of producing audio podcasts of selected material of the magazine, the move of significant printing operations to Africa and some of the involved logistical challenges, the new North American Division publishing partner, *Adventist Journey*, a new merged Portuguese edition in Brazil, and the urgent need to restart printing in Mexico to serve the largest single market in the Inter-American Division. P. D. Chun then reported on the printing and distribution of *Adventist World* in the territories of NSD, the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, and the Southern Asia Division. Finally, the committee heard plans from Greg Scott about the digital footprint of the magazine on its website, via audio podcast, video productions, and social media. The meeting was adjourned by Elder Kim SiYoung.

Adventist World Management Board Meets in Ilsan, South Korea

Gerald A. Klingbeil

Associate Editor of *Adventist World*



NSD Workers' Spiritual Retreat

Spring has arrived, and after a long and chilly winter, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) had a workers' spiritual retreat in Anmyondo for one night and two days in order to refresh their sense of spirituality and mission spirit. The last week of March was designated a moratorium week in order to focus on spiritual emphasis. Dr. Ron Clouzet, NSD ministerial secretary, proclaimed a powerful message every morning to strengthen their faith for God's mission. The two days, Wednesday and Thursday, were set apart for the spiritual retreat.

In order to have an effective NSD retreat, a preparation committee was organized to plan the whole program so that all workers might attend. The programs consisted of sports games, spiritual messages, and sightseeing. Right after the morning devotion, all workers departed for Anmyondo Training Center located in Middle West Korean Conference. Delicious lunch was followed by a time of fellowship. The time of fun games and sports, such as volleyball and mini-soccer, helped drive away stress as well as helped employees draw closer together.

During the evening worship, Dr. Ron Clouzet emphasized the power of the Holy Spirit and kindled the zeal of mission in every heart with the touching story of a missionary. After worship, Dr. Kim SiYoung, NSD president, addressed the workers on how to make Vision One Million (VOM) 2020 come true. He presented the two pillars of mission activities to reach one million members by 2020. One is TMI, which is a GC mission

NSD president SiYoung Kim spoke to NSD workers about the two pillars of mission activities.



initiative standing for Total Member Involvement. The other is Ministering to the Needs of the people and community based on Jesus' methods in *Ministry of Healing*, page 143.

On the following day, the workers visited two tourist attractions on the way back to the office. They ended the retreat with a new vision implanted in each heart.



Joo MinHo
NSD Assistant to the President



TAC Begins the Semester with Spiritual Retreat

Richard Sabuin
NSD Education Director



Begin every semester with a spiritual retreat? That is what Taiwan Adventist College (TAC) has been doing every year, believing that “the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge” (Proverbs 1:7, NKJ). With the theme “On the Higher Ground,” TAC had a retreat from March 9 to 10, 2018, on TAC campus to begin the second semester of the 2017/2018 school year. About 150 students and faculty attended the retreat.

Invited as the guest speaker was Dr. Richard Sabuin, education director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. The retreat began with an invitation to the faculty and students to see the situation of this world from God’s perspective. Despite many challenges in the context of the great controversy, professors and students of Adventist educational institutions need to believe that Jesus Christ is in control. In his vision, John was invited to come to the throne scene in heaven to see the beginning to the end. It is by seeing from the heavenly perspective that God’s people will not lose hope.

During the retreat weekend, the speaker challenged the college family to be with Jesus on higher ground and yet

to serve with him with the spirit of humility. The topics included 1) Serving the Most High: “Come Up Here”; 2) Spirit of Self Exaltation: “Search Me O God”; 3) Spirit of Humility: “Glory to God, Peace on Earth”; 4) Stewards of Authority; and 5) Only When the Task Is Completed: “You Will Sit.” Jesus Christ was the center of all the messages: His humility, His unselfish service, His power, and His promise of rewards.

Being the only denominational higher education institution with Chinese as the medium of instruction, TAC has been growing in various aspects, including the aspect of mission. The college launched the “Total Student Involvement” program in 2017. All students and faculty have been involved in evangelistic efforts conducted simultaneously in almost 100 sites, with the result of more than a thousand souls baptized.

