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NSD elects new departmental directors during the 2021 Midyear Committee for a successful implementation of the *I Will Go* mission strategy.

# Northern Asia-Pacific Division

## *I Will Go* Mission Focus

In starting the new quinquennial year, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) has initiated the *I Will Go* mission strategy. When leaders and church members are united with one heart and go forward to win souls with the *I Will Go* spirit, I believe God will work and pour out blessings of mission revival throughout the NSD territory.

### ***I Will Go* Mission Slogan: “10/40 With Christ!”**

When NSD created the *I Will Go* mission strategy, it selected its slogan, “10/40 With Christ!” with goals set to increase the sixty thousand Sabbath attendees to a hundred thousand and lead forty thousand new souls to Christ by the year 2025. With most NSD countries residing in the 10/40 window that missiologists have identified as the area of the world with the greatest need of the gospel, there are big challenges ahead of us. But at the same time, all areas carry huge mission potential. When churches, institutions, and schools within the NSD territory go forward united with the *I Will Go* spirit, we will fully reach our mission goals.

### ***I Will Go* Mission Strategy Focus: “NSD”**

The territories and countries under NSD vary in background, environment, and culture. When unions and conferences create and develop strategies appropriate for their local field the effectiveness of mission is enhanced. However, when creating the basis of mission, they can apply the following principles so we can all go together in the same direction.

- **Networking**

We are living in a world connected through various network services more than ever.

Networking is one of the most effective ways to maintain active interaction among members. It is also an important outreach and relationship-building tool in the local communities. Faith-based social networking groups can become

a growing, vibrant place to develop meaningful connections that transform lives.

- **Serving**

Jesus “did not come to be served, but to serve.” (Matthew 20:28) He served the people according to their needs. Ellen G. White states: “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people” (*The Ministry of Healing*, 143). It will make a profound difference in our own and others’ lives. “This work will not, cannot, be without fruit” (*The Ministry of Healing*, 143).

- **Discipling**

As we go forward with the *I Will Go* mission initiatives, we should remember that we are called to make disciples, not simply converts. We should be fulfilling the Great Commission by discipling our members and others. “Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary” (*The Ministry of Healing*, 102). If we are discipling correctly huge impacts will be the result. We will train our members to “make their life broad and influential” (*The Ministry of Healing*, 153) for the Great Commission.

Jesus said, “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14). NSD will do its best to spread the gospel by fully mobilizing all its faculties and resources through awakening the potential of all our churches during the new quinquennial year.



