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Elder Ted N. C. Wilson, General Conference president, preaches at the Amanuma Adventist Church in Tokyo during the All Japan 2018 Maranatha evangelistic meetings on May 12, 2018.

# Let Us Go Forward to the Battlefield of Mission!

There will be an International Mission Congress hosted by the Northern Asia Pacific Division (NSD) at KINTEX located in Goyang City from August 8 to 11, 2018. This mission congress will raise the curtain with the title “Go Forward,” and it will provide the stage for looking to the mission of the church and recovering the holy passion to prepare for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

This international mission congress will be held five years after the first mission congress titled “Mission” in 2013, and more than 4,000 participants from Korea, China, Japan, Taiwan, Mongolia and other countries will gather together in one place to share vivid testimonies and experiences of gospel workers working at various places around the world. This congress will only focus on mission, and the main goals of this congress are to inspire the “mission first” spirit, to encourage mission work, to share mission experiences and strategies, to share the vision of mission and to rededicate ourselves to mission.

More than 1.6 billion people are living in the NSD territories, and the number is the biggest among the 13 Divisions of the world church. But the number of believers is only 700,000. NSD is vigorously pushing forward to exceed 1 million members in 2020, and they are preparing this congress to be the flare of the Holy Spirit as the late rain in these last days through spiritually equipping and inspiring the “mission first” spirit. This is the time God asks us to “gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber” (Joel 2:16).

Yes, let’s gather together at this mission congress! Let’s gather together to praise the Lord, to pray that we are filled with the Holy Spirit, and to renew our resolution. Let’s plan so that all family members can come together, and let’s invite the interested to come and help them to resolve to be

baptized by the inspiring power of the Holy Spirit and finally to join the baptismal ceremony held during the session. Pastor Mark Finley will speak every evening and Elder Ted Wilson, Adventist world church leader, and other

world-famous speakers will touch the hearts of all participants. In the afternoon sessions, there will be big conferences, such as the Health Conference, Education Conference and Communication Conference, and more than 20 seminars in various areas and also a variety of mission booth activities with topics, such as Total Member Involvement, Center of Influence, Mission to the Cities, and Ministering to the Needs. The children’s ministries department of NSD and the Korean Union Conference will have special programs for children to encourage young parents to come with their children and help them to focus on the programs without worrying about their children.

The grand finale of this mission congress, a mass baptism will be performed on site on the last day. This will be a good opportunity for everyone to bring acquaintances and neighbors to share with them Adventist messages. E. G. White looked back upon the tent meeting held in Lansing, Michigan, in the late 1870s, writing, “This was a remarkable meeting. The Spirit of God was present from the beginning to the close” (4T, 283). I hope that all of us can give God the same testimony and thanks on the last day of the meeting, saying, “This was a remarkable meeting. The Spirit of God was present from the beginning to the close.” Let us all join the ranks of mission together and construct a united front of mission and as the motto of this International Mission Congress states, GO FORWARD!



## NSD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to call all people within its territory to become disciples of Jesus Christ, to proclaim the everlasting gospel embraced by the three angels’ messages (Revelation 14:6-12) and to prepare them for Christ’s soon return.



**Kim SiYoung, President**

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# Our Thanksgiving and Great Hope: All Japan 2018 Maranatha Report

**Hiroshi Yamaji**  
JUC Adventist Mission



**M**aranatha! Our Lord is coming! What a wonderful hope we have! The All Japan 2018 Maranatha evangelistic series is over, but the fruits are only beginning to show.

It first began at the General Conference (GC) Session in 2010. Japan Union Conference (JUC), along with the rest of the world church, was admonished to confess and repent of our sins.

“We confess that instead of praying for the Holy Spirit and the Latter Rain, and seeking God through His word, we relied on our own works. We often did not put God first in trying to save this lost world. Sometimes we ignored the most important thing, to know and understand God in our work. We were too often ambitious and jealous about small things, allowing divisions to come in among us. We put revival and



Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University, preached at Saniku Gakuin College, an Adventist university in Japan, during the All Japan 2018 Maranatha series.

reformation on the back burner for too long. Instead of relying on God, we tried to do the work on our own” (*Adventist Life*, January 2011).

After receiving this charge at the GC, the JUC decided to implement “7-7-7 Prayer.” About 40% of church attendees across the country participated in this event.

This time of dedicated prayer sparked evangelistic events over the next few years, including TOKYO 13 in 2013, Urban Evangelism in 2014 and All Japan 2015. During All Japan 2015, there were 82 meeting sites.

In the spring of 2016, GC president Ted Wilson came to Japan. At that time, Wilson proposed that JUC hold evangelistic meetings longer than 10 days in 2018. JUC decided to accept this proposal for revival and reformation in Japan. Total Membership Involvement (TMI) was emphasized. At that time, mission projects, such as Hope Channel, Youth Rush, All Rush, Health Evangelism and the Gift Bible Project, were launched.

Then in June 2017, a group of 48 people from Japan, including 26 pastors, 8 seminary students and 14 laypeople, went to Mindoro, Philippines, to hold evangelistic meetings. The evangelistic series lasted 16 days with meetings almost every day in 48 locations. As a result of



1. Members of each church which participated in All Japan 2018 Maranatha geared up the event with earnest prayer.

2. Church members prepare leaflets to invite friends, neighbors, and people on the street to the evangelistic meetings.



3. Church members were trained to fulfill their own duties for the event.

4. The evangelistic meetings took place at a total of 161 sites across Japan.

5. Several world church leaders joined the campaign as speakers.



these meetings, 868 baptisms took place on June 24. This encouraged everyone who participated in these meetings to join All Japan 2018 Maranatha.

Meanwhile from March to October 2017, sixteen churches in Japan joined a field school of evangelism led by Ron Clouzet, NSD ministerial secretary. In September, pre-meetings were held in Nakano Congress Square, and then in October, evangelistic meetings were held at Amanuma Church. Sixteen churches participated in these meetings.

At the pastors' meetings in January 2018, Jerry and Janet Page from the GC, Dwight Nelson from Pioneer Memorial Church at Andrews University, and an international evangelist Taj Pacleb held seminars to empower pastors preparing for All Japan 2018 Maranatha.

At that point, there were more than 160 participating sites. The Amanuma Church held health seminars in March and bridge seminars in April. On March 25, 2018, 40 Days of Prayer started. Every day at 6:00 a.m. on YouTube Live, Pastor Norihiko Hanada, JUC communication director, held devotionals.

A prayer meeting for the coming evangelistic series was held at the Amanuma Church on May 2, and GC president Ted Wilson led the meeting. On May 9,



another prayer session was held by Elder Wilson at the Kitanaka Saniku Church in Okinawa. Elder Wilson went to Osaka on May 16 for a prayer meeting at the Osaka Central Church.

The simultaneous evangelistic series of All Japan 2018 Maranatha kicked off on May 4. Elder Wilson preached the gospel at Amanuma Church, and on the same day, evangelistic meetings began at most of the 160 sites around the country. The duration of the evangelistic meetings varied by church, but most of the churches held meetings longer than two weeks. Through hearing the word of God, many of the attendees accepted Jesus as their Savior and were baptized.

From the GC and NSD down to individual churches and members, people around the world had been praying for this



huge project. More than 20 people from abroad came and helped, preaching and teaching. Golden Angels, NSD singing missionaries, came and held music programs, and a youth group helped with media. Those supportive acts helped us realize that we are part of a world church and have a large family.

In Japan we have a “2020 Vision,” which means that our goal is to have 20,000 church members and 20,000 church attendees by the year 2020. All Japan 2018 Maranatha is just a stepping stone to help us reach this goal. There are so many people in Japan who don’t know Jesus. Through this joyful experience of All Japan 2018 Maranatha, we humbly pray that we will commit ourselves fully to the work of the Lord.



# A Report from All Japan 2018 Maranatha in Kitaura Adventist Junior High School



**Keisuke Hori**

Chaplain of Kitaura Junior High School

“We are recruiting students who can devote themselves as messengers.” I was actually worried that it might be hard for our students to volunteer to be a speaker for the evangelistic meetings. With this concern, we started preparing one of the biggest projects at Kitaura Junior High School. It was the All Japan 2018 Maranatha evangelistic meetings.

Pastor Keisuke Hori (left), chaplain of Kitaura Junior High School, helps students prepare to speak at the evangelistic meetings.