This year the college will do more for the Lord. We are happy to see an education institution like TAC that emphasizes not only the intellectual and physical development of its students, but also their spiritual development.

Merger of School Corporations in Japan Union Conference



Shiro Onoue
JUC Education Director

On January 24, 2018, Japan Union Conference (JUC) received approval from the Ministry of Education in Japan to unite a one school corporation. The school corporation Okinawa Saniku Gakuin and the school corporation Hiroshima Saniku Gakuin merged together as the school corporation Saniku Gakuin. In response to this notification, as of April 1, 2018, all 20 schools will offer the same educational activities under the name of “Saniku Gakuin.”

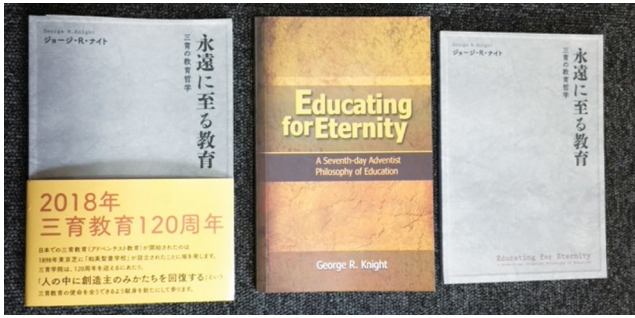
Adventist education in Japan began in 1898 when missionary William C. Granger opened Shiba Japanese-English Bible School in Tokyo. This year, 2018, is the 120th anniversary of this monumental work. For the past 120 years, Saniku Gakuin has consistently adopted the gospel of the Bible as the foundation of the educational philosophy, explored “what is the most important thing for human beings,” and has focused on this as the core of education.

The three school corporations that made the merger differed in the circumstances and timing of their establishment, but all of them believed the basic philosophy of our church “to restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created.” As an Adventist educational institution, each corporation has played the role of a private school.

However, due to the sharp decline in school-age population in recent years, the decrease in the number of church members, and the change in social situation and social structure, the circumstances surrounding Saniku Gakuin management are becoming more severe than ever.

Under JUC leadership, we had repeated discussions at each school. As a result, we decided that it was necessary to undertake reforms immediately under the leadership of one board and one director, and we decided to merge the school corporation.





Educating for Eternity, written by George R. Knight, an Adventist educator, was published in the Japanese language.

The following four points can be cited as effects of the merger.

1. Enrichment of holistic education based on the philosophy of the Adventist Church

In order to transform the fact that all schools are under the same corporation into a further strength, we have a system to share and effectively utilize human assets and physical assets.

2. Deepening as a school corporation with kindergarten to university

By having all the school types from primary education to higher education, we have a system that allows us to consider changes in the system that will benefit the continuity of the curriculum, the entrance examination system, school payment, etc.

3. Strengthen recruitment activities for all schools

Small-scale schools could not fully conduct recruitment activities, but by merging, we have a system that allows

each affiliated school to share know-how and work cooperatively.

4. Strengthening the management system through unified decision making

By unifying each decision made at each school corporation and JUC, we have established a system aimed at speedy execution of the plan.

Even after the merger, the administration of each school will be left to the headmaster, the principal and the president as before, but by a merger, a system will be established that allows faculty and staff to concentrate their efforts on educational activities. Moreover, we will become an organization that is more likely to obtain more specialized assistance in dealing with issues.

At the same time as this merger, JUC translated *Educating for Eternity*, written by George R. Knight, an Adventist educator, and published a Japanese version with support from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). In order to reaffirm the importance of Adventist education, we distributed this book to all faculty and staff working at Saniku Educational Institution and all pastors nationwide. Not only that, we are also planning to distribute the book to other Christian schools in Japan. Through this, we would like to make it an opportunity for more people to understand our church and school.

Even if it is small, we hope to revitalize and maintain the school of Saniku, which has done important missionary work in Japan. We sincerely hope for your cooperation and prayers.

We Can Run

Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School held a physical challenge event for its students on January 19, 2018. The event was a four-kilometer running race for all students and staff. It took place along the dam at the Plover Cove Reservoir, located within Plover Cove Country Park, in the northeastern New Territories of Hong Kong SAR.