## **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**

Northern Asia-Pacific Division

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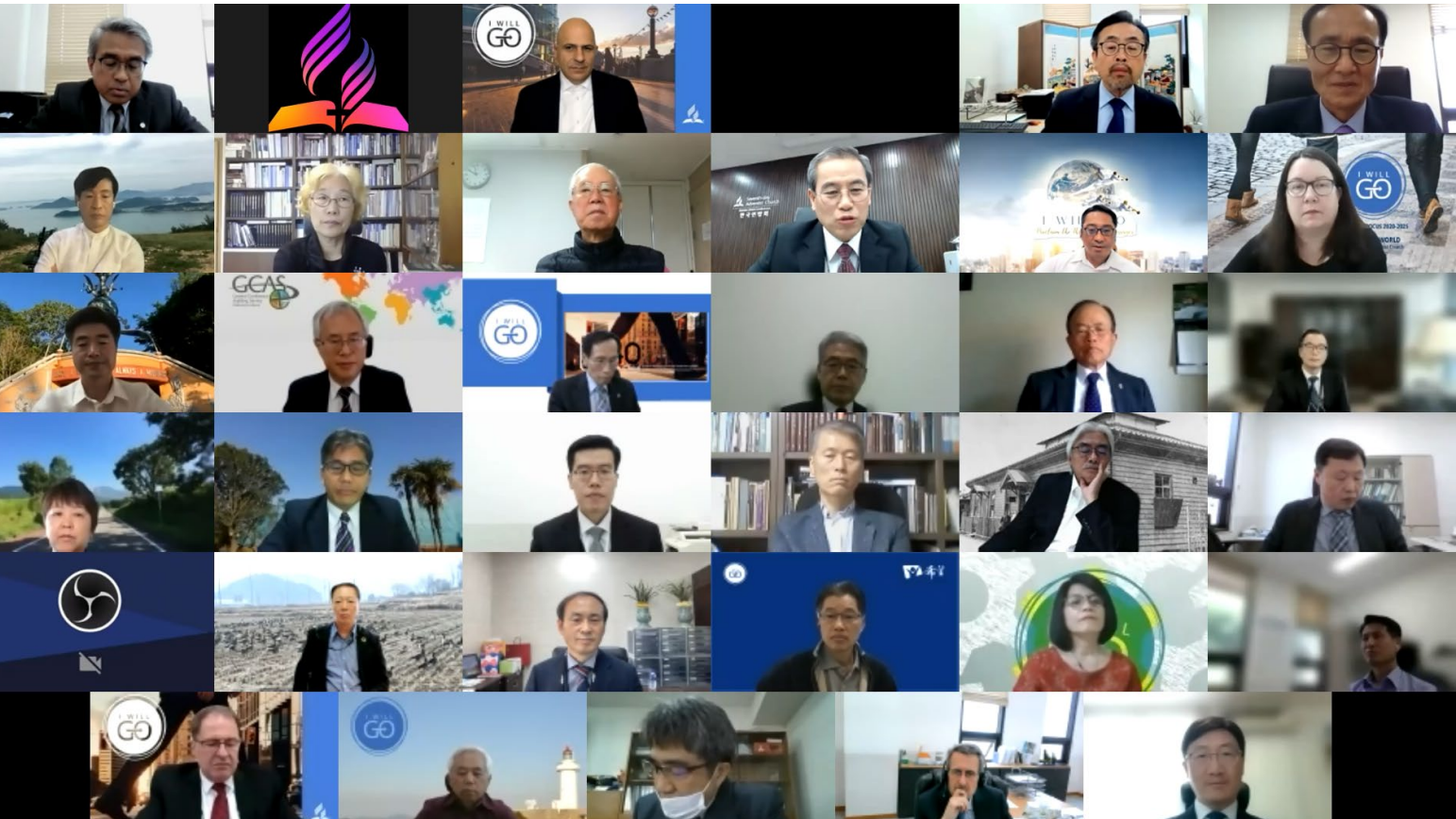
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# 2021 Northern Asia-Pacific Division Midyear Committee

One calendar year of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) is largely divided by two main committees: The Midyear Committee and the Annual Council. Division Midyear Committee usually convenes in May and the Division Annual Council in November. The Division convenes the full Executive Committee (EXCOM) at these two occasions, different from the other monthly Executive Committees. These two

meetings are more important than the other standing committees because only these two committees are authorized to vote policy changes, to approve the Division's annual budget, territorial and organizational changes, and to transact business pertaining to the general operation and policy of the Division fields.

The Midyear Committee in 2021 was special in another sense because there was an election of

the associate officers, field secretaries, department directors/secretaries, and associates of the Division. Normally the sequence of election starts with the division officers' election at the General Conference (GC) Session followed by the division directors' election at the same GC session or at the first Division Annual Council of the same year. When the GC session of 2020 was postponed to 2021, for the first time, GC EXCOM decided to put the division directors' election off one year later together with the division officers' election. However, when the GC session was postponed for the second time to 2022, GC EXCOM voted to give discretionary power to the divisions to decide when to have the directors' election. Each division was given the authority from the GC EXCOM to waive the existing policy regarding the time of directors' election. This is because the end of the next GC session will still be by the year of 2025. Since that is the case, the term of the next session will only be three years while the current session stands at seven years. To make both sessions more balanced, NSD EXCOM met on March 2, and decided to hold the directors' election at the Midyear Meeting of 2021.