For All Japan 2018 Maranatha evangelistic meetings, Kitaura Junior High School recruited students who would speak at the meetings, instead of inviting a guest speaker.



We have normally invited a guest speaker and held a prayer week every spring. But because we had the Maranatha campaign during that period, we decided to hold the evangelistic meeting instead of having prayer week.

“Who will be the speaker?” This problem was already solved before I had time to worry because the title of the meeting was also decided as “Bible Stories by Junior High Students.”

This sounded good, but there were no more details at that moment. Then we started looking for students who would be the speakers. We spent Bible class time and vespers to promote the Maranatha campaign. The deadline was approaching, so I prayed and appealed to students: “We are recruiting students who can devote themselves as messengers.” As a result, 13 students determined to be the messengers!

The scripts they used for this meeting was based on the Adventist fundamental beliefs, and we chose topics, such as the second coming

of Christ, Sabbath, and conditional immortality. We also chose topics that are clearly related to the cross of Christ. Then what we did was we assigned these topics to each one of the students. Each student paired with a teacher, and each pair was in charge of morning and evening meetings.

We also asked for students who would be willing to have special music at the evangelistic meetings—not only special music, but also receptionists, guides and a team who would welcome and care for the people who were attending. We were also worried that no one would take those roles. But when we solicited help for the meetings, around 20 students wanted to join and help out in the meetings. A couple of special music groups spent their time preparing for the meetings.

Some students went out and walked around the neighborhoods with tracts and the *Signs of the Times* magazine. They handed them out to the people they met. They also handed out the leaflet about All

Japan 2018 Maranatha and invited people to come to the meetings. When I saw these noble actions, I felt warm in my heart and reflected on my passion for mission as well.

On May 4, 2018, the evangelistic series began with students who were in charge of speaking, welcoming, providing special music, and promoting the meetings. Starting the day with early morning prayer at 5:50 a.m. and having club activities and studies made them enormously busy, but the students devoted their time and passion to God’s work.

Unfortunately, throughout the week of evangelistic meetings, nobody came from our neighborhoods. This helped us realize that we have little communication with the community around the school and church. We admit that this is a challenge for us.

However, we found that there are more who seek God inside the school. On the last day of the meetings, three students got baptized. Additionally, nine other students decided to get baptized during the meetings. For now, about





## *“We Recruit Students Who Will Devote Themselves as God’s Messengers”*

15 students are considering getting baptized and preparing for it.

Throughout All Japan 2018 Maranatha, we had two huge blessings. First, we were able to baptize many students by the work of Holy Spirit. The second is that we were able to find more talents that students have. They have been

mainly in charge of special music and testimonies, but they were able to work for God as messengers and fill other roles, and they made themselves go out and do evangelistic work.

Our God is amazing. He put a devotional spirit within people and uses His people. I strongly pray that God will use the students’ talents not only in the school but when they go to their local churches.

“Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if

the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have” (2 Corinthians 8:11-12).

\* This article was translated by Louis Ryo Nojiri, a student at Kitaura Junior High School.



Students of Kitaura Junior High School conducted the evangelistic meetings on their own by speaking, welcoming, providing special music, and promoting the meetings.

Mieko Hayashi came night after night. She listened carefully to God's Word and wrote in the response cards each evening that her desire was to know the Bible better.

Mieko was a former Adventist. She grew up in the church and was baptized when she was in college. But that was many years ago. In the meantime, she married, drifted away from the church, and never returned. From time to time, at the invitation of her Adventist brother pastor, she would attend a meeting here and there, but nothing made enough of an impression for her to want to come back. Over the last ten years, she began taking care of her aging father. When he died, she continued caring for her sick mother. A younger, non-Adventist sister began to help her, but because her sister

## A Daughter Returns Home

**Ron Clouzet**

NSD Ministerial Secretary



worked on Sabbaths, Mieko was compelled to attend to her mother on those days. This prevented her, yet again, from attending church.

But Mieko decided to attend the Las Profecías Bíblicas y la Esperanza series of meetings by Pastor Ron Clouzet, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). Although the presentations were in Spanish, they were simultaneously translated into Japanese by Pastor Sogen Tomihama, Okinawa Mission president. When the topic of baptism was given, she rejected the whole concept outright. Because of her experience of dropping out of the church, she would seem like a perfect candidate to consider a renewal of her life in Jesus, and a much-needed re-baptism.

Each night after that, Pastor Clouzet asked those who came to reconsider baptism. He was particularly thinking of Mieko. But it seemed like years of staying away from the church had made her heart impervious to the influence of the Holy Spirit in this respect. Even her pastor brother had little hope she would change her mind. But they kept praying.

Two days before the series was over, Pastor Clouzet spoke with Mieko personally, through an interpreter. He asked her a simple question: "Mieko, is there anything that is keeping you from getting re-baptized?" She hadn't really wrestled with it. In Japan, very few are re-baptized, and she figured that option was not for her. "If you change your mind," the speaker said, "and decide to be re-baptized, please, let us know tomorrow (Friday), and you can be baptized on Sabbath."

Friday night came; Mieko returned, but didn't say anything about wanting to be baptized. Her brother, his wife, the evangelist, and his wife were all praying, yet they concluded she was not yet ready to make that decision. The last morning of the series, something changed. Mieko woke up that Sabbath morning with the conviction she should take that step of faith in Jesus and be re-baptized! She gathered a change of clothes and a towel and drove to the meeting site. She communicated her desire to recommit her life to Jesus. Her brother was speechless. It had been more than 30 years!

Mieko was re-baptized that morning, and her quiet joy was evident through her smile and unusually chatty demeanor. She came back to her Adventist family. And all the prayers for her for so many years finally paid off!



# Japan Churches Move Forward in Faith



**Ron Clouzet**  
NSD Ministerial Secretary

After two years of planning, 161 churches and groups all over Japan held evangelistic meetings in the month of May 2018. Called All Japan 2018 Maranatha, this was a very bold move by church leaders in Japan, with the encouragement and support of General Conference and Division leaders, to do something great for the Lord.

The reality is that the church in Japan has been declining in membership for a number of years. The average age of the members is in their sixties. It is difficult to see an influx of young people coming into the church. And the secular and non-Christian culture in Japan make it a tremendous challenge for Christian mission.

This situation resulted in leadership at the highest levels to meet and see what could be done to counter this trend. The Japan Revitalization Commission was created, and there was a major think-tank gathering of leaders in February 2016, that began to set plans. Elder Ted N. C. Wilson, General Conference president, chose to strongly and personally support the evangelistic initiatives that followed.

But there was one essential problem: pastors and churches in Japan were not used to doing multi-night public evangelistic meetings, and training was sorely needed. So, last year, with the sponsorship of Adventist World Radio and its president, Dr. Duane McKay, over 30 pastors and lay leaders led in evangelistic meetings held in villages and cities in the Mindoro Island, in the Philippines. The challenge was great for our Japanese pastors, for even though they were given good preaching material, they had to do this in English, and be translated to the local language. In spite of that, hundreds of people made decisions for Christ and were baptized. This gave those pastors and leaders a taste for what could happen with public meetings. In addition, Dr. Ron Clouzet,

ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, conducted a 10-month long field school of evangelism with selected churches, providing constant training. His meetings demonstrated that God can be powerfully at work in the lives of Japanese seekers as much as He is elsewhere in the world. What must be followed is sound evangelistic principles based on the Bible and *The Spirit of Prophecy*.

Thus, many pastors and churches prepared for the All Japan 2018 Maranatha meetings last May. And many succeeded. Pastor Shigeru Ito, for example, implemented the plan of prayer-walking around one of his churches weeks before the meetings began. As he walked and jogged, he prayed for every house he saw, for the people in it, and for God to work on them. When the meetings began, he was surprised to see one couple come almost every night. He had never seen them before. As he got acquainted with them, he found out they lived in one of the homes he passed by each time he prayed around the neighborhood. God had heard his prayers! Pastor Hidekazu Murusawa is responsible for three churches. One of them is the Kobe Church, associated with the Kobe Adventist Hospital. He prepared well for the 10-day meetings. The church distributed 40,000 flyers to invite community people to the church, and they had the happy result of up to 80 non-members attend the meetings in May.