The scenery was charming, and the weather was nice. The event was indeed a challenge. Running four kilometers was not something that these city dwellers do every day, but most participants enjoyed it. It was Friday and it was good to let out some steam after a week of intensive study. Many also realized that they exercised too little and were not ready for this challenge. It was a wake-up call for physical fitness.

The event was a spiritual blessing to the students and staff. It taught important lessons about perseverance and team spirit.



International Women's Day of Prayer Celebrated in Hong Kong



The first Sabbath in every March is designated by the women's ministry department of General Conference (GC) as the International Women's Day of Prayer. On March 3 this year, the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) and Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) organized special activities for the women in Hong Kong.

Ninety-one members from nine churches celebrated this event. The theme for this year was "God Understands." By adopting the material provided by the GC, organizers mobilized talents to write four short dramas to display how God leads us through different seasons in life.

Beautiful music and earnest prayers permeated the whole program. Women in Hong Kong were blessed by this uplifting event.



AIAS 102nd Graduation Ceremony

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Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in Silang, Cavite, the Philippines, held its 102nd graduation ceremony for 159 candidates, representing 40 countries from 12 world Divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The graduation ceremony took place at the AIAS Auditorium from March 9 to 11, 2018.

Of the 159 graduates who finished their programs, 62 came from the central campus, 87 from Distance Learning Centers, and 10 from the Division of Online Learning. There were 74 graduates from the Seminary and 87 from the graduate school. Four were recipients of graduate certificates, 137 earned master's degrees, and 18 earned doctorate degrees.

The 159 graduates represented the following countries: 36 from Indonesia, 33 from Bangladesh, 27 from the Philippines, six from South Korea, four from Myanmar, three from Argentina, and two from Cameroon. There were also graduates from China, Haiti, the United States, Ethiopia, Georgia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, South Africa, Angola, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Egypt, Fiji, Germany, Ghana, India, Japan, Kenya,



Dr. Ella Simmons, GC general vice president, delivered the commencement address.

Peru, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

Consecration speaker, Dr. Safary Wa-Mbaleka, president of the Asian Qualitative Research Association and associate professor in the education department, inspired the graduates to depend fully on God, to accept where He leads, to walk in integrity, to love those that they serve, and to serve those that they lead.

"Shine the light of Jesus. In everything that you do, serve. Stay committed to service because that is what we've been teaching you... When you are committed to serve, it's not about your ability, it is about your availability," appealed Wa-Mbaleka.



The 159 graduates of AIIAS at its 102nd graduation ceremony

Baccalaureate speaker, Dr. Delbert W. Baker, president of Adventist University of Africa in Nairobi, Kenya, encouraged the class to be a band of comforters. He reminded the class about the steps of being a comforter and about God being the source of true comfort. He talked about the reading of God’s word and being in tune with Him, the supplier of true comfort; embracing trials, learning lessons, being empathetic and sympathetic as a strategy of true comfort; and having peace in Christ as the result of true comfort.

“You’ve got to be faithful... Though things will be difficult, if you keep hanging in there, God will bless you. He is taking you through experiences so that He can develop you and teach you comfort so that you can also teach others.”

In her commencement address, Dr. Ella Simmons, general vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, reflected on the idea that love for God yields passion for mission and that love for neighbors yields a heart for service.

“Do not be afraid to put your God-given powers to task. Constantly press onward and upward, whatever you do, continue to ask yourself why you were called to this mission. Let your responses respond to this action for passionate mission,” challenged Dr. Simmons.

Dr. Simmons also emphasized the importance of living life without mediocrity. “God has called you to greatness. You must apply to greatness, but you must aspire to greatness for the honor and glory of God’s name. Every one of you should make your mark.”

The class chose the theme “Passion for Mission, Heart for Service.” This theme was inspired by the essence of Christian education and the personal desire of AIIAS scholars to humbly serve Jesus Christ by carrying out His mission with passion and faithfulness.