At the beginning of the Midyear Committee, all new delegates were introduced. The Korean Union Conference (KUC) as well as the Japanese Union Conference (JUC) held their sessions in December 2020 with changes in most of the leadership positions. Taiwan Conference (TWC) also had a session in 2020. The only NSD attached entity which did not recently hold a session was Mongolia Mission (MM). During the Midyear Committee KUC, JUC, TWC, and MM presented their reports on their *I Will Go* strategies. Though the given time was short, all entities prepared their reports impressively. In the evening of the first day of the Midyear Committee, the nominating committee for the directors' election was summoned and spent many hours choosing associate officers, field secretaries, department directors/secretaries, and associates of the Division. The results of the election was reported to the NSD EXCOM the next day and the elected leaders are as follows:

### **Department Directors, Associate Directors**

- Director of Adventist Mission: Kim YoHan
- Director of Communication Department: Byun SeongJun
- Associate Director of Communication for Media Evangelism: Kim YongHoon
- Director of Education: Richard Sabuin
- Director of Health Ministries: Ke Jeon Guang (Jacob Ko)

- Director of Stewardship Ministries: Kim NakHyung
- Associate Director of Stewardship Ministries (Taiwan) Wu Chung Feng (Steven Wu)
- Director of Sabbath School and Personnel Ministries: Kim Kwon
- Director of Publishing Ministries: Kim Kwon
- Director of Youth Ministries: Choi HoYoung
- Director of Planned Giving and Trust Services: Joel Tompkins (NSD Treasurer)
- Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty: Kim SunHwan
- Director of North Korea Mission: Oh BeomSeok

### **Associate Officers**

- Associate Secretary: Kim SunHwan
- Undertreasurer: Lyu DongJin

### **Assistants to the President**

- Assistant to the President for Taiwan Affairs (NSD Taiwan Branch Office): Wu Chung Feng (Steven Wu)
- Assistant to the President for General Affairs: Kim YoHan

At another NSD full-house EXCOM on May 26, 2021, Pastor Jonas Arrais was elected as the secretary of Ministerial Association as well as the director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, and his wife, Raquel Arrais, was elected as director of Children, Family, and Women's Ministries to complete the leadership positions of the entire NSD.

This Midyear Committee was also the time to say goodbye to our former colleagues. The retirements of Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, Pastor Stanley Ng, and Elder Sung GuiMo were officially announced at the end of the Midyear meeting. Drs. Ron and Lisa Clouzet also announced their permanent return to their home division in North America. Pastor Han SukHee transferred to MM as the president and Dr. Joo MinHo transferred to the Southwest Korean Conference. Appreciation for their faithful services were recorded in the Midyear Committee minutes. May the grace of God be with all His faithful servants who have successfully finished their ministries in the NSD.



**Kim SunHwan**  
NSD Associate Secretary

# 2021-2025 NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE NSD & PLANS FOR MINISTRIES



## Kim YoHan

Pastor Kim YoHan was called as the director of Adventist Mission and coordinator of the Pioneer Mission Movement for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) at the 2021 NSD Midyear Committee. Before he joined NSD, he served as president of Mongolia Mission from 2016 to 2021.

Pastor Kim has a college degree in nursing, a B.S. in public administration, and an M.A. in Christian education. He earned a master's and doctoral degree in public health from Adventist University of the Philippines.

He started his ministry as a pastor in 1991 at Cheonan Eastern Church. From 1996 to 2006, he served as the associate director and director of the 1000 Missionary Movement in the Philippines. Then, he worked for Sahmyook Health University as business manager from 2006 to 2012. He also worked for two years as team leader for the Korea International Cooperation Agency.

His wife Shin SeonHwa has worked as a nurse and an assistant for nurse practitioners at Sahmyook Health University. They have an adult son and daughter, HyungKyu and BoBae.

The General Conference (GC) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church sets a new strategic focus every five years. For this quinquennium, the Church decided to focus on mission for the *I Will Go* initiative. Through the systematic cooperation among the GC, divisions, unions, conferences, and local churches with the same initiative of *I Will Go*, the world church aims to fulfill God's great commission to proclaim the gospel to the world.

The Adventist Mission department plays a leading role in implementing the *I Will Go* strategy for NSD. The department directs various mission projects, such as Global Mission, Pioneer Mission Movement, Big City Evangelism and other church planting efforts in unentered territories.

# ADVENTIST MISSION



## Kim Kwon

Pastor Kim Kwon has served half of his 30-year ministry in local churches and the other half for his local conference and other church institutions in Korea. Before his ordination, he served Danyang Church and Bonbu Church; and after ordination he served Donghae Central Church, Mukdong Jeil Church, Wonju Central Church, and Sahmyook Central Church as senior pastor. He has experience working as a departmental director of Children's/Family Ministries and Sabbath School and Personal Ministries as well as a treasurer for the East Central Korean Conference. He has encouraged church members to grow to be Jesus' "disciples," not His "fans" through discipleship trainings and spiritual ministries in local churches and the local conference.