These things are not usually expected in Japan, but they're happening, by the grace of God. They're happening because enough pastors, churches and leaders chose to move forward in faith. By the middle of June, 104 people had already been baptized, and many more had become interested in our faith.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division officers, Union presidents, and two invited departmental directors gathered at the Courtyard Hotel in Hong Kong for the 2018 PREXAD (President's Executive Advisory Committee) from April 26 to 29, 2018.

In the opening worship, Robert Folkenberg, Jr., president of Chinese Union Mission (CHUM), gave a touching message about the mission activities of literature evangelists in the UT (Unorganized Territories) even though the situation is difficult. He appealed for fervent prayer for the progress of mission work in the UT.

The NSD set a goal for mission during the quinquennial period from 2016 to 2020. This goal, known as VOM 2020, is the vision of having one million church members in the NSD territories by 2020. Japan Union Conference (JUC) planned to have All Japan 2018 Maranatha for three weeks in May, with 161 churches

having evangelistic meetings. During All Japan 2018 Maranatha, at least 10 lay members served as speakers, and all theological students joined the evangelistic meetings as speakers. According to Pastor Masumi Shimada, JUC president, more than 20 speakers from other countries shared the gospel during this time. The longest evangelistic meetings took place in Hiroshima Church for 17 days from May 3 to 19. The church pastor delivered 34 different topics in the morning and evening for 17 days.

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) planned for big city evangelism in 219 churches in 2018. During this term, KUC emphasized having two cycles and five steps, which is two evangelistic meetings a year through five steps—commitment, contact, connection, crop and follow-up. Hwang ChunKwang, KUC president, said that KUC promotes Total Member Involvement (TMI) all the time and

through all church magazines, such as the monthly *Church Compass*. Also, quarterly Sabbath School Bible study books are mobilized to share stories of TMI with other churches throughout KUC.

According to Pastor Folkenberg, Jr., the health ministry team is actively working for winning souls in CHUM. They set the goal of having 150 baptisms this year, but they had to postpone and cancel their activities because of the restriction on such activities by the ruling power.

For the Taiwan Conference (TWC), president Noah Lai reported that TWC emphasizes the significance of each church having a plan for evangelistic meetings. He also stressed that the three major areas for evangelism are TMI training, church's plan on evangelistic meetings, and baptism.

NSD president Kim SiYoung also suggested that we would have Total Evangelism 2019. This will involve

## 2018 NSD PREXAD (President's Executive Advisory Committee)



having evangelistic meetings in 2019 sites throughout the NSD territories in 2019. The distribution of the evangelistic meetings will be as follows: KUC – 1,000 sites, JUC – 160 sites, CHUM – 700 sites, TWC – 110 sites, MM (Mongolia Mission) – 29 sites, HKMC (Hong Kong-Macao Conference) – 20 sites.

Each Union and Conference may decide when they will have evangelistic meetings. The NSD will provide materials on how to prepare for those events, and each church will have a strategic plan on how to make it successful.

The PREXAD team also made a decision on Youth Commission in January 2019, to win more young souls to the Adventist church. Japan, Korea and Taiwan are facing the aging of their societies. Churches are also getting old, and young people are leaving churches. To strengthen our Adventist churches and make them young, a drastic change is needed. Youth Commission next year will be the launching pad for youth ministries for the Adventist churches in the NSD.



The PREXAD team visited the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital.

On Sabbath, April 20, all PREXAD members attended different churches for worship, and in the afternoon, they visited two institutes, Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital and Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School. Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital opened in 2015 and provides great health care for the community people as a center of influence. Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School also provides three dimensions of Adventist education—intellectual, spiritual, and physical

aspects—for the community. Every year, some students are converted through class activities. All PREXAD members were much impressed by the development of Adventist institutes in Hong Kong, and they gave glory to God for His great blessings on them.



**Joo MinHo**

NSD Assistant to the President



## NSD Midyear Committee 2018 in Sapporo, Japan: Ministering to the Needs!

The 2018 Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Midyear Committee took place from May 22 to 24, 2018, in Sapporo, Japan, right after the All Japan 2018 Maranatha evangelistic series, which had 161 simultaneous meeting sites throughout Japan.

With the special expectation of continuing mission momentum, not only in Japan but also China, Korea, Taiwan, and Mongolia, the NSD executive members and invitees met together for development and progress of God's mission agenda.

A special emphasis was introduced by the NSD president Kim SiYoung to the Midyear EXCOM members: Ministering to the Needs (MTN). This MTN concept was brought out from Matthew 25:35-36 and from Ellen G.



1. Three NSD officers
2. Hensley Mooroooven, GC undersecretary, gave a sermon during the NSD Midyear Committee.
3. Sung Kwon, NAD community services director, served as a lecturer.

White's writing, *Ministry of Healing* page 143. President Kim suggested that Adventist living in the last days should be mingling, caring, and sharing as Jesus Christ mentioned. He appealed to the church leaders that NSD Vision One Million 2020 could be accomplished through TMI (Total Member Involvement) and MTN.

Hensley Mooroooven, the newly elected undersecretary for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, said during his morning devotional presentation, "Christ came to this world to meet the needs of mankind." He shared from the first six chapters of the Book of John.

Sung Kwon, director of community services in the North America Division, was invited to lecture about the importance of community services for the successful missional church. He emphasized that missional church should be "for our community" instead of "being an attractive church in our community."

During the business sessions, the EXCOM members approved several major agenda items: TMI evangelistic meetings at 2019 sites in the year 2019, PCM (Public Campus Ministry) Missionary Movement, Combined Offering Plan, and NSD Privacy Policy.

After the meetings, the participants visited Hitsujigaoka Observation Hill to see the Christian legacy of Dr. William Smith Clark. Sapporo was one of the main Christian mission centers during the Meiji Era when the Protestant Christian missionaries began to enter into Japan. Dr. Clark, who was the president of Massachusetts Agricultural College, was invited to serve as the president of the Imperial College of Agriculture at Sapporo (1876-1877). During his short term, he evangelized his whole class of students. He left a significant Christian impact on Japan with his prominent words for young people in Japan: "Boys, be ambitious [for Christ]."



**Song SungSub**  
NSD Associate Secretary

# Public and City Evangelism Workshop to Prepare for Simultaneous Big City Evangelistic Meetings

The Sabbath School and Personal Ministry (SS/PM) department of East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) and West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) held a Public and City Evangelism Workshop at Seoul English Institute Church and South Wonju Church for three days on March 24, 26, and 28, 2018. The theme of the workshop was “Community Service and City Evangelism.” The workshop was to encourage mission spirit and to seek active opportunities for mission for churches preparing city evangelistic meetings, which would be held simultaneously in 250 churches in Korea in May and June. There were about 70 Adventist lay members from 20 churches on the first day, and about 80 ECKC pastors and 30 WCKC pastors on the second day. On the third day, pastors and lay members from Gangwon Province attended the workshop.

The speakers of the workshop were Dr. May-Ellen Colon, director of Adventist community services of the General Conference; Dr. Joo MinHo, director of Global Mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division; and Pastor Lee ByungJoo, SS/PM director of the Korean Union Conference.

Dr. Colon stated, “Jesus firstly took care of the needs of people before teaching them spiritually. He invited them to follow Him after winning their trust. Through community

service we can change not only the people we serve but also ourselves who share the gospel.” And she emphasized how community service can be the starter for gospel work.

“There are tangible results in Japan, which was regarded as a mission-impossible country,” Dr. Joo said, focusing on the change taking place in churches in Japan. “Last year, 50 Japanese pastors experienced a 3-week evangelistic series in the Philippines and discovered the possibilities of mission. Based on this, Japan Union Conference is preparing a 3-week evangelistic

series to be held simultaneously in more than 160 churches in Japan this year. Kagosima Church held preliminary evangelistic meetings at the end of last year, and 633 people attended the meetings. It was a kind of miracle in Japan.”

Pastor Lee Sungsoo, ECKC SS/PM director, remarked, “We have learned how to prepare and proceed with the coming simultaneous meetings especially focusing on community service and methods of sharing the gospel through making relationships with the community.”

Dr. May-Ellen Colon, director of GC Adventist Community Services department, gave a lecture at a Public and City Evangelism Workshop.





# A New Children's Sabbath School Teacher Training Session of Level 1



**Nilde Lust**

NSD Children's Ministries Associate Director

Around 40 representatives of twenty-five churches of the Taiwan Conference (TWC) gathered together from June 1 to 3, 2018, in San Yu Adventist Health Center in Taiwan Adventist College (TAC) for a training to improve their teaching skills as leaders of the various divisions of the children's Sabbath Schools.