“We were inspired not to aspire after position and comfort, but our purpose is to serve others, to be willing to be God’s instruments. We hope to hold on to that promise that despite our weaknesses and limitations, God can still use us to do great things,” remarked Joshua Dylan Antoine, a graduate of Master of Arts in Religion.

The graduates who are now part of the AIIAS alumni serve as leaders all over the world both in the public and private sectors, especially in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

AIIAS is a graduate school that offers master’s and doctorate degrees in four main areas: Business, Education, Public Health, and Religion. It is operated by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

School of Valuable Life Instructors' Workshop



The women's ministries department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) held a workshop for instructors of the "School of Valuable Life" from March 27 to 29, 2018, at KUC auditorium. This program was set up in 2017 to nurture middle-aged female missionaries to enable them to support local church ministries through small group activities and personal ministries. This year, around 50 people gathered from all over the country to attend the instructors' workshop.

"If we leave our life in the mighty hands of God, our life like clay will turn into a masterpiece. To accept God as our creator is to let ourselves be His masterpieces. I hope that all of us live a valuable life by God's words and prayers," said Ahn JaeSoon, KUC women's ministries director, during her welcome remarks.

Through each of five classes, participants learned how God makes a person's life valuable. The women's

ministries directors from the five local Conferences served as lecturers for the classes. In the first class, entitled "Being Myself," participants had an opportunity to look back on their childhood and learn how to accept themselves the way they are. The second class was on the importance of love at every phase of a marriage life. In the third class, participants reviewed their parenthood in the view of God as our Father. In the fourth and fifth classes, it was emphasized that Christians should be accompanied by Jesus even in times of crisis and share blessings from God with other people.

This year, each class asked participants to write their autobiography. Writing their life story by phases—childhood, marriage, parenthood, old age, and being ready to die—participants could experience emotional recovery.

The participants were "students" at the workshop, but at the same time, they were trained to be "instructors" of the School of Valuable Life in their local churches. They not only participated in the classes enthusiastically, but they also tried to learn how instructors manage and lead classes.

School of Valuable Life Is Proven to Be an Effective Tool for Mission in Local Churches

Since KUC women's ministries launched the School of Valuable Life program last year, local churches have reported that the program has created good influences. First, this program was effective in building relationships with people who were interested in church but found Bible study uncomfortable. When they look at their lives in conjunction with the Bible in the program, words of God filtered into their minds more easily.

Moreover, this program fit well when applied to a church's small group. Leaders of small groups said, "Since the program is not intended for teaching someone unilaterally but communicating with each other, it is easy to develop a bond of sympathy for one another. This encourages small group leaders to preach the gospel."

On March 31, 2018, there was a special baptismal ceremony at Chuncheon Gangnam Haneul Church. The officiating pastor was Pastor Cha MinKyung, the first female pastor to officiate a baptismal ceremony in the history of the Korean Adventist Church. It was 48 days after she was called as a mandated pastor.

Four students were baptized by Pastor Cha. Three of them were the fruits of souls from the evangelistic meetings for students held in February this year. The other person to be baptized was Mr.

Choi KiHyun, who attends the Student Mission Center. He had been waiting to be baptized by Pastor Cha, and his wish came true that day. On their baptismal certificates, the words “Officiating Pastor Cha MinKyung” were written clearly.

First Female Pastor Officiates Baptism in the History of the Korean Adventist Church



“I heard that I’m the first female pastor in Korean to officiate a baptism, but I don’t feel that yet. I was anxious not to make any mistakes on my first and solemn ceremony,” Pastor Cha said. “When I was a school chaplain, sometimes students asked why they could not be baptized by me, but now I am so glad that I can baptize souls I win. On the other hand, now I feel the burden of nurturing and responsibility after baptism. I will not forget today in all my life.”

Pastor Cha, along with nine colleagues, was called as one of the

first mandated pastors of the Korean Adventist Church at Sahmyook Central Church on February 12, 2018. A mandated pastor can officiate baptism, the Lord’s supper and wedding ceremony according to *The Church Manual* and related regulations.