Pastor Kim's grandmother was led to Jesus by a literature evangelist and accepted the Adventist faith and then passed that faith on to his father. In turn, Pastor Kim's father and mother showed good examples of an Adventist's life, therefore Pastor Kim has followed the Adventist faith since his youth. Because of his family experience, he is well aware of the importance of publishing ministries and true discipleship training in life. Through his service, all the departments under his leadership will benefit.

Pastor Kim and his wife Hwang HyunKyung have two grown sons, JuYoung and JuHyuk, and they are preparing to be pastors.

# SABBATH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL MINISTRIES

## **Sabbath School**

The purpose of Sabbath School is to make disciples for Christ. It includes the nurturing of spiritual growth in members and prospective members, as well as the unchurched who join in the fellowship, study, sharing and service. Sabbath School exists not only to minister to its members, but to train its members to minister to others. It is a school for Christian living, not just an event on Sabbath mornings.

## **Personal Ministries**

The Personal Ministries department's primary focus is evangelism. Its goal is to help prepare men and women for the kingdom of glory. It works closely with other church departments to assist in their evangelistic efforts. Some of the activities of Personal Ministries include:

- Free personal Bible studies.
- Group Bible studies, such as the Voice of Prophecy Bible Courses and Revelation seminars.
- Tract distribution and other evangelistic programs.

# Choi HoYoung

Pastor Choi HoYoung graduated from Sahmyook University in Korea with a B.A. degree in theology, and obtained a master's degree in public health from the Graduate School of Health Science and Social Welfare of Sahmyook University.

He applied for the first batch of the 1000 Missionary Movement in 1992 and served in the Palawan and Mindanao areas of the Philippines.

In 1995, He started his ministry in the Middle West Korean Conference (MWKC) and served Shinatanjin Church, Hansan Church, and Asan Central Church. He also served as the director of Youth Ministries, National Service Organization, and Spirit of Prophecy departments in the MWKC over two sessions from 2007 to 2011. Then, He served in the Korean Union Conference as the director of Youth Ministries and National Service Organization for four years. During his tenure, he served as the secretary of the Korean Hymnal Compilation Committee, contributing to the reorganization of new hymns in the Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church. Before joining the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), he served as the pastor of Daecheon Central Church for about five years from 2016 to 2021.



Pastor Choi is a minister who loves the word of God and is known for his deep studies and insight into the covenant. In particular, he influenced many Adventist youth in Korea through various ministries such as Bible Reading Camp. He wrote some books related to covenant so that Adventist young people could read the Bible and understand the covenantal love. He currently runs the YouTube “Covenant Keepers” ministry channel, which specializes in the covenant and Bible reading.

He is married to Cho MyungHwa and they have two sons, Yire and Yisaem.



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

The importance of Youth Ministries cannot be emphasized enough for the future of the Adventist Church. Through former NSD youth directors, who have had a vision and passion for Youth Ministries, NSD has been carrying out special projects, such as 1000 Missionary Movement, Golden Angels, and Public Campus Ministry.

Any kind of youth ministry should be based on the principles that the General Conference sets forth. The Adventist Youth Ministries is grounded by a set of principles that can be found in its Aim, Motto, and Pledge. The AYM Aim is to take “the Advent message to all the world in my generation.” Its Motto is “the love of Christ compels me.” And the Pledge states that “Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to take an active part in the work of the youth ministry of the church, doing what I can to help others and to finish the work of the Gospel in all the world.”

These can be summarized in two words: *salvation* and *service*. Based on this ethos, we hope that every mission of the NSD Youth Ministries department will be filled with vision, passion, and creativity with a challenging spirit not only for the NSD territories but also for young people around the world to hasten the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.



# Oh BeomSeok

Pastor Oh BeomSeok was called as the director of the North Korea Mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) at the 2021 NSD Midyear Committee. Before he was called to the NSD, he had served as the church pastor for 20 years at: Soha Church in Gwangmyeong, Seoul Central Church; Bupyeong Church in Incheon; Songwoori Church in Pocheon; and Taereung Church in Seoul.