Under the theme "God's Grace Leads Children Home!" the group met for three days of intensive training sessions that included seminars about *GraceLink*, the official curriculum for children's Sabbath School around the world, the children's Sabbath School curriculum, presentations on class organization, demonstration of classes for Beginners, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior divisions, as well as workshops on music and crafts. They were also challenged to experience teaching-practice among themselves, preparing and demonstrating how they would teach a class according to the age group they normally work with.

The participants expressed their appreciation to the organizer Celeste Sha, children's ministries director of Taiwan Conference (TWC), and the presenters, Pearl Ma and Sarah Chen from the TAC church and Nilde Lust, children's ministries associate director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). The participants remarked that they were inspired through the event and felt better equipped to commit to their God-given task. At the end of the session, they were encouraged to surrender to God's leading as "jars filled with the living water" to impart God's Word to the children. They were invited to commit to being faithful teachers, ready to see miracles in their churches and prepared to receive and minister to the children in their churches and nearby communities.

This is the second group to receive this kind of training. Last year, 2017, the first group of around 30 people



met for the same experience. That group has now completed the second level of training. It is expected that this group will also become part of the learning community that has developed since last year. They have been assigned to send weekly reports of their Sabbath teaching experience during the next quarter and will receive coaching visits from TWC children's ministries leader, Celeste Sha.

The influence and impact of these teachers on the more than 800 children already attending our churches in Taiwan will only be fully evidenced and measured in Heaven. However, in the past year there has already been an increase in the number of children attending our churches in Taiwan. This is to confirm the testimonies received, including some from the teachers attending the training, that the impact children's Sabbath School has on the lives of children is decisive in their decision to follow Christ, and even in their decision to become a children's Sabbath School teacher.

As we continue to acknowledge, affirm, support, encourage, and pray for the sometimes invisible work of the many children's Sabbath School teachers in Taiwan and throughout NSD, let's remember that we are all called to make disciples, to meet the spiritual needs of the children, youth and adults. They may already be in the church and need to be exposed as much as possible to the Bible, equipping their families and mentors. But there are many other children and adults who will come because of the united efforts of all the church members (Total Member Involvement) as faithful missionaries in the upcoming evangelistic meetings. Let's be prepared to include our children in these efforts to minister to the needs of other children and adults and reach them with the message of salvation in Christ.



Above: Nilde Lust, children's ministries associate director, gave a demonstration of Sabbath School class.

Below: Celeste Sha, TWC children's ministries director, organized a training session for children's Sabbath School teachers.



# Shall We Do That?

## A Report from Sabbath School Seminar in Taiwan Conference



**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD SS/PM Director

The Sabbath School and Personal Ministry (SS/PM) department of Taiwan Conference (TWC) organized Sabbath School and Church Growth seminars. About 60 people attended, including TWC officers, local church pastors, and some church members. The TWC SS/PM director Pastor Wu Yitun arranged to conduct the seminars in two places. The first was held at Taichung Church on May 13, 2018, and the second one in Ping Tung on May 15, 2018.

TWC president Pastor Noah Lai gave an introductory speech, challenging everyone to focus on Sabbath School work, especially the activation of small groups for evangelism.

The main speaker of the seminars was Richard Sabuin, SS/PM director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), translated by

Participants of the Sabbath School seminar in Ping Tung, Taiwan



Joseph Ma, TWC education director. In those two six-hour seminars, Pastor Sabuin presented four topics. The first presentation dealt with the Sabbath School program and church growth. The emphasis was that before having lesson discussion time, Sabbath School programs could be an exciting one, inviting people to eagerly come on time and participate. Some ideas for innovative Sabbath School programs include Sabbath School quizzes, small group mission stories, memorizing memory verses, children's division presentation, faith testimonies, Bible drama by small groups, Sabbath School guest day, monthly theme emphasis, prayer session, etc.

Although the formation of small groups for church growth is not a new idea, it has not been fully implemented in many local churches. This was the second topic of the seminar with an emphasis, not on how to operate small groups, but why we need to do it. It is in fact a biblical instruction. Here are some statements made in relation to small groups: "The activation of small groups is not an option for church growth; it is the way to make it happen."; "Small group is not identical to Sabbath School discussion. Just as Sabbath School discussion is only one activity of the church, it is also only one of the activities



Participants of the Sabbath School seminar in Taichung, Taiwan

of small groups.”; “A small group may be called a small group ONLY when it functions somehow like a church... It has a name, it has members, it has a structure, it has a strategic plan, it has regular meetings, and it has growth.”

Two hours of the seminar were allocated for the third topic about how to lead Sabbath School lesson discussion effectively. In closing, Pastor Sabuin challenged the pastors to care for the children of the church, not simply through family spiritual development and children’s Sabbath School programs, but through Adventist schools. Our church does not have any elementary schools in Taiwan except one that accepts only students with foreign passports. This is a missing link in Adventist education. For at least six years in their lives, our Adventist children do not receive best quality Adventist education. This affects their decision for further education. Many do not choose to attend Adventist middle and high schools, and Adventist colleges. In the long run, this situation may end up with the disappointment of seeing many young people not staying in the church.

At the end of the day, the basic question remains: Shall we do that?

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# West Central Korean Conference Medical Missionaries

**Ghoi YoungII**  
NSD Health Ministries Director

The health ministries department of the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) held the 4th medical missionary dispatching ceremony on May 12, 2018. Thirty medical missionaries completed the 3-month course training and passed a qualification exam to become WCKC medical missionaries. They will serve their local church as an important tool for evangelism. With their medical knowledge and skills, they will be on the front line of soul-saving mission.

At the ceremony, WCKC pastors and medical mission trainers gave encouraging words to the 30 missionaries who were dispatched to their local community and society. The missionaries have a thirst for saving souls. They will be able to fulfill the duty of a missionary with the Adventist health message as the right arm of evangelism.

We hope that WCKC’s medical missionary training program continues to progress and that another dispatching ceremony will soon take place.



The Northern Asia-Pacific Division conducted a publishing evaluation in Japan, Korea and Mongolia from April 22 to 27, 2018. The purpose of this evaluation or survey was not to embarrass any publishing department, publishing house or its leaders; rather, it was a growing and learning experience. It was designed to assist our publishing leaders to make improvements where necessary and to excel where they have succeeded and to provide guidance for the general direction of the department or institution.

Elder Almir Marroni and Elder Wilmar Hirle, director and associate director of the General Conference publishing ministries, joined the evaluation team. Their observations and comments were well received by the local publishing leaders.

The evaluation team first arrived in Tokyo, Japan, on April 22 and conducted the evaluation for the Japanese Union Conference (JUC) the next day together with the presence of JUC officers, publishing director and manager of Japan Publishing House. After listening to the report presented by the publishing house editor-in-chief, the team carefully evaluated the publishing program in Japan and made some recommendations to the JUC administration, the publishing department and the Japan Publishing House.

The evaluation team flew to Korea and, with the presence of KUC officers, conducted the survey and evaluation the next day for the Korean Union Conference (KUC) publishing ministries department and Sijosa, the Korean Publishing House. After a very candid review and open discussion, the evaluation team made

# Publishing Evaluation in Japan, Korea and Mongolia



**Stanley Ng**

NSD Publishing Ministries Director

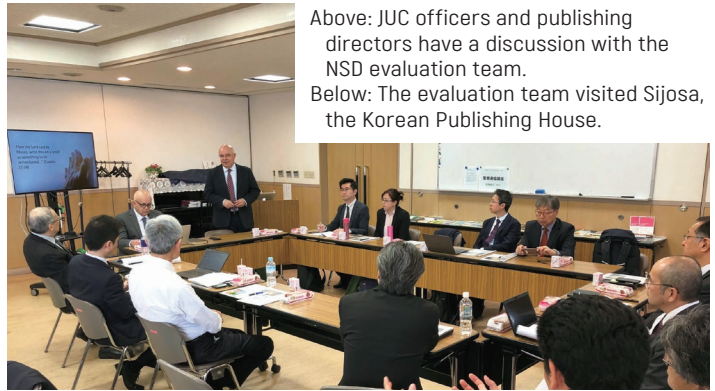


some suggestions to the KUC administration as well as to Sijosa on how they could improve the publishing program and increase the enrollment of literature evangelists in the territory.