Hong Kong Media Evangelism Center Launches Operation



Hong Kong Media Evangelism Center, www.mediahk.org

Adventists in Hong Kong now have a new tool for evangelism. It is called “Hong Kong Media Evangelism Center,” an online platform that provides myriad of multimedia products to church members for evangelism. The new website was the joint product of Hope TV (Chinese), the media center at Chinese Union Mission and the media evangelism department at Hong Kong-Macao Conference.

The website can be accessed by visiting hk-chinesehope.tv or mediahk.org. Materials related to theology, spiritual revival, education, health, parenting, etc., are available on the website.

“There are youth where there are leaders!” One of the most important things that Adventist Church organizations can do for youth ministries is nurture and support young leaders.

The East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) youth ministries department held a youth ministries training course for middle/high school teenage ministry leaders. This was the first time the Youth Leadership Award (YLA) course designed by the General Conference was applied in Korea.

On March 25, 2018, sixty-five participants from 35 churches attended the first training session of the one-year curriculum at the ECKC conference room. The participants took classes on theoretical understanding of youth and youth ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor Kim NakHyung, youth director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, appealed to the participants to figure out why youth leave the church and find appropriate solutions. Pastor Lee KiHo, youth director of the Korean Union Conference, lectured on the leadership of youth leaders and emphasized being a leader who follows Jesus’ example.

In the afternoon, practical training for field work was provided. Pastor Cha MinKyung from the Student Mission Center talked about how to understand teenagers and how to counsel them. She stressed that it is important for leaders to first understand and deeply sympathize with youth. Next, youth pastor Kim DoYoun introduced materials that could be used in churches and lectured on how to set up annual plans.

In addition to listening to the lectures, the participants had a number of tasks to undertake on their own. Participants could enhance their capability as a leader by reading book assignments and completing various tasks after the meeting. ECKC youth department will make an effort to prepare helpful lectures and provide useful materials to support the course participants during the year.

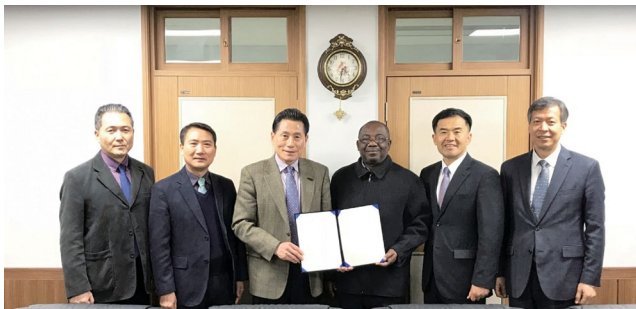
2018 ECKC Youth Ministries’ Training Course for Teenage Ministry Leaders

Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Ministries Director





Sijosa Makes a Contract with Zambia Adventist Press



President of Zambia Adventist Press (4th from left) visited Sijosa, the Korean Adventist publishing house, to make a contract.

In March 2018, Sijosa, the Adventist publishing house in Korea, signed a contract with Zambia Adventist Press to export publications worth 500 million Korean won (approximately 4,680 US dollars). For this contract, Baldwin Kabanda, president of Zambia Adventist Press, visited Korea for one week from March 18.

Zambia, a landlocked country in southern Africa, shares a border with Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Mozambique and Angola. Among the population of approximately 16 million, 70 percent are Christians. In particular, there are 1.2 million Seventh-day Adventists. They form the largest number among Protestants, and second largest after the Catholic church.

Christians in Zambia have less sense of exclusiveness among church denominations, and some denominations have adopted the Adventist Church's Sabbath School textbooks as Bible study material.

While looking around factories and facilities in Sijosa, President Baldwin said, "Adventist churches in Africa used to outsource publishing work to European countries. At this time, Zambia Adventist Press has reformed the publishing and distribution system a lot, and we consider the publishing house in Korea as our partner and wanted to visit and inspect the publishing house." He expressed satisfaction with the quality, price and other aspects of Sijosa's system, and he invited Um KilSoo, president of Sijosa, to Zambia Adventist Press coming July to officially signed a memorandum of agreement.

It is noted that PyeongSo-Im Foundation's support for the Zambian Adventist Church played a large role in making this contract with Zambia Adventist Press. "Fallen Leaves Project" is one of the foundation's mission activities through publishing, and they have donated *The Spirit of Prophecy* and other evangelistic materials since 2016.

"Sijosa was established under God's commission to preach the Three Angels' Messages. All of our workers will go forward to fulfill His gospel commission together," said President Um.

NSD president and executive secretary visited the Kyoto Church, located in the historic city of Kyoto.



NSD Officers Visit Churches in Japan before ALL JAPAN 2018 MARANATHA



Yutaka Inada
NSD Executive Secretary

With All Japan 2018 Maranatha coming up soon, Dr. Kim SiYoung, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was scheduled to visit as many sites as possible to encourage Japanese pastors and lay leaders. Of the 165 sites which are planning to join this historic evangelistic event, Dr. Kim especially wanted to visit small congregations who are daring to join the event by faith in spite of their few resources and power. With the help of Japan Union Conference (JUC), Dr. Kim and I, NSD executive secretary, visited the West Japan Conference from February 26 to March 4, and East Japan Conference from March 16 to 24, 2018.

Below: The Hiroshima Church has joined All Japan 2018 Maranatha with a plan of two meetings with different topics every day for a consecutive 17 days, which is the longest period among the 165 sites.
Right: The road to the Asahikawa Church, the northernmost Adventist church in Japan, was still covered with snow in March.



We first visited Settsutonda, a small company located in Osaka. The number of the meeting attendees was about 20, which is almost the same number of average Sabbath attendance. Then, we went to Kyoto Church located in the ancient city of Kyoto, which has more than a thousand years of history and is under great influence of traditional religions. No wonder mission work is not easy in these areas, but we heard from the pastor and church members that they were doing their best to prepare for soul-winning. Next, we visited the Kobe Arinodai Church, which is also known as the Kobe Adventist Hospital Church. The church pastor expected 20 attendees, but more than 80 people came!

Our next destination was Hiroshima. During WWII, all Adventist churches in Hiroshima were persecuted and forced to close. Due to this persecution, however, Adventist church members were protected from the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. The Hiroshima church members and pastor expect miracles again at this coming evangelistic meetings and are planning two meetings with different topics every day for a consecutive 17 days, which is the longest period among the 165 sites.

We visited the two campuses of Hiroshima Adventist Academy, and spent the Sabbath at the Sasebo

Church in Kyushu. We found that half of the congregation are not Japanese because of the US Navy presence. It was impressive that foreign people and Japanese are working together for soul winning.

Our visits in the East Japan Conference area started with the Asahikawa Church, which is the northernmost Adventist church in Japan. People from Seoul, Korea, might not be surprised by the cold weather in this area, but by the large amount of snow. Even with so much snow, the Adventist people were very active on Sabbath afternoon. The small church building was packed with the many children who attended a once-a-month special meeting for kids. They are now trying to invite their parents to the evangelical meetings coming May.

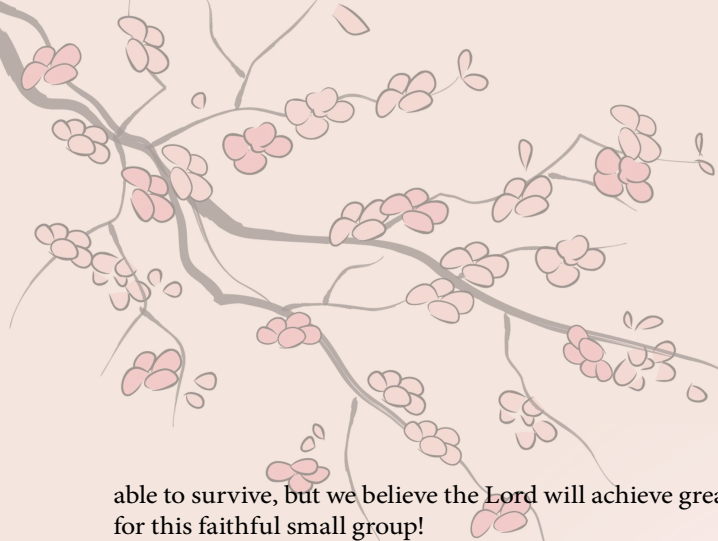
Our next stop was the Morioka Church. Just a week before our visit, they closed their kindergarten, leaving its 64 years of history behind. They sold their building which had been used for both church and kindergarten, and moved to a small, new place. The church members had been disappointed, but they were encouraged by our visit and believed that the Lord had never forsaken them.