On April 25, the evaluation team flew to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and conducted the survey and evaluation for the Mongolia Mission publishing department. The Mongolia Mission also operates a small-scale de facto press “The Jolly Press,” which has published and printed many books in the past twenty-some years.

The survey and evaluation process mainly focused on the areas of operation and management, financial performance, marketing strategies and mission outreach. It was certainly an eye-opening and learning experience for those who participated in the exercise. We sincerely hope that through this exercise, our publishing program will improve and advance.

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Above: JUC officers and publishing directors have a discussion with the NSD evaluation team.  
Below: The evaluation team visited Sijosa, the Korean Publishing House.



## WCKC Holds a Seminar on Bible Meditation for Youth

The youth department of West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) held a seminar on Bible meditation at Deer Mountain Training Center from April 28 to 29, 2018. About 60 young people, from elementary school students to college students, gathered to learn the importance of the Bible and how to meditate on it.

The seminar started at 7:00 p.m. with opening worship. Pastor Kwon HyeongMin delivered the message on Hannah’s enthusiastic prayer in 1 Samuel 1:10. Pastor Kwon pointed out the importance of “being changed by the word in daily life.”

Pastor Jeong YoungKyu, the WCKC youth director who organized this seminar, said, “This seminar aims to teach young people how to stand on God’s Word and to help them to know Jesus as their personal Savior.”

This seminar consisted of reading the Bible in small groups and finding spiritual meanings in the text, instead of the common method of listening to lectures. From Sabbath evening to Sunday morning, participants trained through meditating on Luke 24, Isaiah 55, and Luke 8 as texts.





## Health Evangelism: A Powerful Tool for Saving Souls

Spreading the gospel in Taiwan, a country of Buddhism, is a challenging task, but the Adventist health message can be a powerful tool for saving souls. The Xindian Church in Taiwan held a health evangelistic series from April 16 to 21, 2018, and they invited Dr. Choi YoungIl, health ministry director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), as the speaker.

Leading up to this event, the church had held special prayer meetings consistently, and had actively run a Korean language program to invite people who are interested in Korean culture. During the evangelistic meetings, more than 60 people, including church members and seekers, attended every meeting. The number of

After the health evangelism in the Xindian Church, five people were reborn by baptism.



attendees as well as the number of seekers gradually increased as the event progressed. Well-prepared praises by the Golden Angels opened attendees' hearts.

The speaker adopted a strategy of interactive lecturing, rather than one-way teaching. As a result, the attendees were able to enthusiastically participate in the lecture. The speaker's messages on health were smoothly connected to the words of God.

Once again, our Church's health messages became a good channel to spread the gospel. Eight people decided to be baptized, and among them, five people have already received baptism, and the remaining three people will be baptized after participating in Bible studies. These three seekers attended church on the Sabbath day, and when they witnessed the baptismal ceremony they were deeply touched.

It is not an exaggeration to say that it is hard to spread the gospel in Taiwan, but there is still hope. As in Taiwan, many people have an interest in health these days. We need to help them to find the key to a healthy life in the Bible.

I pray that the five newly baptized members and the three prospective members grow spiritually and become pillars of the Xindian Church.

**Choi YoungIl**

NSD Health Ministries Director



# WCKC's First Discipleship Training Conference

The Sabbath School and Personal Ministry (SS/PM) department of West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) and the Rotem Missionaries held the first JDTS Conference on May 15, 2018, at Cheonseong Church in Seoul. JDTS is an acronym for Jesus Discipleship Training School.

The conference began with opening worship with a sermon preached by Pastor Shin KwangCheol, SS/PM director of WCKC. Pastor Shin introduced the JDTC as a discipleship training program. Different discipleship training programs have different methods and emphasis, but they share the same principle and purpose—learning the discipleship of Jesus. “The JDTS was developed as a result of church members’ needs and participation, not by church organizations. The SS/PM department will support this program to naturally spread to Adventist church members,” said Pastor Shin.

“Disciples are those who learn from Jesus, follow Him, and try to be like Him. The purpose of discipleship training is to reveal God,” said Pastor Hyun DaeEon from the Rotem Missionaries. He added, “Although we may know how to live a spiritual life with Christ, we rarely get trained to disciple others.”

In many cases, the problem is that only pastors train disciples, but those disciples do not make disciples. The JDTS program was designed to examine trainees’ lives after the training is finished.

One of the trainees said, “I realized that discipleship training is very important for a spiritual life, and I think everyone should get this kind of training.” Most of the trainees left positive feedbacks, saying, “It totally changed my life,” and “The JDTS is different from other discipleship programs. It makes my daily life happy.”

The JDTS pursues Adventist truth and identity. The program runs largely with two kinds of textbooks, one for evangelism and the other for nurturing, and trainees go through four phases to complete the program.

Jesus said, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). It is certain that discipleship training is Jesus’ way to deliver the gospel to the world.



# WCKC Pathfinders' Basic Staff Training Course

**Jeong YoungKyu**  
WCKC Youth Ministries Director

The youth department of the West-Central Korean Conference conducted a Pathfinder Basic Staff Training Course on March 25, 2018, at Cheonseong Church. Sixty-three leaders participated in this training course, and it was the largest number of people to participate in the course in recent months. Sixty-one of the participants completed the training.

Six high-school children of Pathfinder leaders participated in the training, opening the doors of the second generation of Pathfinder leaders. Also, the leaders of the Seven Lights Church for the Deaf attended, and the training was conducted with sign language interpretation. We can be certain that Pathfinder ministry is one of the promising works for the next generation. Seven people, including Pastor Lee TaeHo, served as speakers. It was a grace-filled and meaningful time under God's leading.



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# Pathfinder Leaders' Conference in Korea

The youth ministries department of Korean Union Conference (KUC) held a national Pathfinder leaders' conference at KUC Vision Center from January 20 to 21, 2018. It began with chanting the Pathfinder motto in unison, "The Love of Christ Compels Me," and its aim, "The Advent Message to All the World in My Generation."

"Obadiah was one who knew and feared God from his childhood. God uses those who are like Obadiah in these last days," said Hwang ChunKwang, KUC president, based on 1 Kings chapter 18.

Pastor Lee KeeHo, KUC youth director, suggested "Pathfinders in Mission" as a new model for Pathfinders for the 21st century. He redefined Pathfinders as not a culture nor a club, but a ministry. "Cultures or club activities can be included in ministry," he added.

During the meeting, attendees discussed Bible Adventure Conference, building up a professional resource pool for Pathfinder honors, and standardizing uniforms.





# 2018 Public Campus Ministry Caravan



“Follow Jesus, Embrace His Mission, Change the World.”

The youth ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Kim NakHyung, and the General Conference Public Campus Ministries (PCM) director, Moon JiWan, conducted a “Public Campus Ministry Caravan” from April 16 to 26, 2018. While the meetings were held in Hong Kong, Japan, and Korea, this year they also went to Taiwan, China, and Mongolia in order to support those countries’ campus ministries.

The Taiwan Conference does not have a campus ministry group. However, it is surprising that many local churches have quite a number of college students attending. Moreover, Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan, has the possibility of revival due to youth ministries leaders and college students who understand the importance of campus ministries. Pastor Baek Joon, who re-dispatched to Taiwan after completing his Pioneer Mission Movement mission in China, started a campus ministry for college students in Hsinchu.

China has vast land and infinite human resources. Many college students who are involved with campus mission and consider themselves as missionaries revealed

their hope of reviving campus ministries. Local churches have dispatched campus mission leaders in each college, and they have set up campus mission centers to help them carry out their mission work there. It seems that campus ministry in China has already taken a step toward rapid growth.

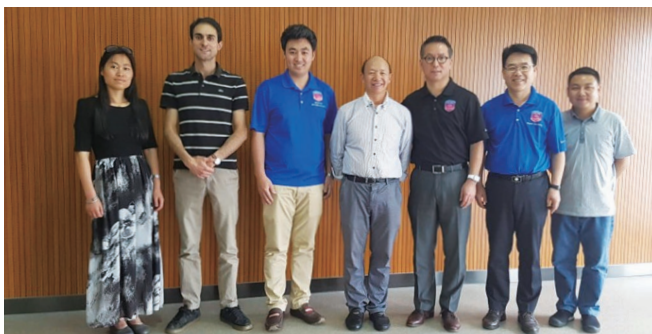
Young people in Mongolia are the mainstay of most local churches in Mongolia. Many of the young people already belong to their own youth club and have studied the Bible and have done community service with their club members. Currently the Mongolia Mission recognizes the importance of campus ministry and has been initiating mission activities.