We also had the chance to hear the wonderful story of the history

of the church. During WWII, two daughters of the university president in Morioka became Adventists and later their mother as well as the wife of the president followed her daughters. Even during the time of persecution, the church was able to meet every Sabbath at the university building with the president's permission. After the war, the mother and daughters initiated the foundation of the kindergarten. It is pity that the kindergarten was not



Above: The Morioka Church closed their kindergarten and sold their building which had been used for both church and kindergarten.
Below: Although the church moved a small place, the church members stand firm in the faith.



Above: The Sendai Church, the biggest church in the Northern Honshu area, is active with its enthusiastic members.
Below: Two NSD officers met the Youth Rush Chiba group.



able to survive, but we believe the Lord will achieve greater things for this faithful small group!

Then, we visited Ichinoseki and Sendai. The Sendai Church is the biggest church in the Northern Honshu area. Most of those in attendance are aged but active members. Dr. Kim taught them not only theory but also practical examples to reach the people. After his preaching, church members asked Dr. Kim some questions about ways to reach their neighbors and the people in Sendai. The meeting at the Yamagata Church was unique, for half of those in attendance were not church members. Dr. Kim changed the topic during the course of his sermon and the meeting turned to be an evangelistic meeting!

When we visited the Fukushima Church, an unexpected setting waited for us. We had to attend the funeral service for the church pastor's wife. Fukushima was affected heavily by the nuclear accident in 2011. It has not been easy for JUC leaders to send a pastor to the Fukushima Church. Eventually, retired Pastor Horiuchi and his wife voluntarily accepted the challenge and have served for seven years for the church. The church members loved the couple very much because they knew their sacrifice for the church and the Lord. Mrs. Horiuchi got sick two years ago and passed away during our visit. It was sorrowful, but we confirmed that the reunion time is not so far and with hope we should go forward for the Lord. We were truly impressed with Pastor Horiuchi and the church members' spirit.

We then visited Tokyo Chinese Church and Tokyo Korean Church to encourage the pastors. The last Friday night of our visit, we had a vespers meeting at the Chiba International Church, which

was held at the 3H Language School. The school was founded by Pastor Kim SeokMan. Mrs. Kim was a teacher at the academy where Dr. Kim SiYoung had studied, and it was a reunion after many years. She is still active in mission work. Next day, at the Sabbath afternoon meeting, she brought a new lady, whom she had met first time at the park several weeks ago!

At our final destination, Chiba, we had the chance to meet the Youth Rush group, which aims for mission through literature evangelism. When we met the group, they had already been working for the past three weeks. They had visited 22,372 houses and sold 1,439 books. March 22 was a highlight for them as the Lord helped them to sell 243 books in one day. Of the 243 books, 20 were *The Great Controversy*, which is difficult to sell in Japan. We saw that these young people had experienced the Lord through this Youth Rush project. We are certain that the Lord is using these young people to open the way for a new stage of the Adventist Church in Japan.

All Japan 2018 Maranatha, the historic evangelistic meetings in Japan, is scheduled from May 4 to 20, 2018, in 165 sites. To bring more souls to Jesus Christ, your prayers are much needed.

Group photo of the Chiba International Church members with NSD officers





Golden Angels 15: First Mission Trip

The training for the Golden Angels 15th group was over. We were all excited to further the work that God had entrusted to us.

March 4, 2018, was the day that we had been waiting for. Hong Kong was the destination of our first mission trip. We spent our first week, March 4 to 9, at Kowloon Samyuk Senior High School. As soon as we arrived there, we set up our musical equipment and had rehearsal. At the school, we led out in the week of prayer program every afternoon.