Pastor Kim and Pastor Moon are certain that these three countries have a huge potential for making campus ministries successful. Hopefully, this Public Campus Ministry Caravan will help their ministries on campus so that the gospel of God will spread in these countries through campus mission.



**Kim NakHyung**  
NSD Youth Ministries Director

Public Campus Ministry Caravan went to a university in China.



TWC shows their enthusiasm for campus ministries.



# Korean Local Conferences Hold Pathfinder Camporees



Four out of five local Conferences in Korea held their own Pathfinder camporee in May 2018. Many Adventist youth all over Korea had a wonderful time meeting friends, getting close to God, and developing skills as God's workers.

The West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) held a camporee with the theme of "Face to Face." The camporee was held at Deer Mountain Training Center from May 4 to 7, 2018. What was different from previous WCKC camporees was that while booth activities had previously let participants just experience different skills, this time the booths were designed to have them really learn the skills. The booth activities took one to six hours depending on

the theme of the booth. For example, spending six hours making kites and wood reels, the participants could master kite flying. At a handmade leather booth, participants finished making a handbag, rather than making small accessories. This year, several new booths, including playing the guitar and the flute, self-directed Bible learning, badminton, and learning about mushrooms, received a good response from participants.

Joo EunOk, one of the booth instructors, said, "We don't want our Pathfinders and Adventurers to just dabble at various things at the booths this time. I hope that our camporee participants can teach their friends what they learned at the camporee."

"Exodus" was the theme of the Southeast Korean Conference (SEKC) camporee, which was held from May 4 to 7, at Sahmyook Cheongdo Training Center. The camporee began with the opening ceremony on the first evening, and orientation, divine worship on Sabbath, booth activities, a baptismal ceremony, lectures, pin trading, and campfire night followed.

Booths were designed to combine the Israelites' exodus journey from Egypt to Canaan with learning Pathfinder skills. At the "Batoning" booth, participants learned how to cut wood using a knife as the Israelites made a sanctuary for God. At the "Ignition" booth, they acquired fire-making skill with bow drills and feather sticks so that they could experience how the Israelites made fire in the desert to cook. At the booths, the participants also learned about the sanctuary, altar, and ephod (the garment worn by the High Priest). In addition, there were booths with other various themes, such as trees, bugs, instruments, knotting, etc.

"We spent much time developing the booths following the one theme, 'Exodus.' We wanted our participants to learn about the Israelite's exodus in the Bible through the booth activities, rather than learning only camping skills," said booth coordinator Kim MinJeong. The participants had to write a report after completing each booth in order to keep the Bible story in their minds.

SEKC local church Pastor Song BaDa gave a message, citing 1 Corinthians: "These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come." He encouraged Pathfinders to take a journey to heaven under the guidance of God, who guided the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan.

The Middlewest Korean Conference (MWKC) had their camporee from

1. Pathfinders and their leaders greet one another with high-fives.
2. Pathfinders experienced rock climbing under the guidance of instructors.
3. The participants of the SEKC camporee, themed "Exodus," learned about the sanctuary using a model.
4. Group photo of the MWKC camporee participants.
5. The SWKC camporee held a "drill and marching presentation," which was the highlight of the camporee.



May 4 to 7 at Dongsan Garden in Cheonan. The theme of their camporee was "Sling a Stone," which was from the story of David who beat Goliath with a sling and a stone.

All of the camporee programs, including booth activities and sermons, were focused on David. Three speakers prepared different sermons about David for the three different levels of participants—Adventurers, Pathfinders, and Challengers. The twenty-two booths were also based on the theme of David. They also had outdoor

activities on Sabbath afternoon and learned how to survive outdoors through programs, such as "Find tools outdoors," "Cook a meal outdoors," and "Make a sleeping place outdoors."

About 130 adults, including Pathfinders' parents and club leaders, also participated in the MWKC camporee. It was good progress in terms of spending meaningful time together through this church program.

The Southwest Korean Conference (SWKC) held a camporee titled

"Steps to Jesus," from May 4 to 6, at Mizpeh Training Center. They had prayer meetings by clubs, an opening ceremony and a parade, Sabbath worship, programs for cultivating a sense of community and booth activities. The "drill and marching presentation" was the highlight of the SWKC camporee. Participants were impressed by each club's performance. Through various camporee programs, participants felt empowered as they were united in God.



## The 18th Joint Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony Held in Hong Kong

The 18th Joint Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony of the social service department of Hong Kong-Macau Conference (HKMC) was successfully held on April 29, 2018, in Hong Kong.

There were approximately 200 award-winning volunteers in attendance. Thirty-four volunteers were awarded gold awards for serving 100 hours or more while another thirty were awarded silver awards. Sixty-four bronze awards were handed out.

The theme of this year was “Beautiful Life.” The concept is based on three elements: watering, nourishing, and connecting. It means that one can, through volunteer services, water other people and nourish their lives so that people will be connected and be able to build a beautiful life together.

Dr. Siu, founder and director of the “Gideon Ministry Project,” shared his testimony about how God turned his life into one of service, which showed the important role that social services plays in our society.

The ceremony was followed by well-designed activities that brought smiles to the participants. The event took place in a warm and loving atmosphere.



Above: Honored guests and volunteer representatives  
Below: Volunteer team performance



# West Central Korean Conference Holds a Health Festival

**Choi YoungIl**

NSD Health Ministries Director

It is obvious that one of the common interests of Korean people is health. That's why the health ministries department of the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) has steadily carried out various health-related activities for neighborhoods, and they have been successful.

On May 20, 2018, WCKC health ministries held a health festival at Cheonseong Church. The department developed a plan to introduce the Adventist health message to local people in a more natural way. WCKC's other departments, including women's, children's and youth, cooperated to hold this event.

In the morning, participants visited booths to learn various skills for improving health. Seminars were offered by famous lecturers in the afternoon. About 500 people participated in this event.

It was a precious time for introducing our health message to the local people and for verifying its excellence. Many of the participants showed an interest in attending the Medical Missionary Conference that will be held this coming August and having an opportunity to learn more about the Adventist Church as well as the Adventist health message.



Booths with various themes related to improving health received a good response from participants at the WCKC health festival.

## Pastors' Meetings in New Zealand

**Ron Clouzet**  
NSD Ministerial Secretary

Dr. Lisa Clouzet, associate ministerial secretary at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was the main speaker for the North New Zealand Conference (NNZC) Ministerial Spouses Association, which was held from April 20 to 21, 2018, in the Glenn Innes Church in Auckland. During the two days of meetings, Dr. Lisa spoke on the topics of loneliness, expectations, and boundaries in ministry. Sabbath afternoon and evening were dedicated to an interactive question-and-answer session and time of fellowship. During the week, Dr. Lisa also met with a group of female pastors, along with Conference, Union, and Division leaders, to discuss issues pertaining to women in ministry.

Dr. Ron Clouzet, NSD ministerial secretary, was one of the key speakers for the New Zealand Pacific Union's quinquennial gathering of ministers. He gave three presentations on the Holy Spirit and three workshops on ministry. He also spoke at the Brentwood and Royal Oak churches in Auckland. Division policy allows one yearly trip outside of the local division to minister to others. The emphasis on prayer and the Holy Spirit was refreshing to many pastors, and many decided to emphasize prayer and the Holy Spirit much more in their churches.



## HKMC Staff Retreat Renews Mission Spirit

The "2018 Pastoral Retreat" in the Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) was held from April 23 to 24, 2018, in Hong Kong. There were 58 pastoral staff attending the meeting. Following the continuation of the theme "Embrace Change" from last year, this year the theme was "We Move Forward."

The activities inspired the missionaries to think about how to formulate strategies for mission and "how to practice" the goal they had set the previous year. They realized the importance of understanding other people and hoped they could do better to help the church grow.

Pastor Chiloee Fan reminded them that in the missionary life, we will overcome our fears as long as we stand on the same side with God. HKMC president Heywood Cham advised them to "take courage" and make some real changes. The process of renewal and growth has been seen in the HKMC as a result of the retreats held these past two years.



1. Group photo of HKMC staff
2. HKMC staff members enjoy a group activity.
3. Pastor Heywood Cham, HKMC president, gives an inspirational message.



# A Week in Shalu Church: I Have Seen Growth!

**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD SS/PM Director

Three months of preparation for an evangelistic meeting? It happened in the Shalu Seventh-day Adventist Church in Taiwan. After assuming his ministry in this church, Pastor Park JinSu, together with the church members, planned for an evangelistic meeting. The previous pastor had done a lot and laid a good foundation for the growth of the church.

During those three months, the church utilized all its potentials. The mothers of the church invited mothers of other faiths with their children to make a mothers' club in the church. This was in addition to the opening of Korean class, English class, Korean culture class, etc.

The activities bore fruit. During the evangelistic week from March 22 to 28, 2018, many came to the meetings. In the morning many joined the classes. All church members participated in doing what they could to support the programs. Some mothers who are not church members were even the key persons in organizing the classes. When I saw them, I thought they were church members. They looked like church members. Later I was told that they are not even Christians. Church members welcomed them as family.

I could sense a very warm and enthusiastic atmosphere in the church.

Pastor Park JinSu and his family play very important roles in training the church members any skills possible that the church may become a center of influence. The pastor teaches the church members how to play Korean drums. His wife helps in teaching a Korean class. Their children are good role models for the other children. Yes, the church has become a center of influence. Many mothers love to stay at the church building for some hours every day with their children.

During the evangelistic week, the church members performed Korean drums in two nearby schools. One of the schools has even invited the church to perform during the Christmas program this year—a time when usually only professional artists would perform.

On Sabbath of March 28, about 120 people came to church. The church was full. Three-fourth of them were not church members. Most were mothers and children. On that Sabbath, I saw one of the most powerful children Sabbath School programs. The presence of Golden Angels 15 added to the success



Dr. Sabuin (left), Pastor Park JinSu (right), and his family



of the programs. With different spiritual gifts, they helped in many ways.

On that Sabbath, my sermon was in the form of a children-homily, telling the children the power of Jesus who could calm the stormy sea. He is the Creator of the universe. I asked the children: Do you want to believe in Jesus who is powerful to save? They all raised their hands. Not only the children, some parents also raised their hands! Praise the Lord.

As the climax of the evangelistic week, four souls gave their lives to the Lord through baptism. One of them is Hanna, the daughter

of the church pastor. She had told her father that she would like to be the first fruit of their ministry as they serve as a Pioneer Mission Movement pastor and family in Taiwan.

There is much more to tell, but one thing I can confidently say, "I have seen growth!" The church members have even challenged the pastor, saying that they would reach 30 souls this year. Let us pray for God's work in Shalu Church.

Smartphone and internet addiction among Korean youth has been a growing problem. To promote healthy habits to young people, Hankook Sahmyook High School organized "Supporters for Prevention of Internet Addiction" and had a launching ceremony with 27 supporters on April 17, 2018, at the Shema Vision Center on the school campus. They were also designated as young supporters of the Seoul Counseling Center for Internet Addiction.

Woo TaeGoo, vice principal of Hankook Sahmyook High School, referred to results of research on Korean young people's internet and smartphone habits. He pointed out, "The internet has brought us numerous benefits and conveniences, but at the same time, it

## Student Supporters for Prevention of Internet Addiction



sometimes leads people to misuse and addiction. And this will cause troubles physically and mentally in their daily lives at home, school, and in the community." He expressed the hope that the supporters will help their friends and neighbors who have such an addiction to overcome their problems and start their lives with renewed vigor.

The supporters will carry out their activities through the end of 2018. On the school's sports day in May, they plan to set up a booth to survey students' internet and

smartphone habits. Then, based on the survey results, the supporters will make a strategy to prevent addiction and carry out various campaign activities.





# Third Graduation Ceremony of HisHands Medical Missionary Online Course

The third graduation ceremony for the online HisHands Medical Missionary course in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) was held on May 7, 2018, at the Seoul SDA Language Institute. Citing Ellen White's writings, "We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work" (*Counsels on Diet and Foods* 455), Joanna Kim, HisHands Medical Mission leader, encouraged attendees to spread this mission movement to the world.

Choi MyoungSup, director of Sahmyook Medical Center, gave warm congratulatory remarks, saying, "As Jesus Christ is in the center of the Adventist health message, Jesus Christ is in the center of all of the work in Sahmyook Medical Centers in Seoul and Busan." He also said that "both Sahmyook Medical Center and HisHands Medical Mission share the same belief: 'I am the Lord, who heals you, (Exodus, 15:26),' making this a win-win relationship for mission."

"Mission First," the identity of the NSD, was emphasized by Joo MinHo, NSD assistant to the president. He expressed his gratitude for the enthusiastic mission service of Joanna Kim, who has devoted herself to HisHands Medical Mission in the NSD territories.

The highlight of the ceremony was mission reports by thirty-eight HHMM mission groups. They introduced their members, reported on the mission work in the past year, shared testimonies, and presented future plans. Some of the groups were invited to local evangelistic meetings, which are going to

be held not only in Korea but in Mongolia and Taiwan.

Pastor Lee KeeHo, HHMM director of the Korean Union Conference (KUC), introduced Always Mission (AM) missionaries to the attendees. AM missionaries are organized by the Korean alumni of 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionaries. Pastor Lee said, "KUC will encourage AM missionaries to take the HisHands Medical Missionary online course so that they will be God's workers armed by righteousness and self-control like Daniel." In the case of 1000MM applicants, they have to receive medical mission training by Joanna Kim before they are dispatched to their mission fields.

Pastor Han SukHee, NSD HHMM coordinator, said, "I hope these thirty-eight HHMM mission groups will take strong root within their local churches, grow healthy, and yield much fruit of soul-salvation." He represented the goal of organizing 100 mission groups and having 1,000 HisHands medical missionaries. Attendees gave glory to God, who has blessed HHMM medical mission, and once again made up their mind to go anywhere with the gospel.

The next dispatch ceremony of HHMM medical missionaries will be held at the NSD International Mission Congress, which is going to be held from August 8 to 11, 2018, in Ilsan, Korea. Missionaries from Japan, China, Mongolia, Taiwan, and Korea will participate in this big gathering and will make a vow to carry out the mission from God.



**Han SukHee**  
NSD HHMM Coordinator





Mongolia Mission (MM) held a HisHands medical missionary training seminar at the Youth Training Center from May 10 to 13, 2018. The seminar was attended by 135 lay leaders with Ms. Joanna Kim as the lecturer. The MM held this four-day intensive training meeting for lay leaders with the goal of training medical missionaries. The participants came to the seminar with great expectation and interest. The medical missionary training began with prayer and was full of enthusiastic responses and fervent ardor from the first day.

Lectures on various skills and practices, such as the health message and natural therapy of Mrs. White,

healthy cooking, water therapy and charcoal therapy, healing massage, natural therapy for missionaries to use in uncivilized areas, and balance of modern medical science and natural healing, were provided for the attendants. When the attendants heard examples of cases where skin ailments and inflammation diseases were cured by proper diet and change of lifestyle, they gained self-confidence that they can do mission work through medical ministry even though they don't have specialized knowledge as doctors and nurses. The emergency natural healing kit, which medical missionaries can easily use when they visit those who are interested or have contact with

# HisHands Medical Missionary Training Seminar in Mongolia

**Han SukHee**  
NSD HHMM Coordinator



the sick, aroused explosive interest and response, and the practice on how to use the kit was continued until late every night.

Attendants expressed that “this seminar was very helpful because we not only listened to the lectures but also had question and answer sessions after every lecture and various practice sessions.” They revealed their ambition, saying, “We learned simple ways of healing which we can use practically every day, and we will apply and practice what we learned directly in our mission field.”