Also, every available morning and afternoon, we visited classrooms. Many students enjoyed our visitations and were entertained. At free time, such as lunch time, recess, or dismissal time, we played and mingled with the students to develop a relationship with them. Our male members often played basketball with students.

On the last day of the week of prayer meeting, Pastor Anna Fu made an appeal to the students to have Bible studies, receive counseling or be baptized. Praise God for there were three souls who decided to be baptized and five souls who wanted Bible studies! As we were leaving the campus, teachers shared their token of appreciation. They felt that the students were moved and touched by our presence, especially during class visitations.

On March 12, we moved to Kowloon Samyuk Junior High School and spent another week in support of the school's week of prayer. We carried out our mission work in a similar way as we did at the senior high school, such as visiting classrooms, leading out in the week of prayer meetings, and playing or chatting with students during their free time.

On the last day of the meeting, Pastor Anna made an appeal again. And amazingly, many students accepted the invitation to have Bible studies. Of those students, more amazingly, four students mentioned that a short Bible study with JuEun, one of our Golden Angels members, helped them to make that decision. Even through a short time of conversation with us, they decided to know more about Jesus!

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). Our first mission trip has ended by the help of God. We will continue our ministry with devoted prayers.

Above: Golden Angels with students of Hong Kong Adventist Academy

Below: When leading out in the week of prayer at a school, Golden Angels visit classrooms to share the love of God with students.





The Beijing International Seventh-Day Adventist Church



Byun SeongJun

NSD Communication Associate Director



Brief History

The present Beijing International Seventh-Day Adventist Church started as a gathering of saints in homes around Beijing in the late 1990s. The desire to share the message with the Koreans living in Beijing led pioneers, such as Elder Oh SooJong and his family, to seek a place to gather. The 21st Century Hotel opened one of its conference rooms for the first gathering of saints composed of Korean families, Korean students, and some of the Korean-speaking Chaoxian nationality in Beijing.

Later, other Adventist members in the diplomatic and expat community heard about it and joined the congregation. During this time, the church was blessed by Pastor Lee, who used his personal resources and

business to advance the word of the Lord. By 2004, the number had grown, and the congregation moved to an auditorium at the 21st Century Youth Center. The following years saw a number of Adventists from all over the world coming to join the fellowship whenever they were visiting Beijing. In 2008, the church leadership decided to find a permanent place of worship. The Lord provided the present house of worship Fenghang International Building in Wangjing.

Membership

The church has been growing and has attracted many Adventist students and families from all over the world to a staggering membership of 100 people. The church is composed of members from the Republic of Korea,



Left: Beijing International Church members praise God by singing and playing musical instruments. Right: The membership of Beijing International Church is composed of people from all over the world.

multiple south Asian countries, multiple African countries, multiple Caribbean countries, South and North American countries, Europe, and Australia. The church demography comprises of students, business people, and expatriates working in China and their families. We are blessed by an average of four visitors every Sabbath. Our Facebook page reveals our presence in China.

Church Activities

The church program begins at 9:30 a.m. and runs up to 4:00 p.m. Apart from the usual Sabbath worship service, the church organizes departmental meetings and Bible studies in the afternoon. One of the trademarks of the church is the hospitality potluck luncheon every Sabbath. In the calendar year, we have two outdoor church picnics, music festivals, and diverse outreach programs. As an international community, we are keen to receive visiting pastors to bless us on Sabbaths.

Our Vision

Our vision is to spread the gospel in China by organizing Adventist church members to continue fellowshiping together away from their mother churches. We are improving our outreach programs to include networks of Adventist members across China.

Spiritual Revival

On April 7, 2018, our church was blessed to have our spiritual revival week with Pastor Han SukHee, communication director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and associate director Byun SeongJun. The revival was themed “Being the Hands of Jesus.” We had a wonderful Friday vesper sermon which was beamed live to all the church members around Beijing using video conferencing technology. On Sabbath morning and afternoon, Pastor Han preached for the edification of the church, and all church members were revived and refreshed spiritually and committed themselves to be HisHands to spread the gospel whatever they do and wherever they go.



Above: Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director, led the church's spiritual revival week. Below: Children of the church sit in front together to hear a children's sermon.



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