On the last day of the meeting, the attendants devoted themselves to the call for HisHands medical missionaries, and 27 people were chosen as team leaders who would organize 27 HisHands medical mission teams in Mongolia. Through this seminar, attendants had confidence that the health message of Mrs. White could be welcomed by the Mongolian people, whose staple food is meat and many of whom suffer from chronic diseases due to their unbalanced diet. Attendees showed their expectation that Mongolians can change by following Adventist health messages, including

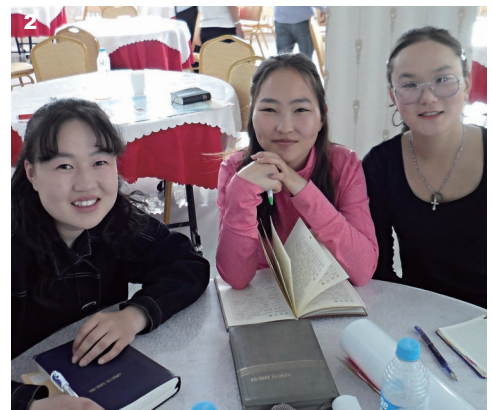


Left: Ms. Joanna Kim, HHMM trainer, led a HisHands medical missionary training seminar.  
Below: Instructors taught various kinds of natural therapy recommended by Mrs. White.



a healthy diet, NEWSTART lifestyle, and natural therapies. It was very meaningful to organize HisHands medical mission teams through this kind of meeting for training medical mission leaders.

This is just the beginning. For further fruit, there will be a follow-up training program this coming September. The September session will be conducted as not only a medical mission training but also an evangelistic meeting on healthy lifestyle, and the 27 team leaders will bring the interested with them to the meeting. It will not be easy to have training and evangelism together at the same time, but HisHands medical missionaries will be quite capable of carrying out the given mission “Through His Heart, With His Power, As His Hands,” which is the chant of the HisHands Mission Movement.



1 & 2. Training participants not only learned about the Adventist health message but were trained as gospel workers.  
3. Trainees pray to God to help them carry out their given mission to preach God's message in Mongolia.



# PMM Pastors' Education for North Korea Mission

**Joo MinHo**

NSD Adventist Mission Director



Participants in front of an observatory which enables visitors to see three nations, Russia, China, and North Korea

After the two summit meetings between North Korea and South Korea at Panmunjom on April 27 and May 26, 2018, Korean Union Conference (KUC) convened a special meeting for pastors who are willing to serve in North Korea when the door opens. This education meeting for NK PMM (Pioneer Mission Movement for North Korea) pastors was held in Yanji, China, from June 4 to 7, 2018. Pastor Lee ByungJoo, KUC director who is in charge of North Korea mission, hosted the meeting. He reported that 24 pastors from KUC have volunteered to serve in North Korea in the future, and 17 out of them attended the education meeting held in Yanji, China.

On the first day, the participants visited Tumen City, from which we can see Namyang City of North Korea across the Tumen River. In the distance, there were trucks being driven, stirring much dust. In North Korea, 97% of roads are unpaved. We hear that in the night there is no light in that city because of the lack of energy. In 1904 Korean Adventism started taking root in what is now North Korea and was eventually delivered to the South. After the liberation from Japanese colonial periods, the Korean peninsula was split into two: the North Communist country and the South Democratic country. Under communism, Adventism went underground as did other religions.

On the second day, the participants visited a place where the border of three nations, Russia, China, and North Korea, converge. There was a railroad bridge over Tumen River connecting Russia and North Korea. All of us dreamed and hoped that some day we might travel to Europe via North Korea and Russia through that railroad.

Before the participants left for the border, they had a chance to hear from a Han Chinese member who is doing North Korea



Participants visited the birthplace of Yoon DongJu, a Korean poet as well as an independence activist, in Longjing, China.

mission through his business. The principle of his business is to give sellers more than they should receive at the regular price. He has been showing the compassion and character of Jesus to the North Korean people. He has many companies in North Korea, and a substantial number of North Koreans are working in his companies. The participating pastors were able to learn how to approach the North Korean people when the door is open. Showing the love of Jesus through our lives and meeting their felt-needs are the methods which we can use to touch the hearts of people.

On the third day, most of the participants climbed the famous mountain of the Korean peninsula called Mt. Baekdu in Korean or Mt. Changbai in Chinese, which is occupied by both countries. Its altitude is 2,744 meters. We climbed this mountain from the west side with the dream that someday we would be able to climb this mountain again from the North Korea side.

This time, from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Dr. Joo Minho, Adventist Mission director, and Pastor Kim SunHwan, associate director, attended this meeting and encouraged the participants to prepare for North Korea mission with much prayer to help them be fit for the ministry and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Dr. Joo stressed that while people are seeking suitable methods, God is seeking the suitable person. He also said that there was a need for humanitarian work, such as orphanages, clinics, schools and food factories, to meet the needs of the people. Then the gospel might be easily accepted in

the hearts. There are many human resources, including Korean pastors, voluntary lay members, Korean Chinese, Korean American, and immigrants from North Korea. When their efforts are united, the mission for North Korea will be accomplished rapidly.

Three leaders of North Korea Mission at the border of China and North Korea



Seventeen pastors attended this special education meeting for North Korea Mission held in Yanji, China.



Golden Angels and the drum performance team of the Shalu Church visited a local school.

# Golden Angels Go To Banqiao, Xindian, and Shalu

At 3:00 in the very early morning of April 8, 2018, we, the 15th batch of Golden Angels, headed to Incheon International Airport to start our second mission trip in Taiwan. Three churches in Taiwan—Banqiao, Xindian, and Shalu—were waiting and preparing for the arrival of the “Angels.”

We started our ministry in Banqiao Church by distributing flyers on the street. We continuously prayed while sharing, that each flyer would be a new chance for all who received it. However, not many people were interested in what we were longing to share. Experiencing rejection hurt, but we were reminded of Jesus, who experienced countless rejections throughout his lifetime and yet who still loved us. Knowing so, we asked God eagerly for more souls to be led to Jesus Christ.

Our sincere prayers were answered during the three weeks of our mission trip in Taiwan. We were blessed with so many souls in every church we visited. In Banqiao Church, we met and spent most of our time with youth through small-group meetings that we had after the evening meeting. We were able to develop a closer relationship as we shared meaningful talks. By the grace of God, we held a wonderful baptism ceremony on Friday evening with two newborn souls.

During the next week, in Xindian Church, we visited the homes of church members. We had little to share, but we were greatly welcomed by them. To show our appreciation, we sang inspirational songs for them. It was a great memory of sharing love with each other as one family

in Christ. Every evening after the meeting, we held a special prayer session for five new seekers who were going to face the most important decision ever in their lifetime. God helped them through, and all five souls were reborn as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father.



“Drum-dum-dum-dum.” The last church, Shalu, welcomed us with the enthusiastic sound of drums. The church members have been preparing a drum performance for the cultural classes at the local schools. The church members were excited about the ministry that they have been preparing. The whole church worked together for every event, and each time we repeated the chant together, “我们是一家人! (womenshi yi jia ren),” which means we are one family. As it says in the chant, all of the church members mingled as one family to work for God. On the last Sabbath, we also had a baptismal ceremony for four people who longed to join the heavenly family.

The three weeks of our mission were filled with eager prayers, not only with our Golden Angels members, but with pastors and church members. We have gathered together to pray for God’s will to be done. Each one of us might be too weak to do God’s work alone, but when we gather together to pray as one family, God’s will will surely be done, for He has promised, “If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you” (Matthew 18:19).

Golden Angels supported an evangelistic series led by Dr. Richard Sabuin, NSD SS/PM director, at the Shalu Church.



# NSD INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONGRESS IS COMING UP SOON!

## A MESSAGE FROM TED WILSON



It is my privilege to welcome you to the Northern Asia-Pacific International Mission Congress. What an exciting time you are going to have, focusing on Total Member Involvement—Everyone doing something for Jesus! The opportunity to learn new skills, new talents, new ways of reaching people in your country, in your neighborhood, in your church. Being able to reach out and to help others to know that Jesus is coming soon. To be able to proclaim the Three Angels’ Messages using practical methods according to Christ’s method alone.

I ask that you pray earnestly during this Congress, for the power and latter rain of the Holy Spirit, and that we will renew our individual commitment to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to His church and the mission of proclaiming the Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14. Soon Jesus will come.

In the book *Evangelism*, Ellen G. White says, “If every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind. While men have slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us... It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain” (p. 594, 696).

What a blessing you and I have, for this opportunity to be able to exchange ideas from one country to another and specifically for NSD, to reach the millions of people that the Lord intends to see in His kingdom. With an international mission approach, it is indeed a privilege to be able to serve the Lord and to learn at the NSD International Mission Congress.

Maranatha

Ted N. C. Wilson  
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