He studied at Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines for two years and earned the Master of Ministry degree.

He also served as the Youth/Children's Ministries director of the West Central Korean Conference for four years. During his service, he was in charge of the departments of Spirit of Prophecy and Communication.

He is married to Hwang YoungAe, and he has two grown daughters, HyeRim and YeRim, both are nurses.



## NORTH KOREA MISSION

Among the 13 divisions of the Adventist world church, there is one unique department that exists only in NSD—The North Korea Mission Department. It means that NSD has recognized the big challenge of proclaiming the gospel of God in the territory of North Korea.

Jesus said, “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14) North Korea will probably be the last mission field on Earth before the Second Coming of Jesus.

It is time to change the paradigm of North Korea mission from “if God opens the door, then I will go” to “if we are ready, then God will open the door of North Korea.”

Pastor Oh's vision for North Korea Mission is summed up in 3Ms—Masterplan, Missionaries, and Material. He will make a specific masterplan for North Korea Mission, raise more than 10 billion KRW and 1,000 missionaries including pastors and lay members.

He will never stop praying and putting forth this effort to proclaim the gospel to every individual in North Korea.

# HEALTH MINISTRIES

In 1990, Jacob Ko started his career as a lab technician at Taiwan Adventist Hospital after his three years of Air Force service. He was promoted to the supervisor of the lab in 1995. Then, he transferred to the hemodialysis department for two years. Starting from 1997, he worked for the NEWSTART Lifestyle program for the next five years. In 2000, he received his health missionary training in Desert Hot Springs, California, USA.

In 2003, Taiwan Adventist College (TAC) gave him sponsorship to study at Adventist International Institute of Advance Studies (AIAS) for the Master in Public Health (MPH) degree. He finished his studies and returned to TAC in January 2005. He was the head of the Health Promotion Department, dean of Student Affairs, and vice principal of Taiwan Adventist Academy.

The Taiwan Adventist College Health Promotion Department has planned and implemented many community services and health evangelism programs throughout the years. Dr. Ko finished his studies at Adventist University of the Philippines in 2016 with a doctoral degree in Public Health. He has been a full-time assistant professor in Taiwan Adventist College and adjunct assistant professor in the Graduate School of Adventist University of the Philippines.

His wife Violet has worked as a Bible worker and in the registrar at Taiwan Adventist Academy (TAA). Jacob and Violet are blessed with three daughters, Rainbow, Sunshine and Star. Rainbow and Sunshine graduated from Central Philippines Adventist College, and Star is a high school student at TAA.

## Jacob Ko



### **Vision**

Become a helping hand to God's mission. Promote healthy lifestyle through the churches, institutions, and family. Respond with a medical missionary calling for all. Encourage wholistic preparation for the Second Coming of Jesus.

### **Goal**

*Faithful, Intelligent, and Healthy Youth.*

Encourage Adventist youth with Bible characters like Daniel and his three friends. Become health ambassadors and share healthy lifestyles with others. Establish healthy lifestyles from a young age which lead to building a healthy family.

### **Healthy Adventist Family**

Encourage Adventist families to become healthy families. A family is a basic unit and family members can promote faith and health among each other. Parents with a healthy lifestyle can help their children to follow.

### **NSD Adventist Health Research**

Conduct research on Adventist health in NSD territories to discover relative diseases and health risks and plan out health promotion and disease prevention strategies for the church.

### **Run a Master of Public Health (MPH) Program**

Church pastors and health workers play an important role in health ministries in their church. A Master of Public Health (MPH) Program can serve as a complete health leadership training program for health professionals.

The NSD Health Ministries department exists to support and empower Seventh-day Adventist churches, members, and institutions in the NSD territories. As director of the NSD Health Ministries, I will help people to experience the blessings of Adventist wholistic health while actively sharing those blessings with others.

Pastor Byun SeongJun is the director of the Communication Department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). His job responsibilities are editor of the *News & Views* magazine, coordinator of Hope Channel, Adventist World Radio, Digital Evangelism, and *Adventist World* magazine.

## Byun SeongJun



Pastor Byun obtained a B.A. in theology from Sahmyook University in 1998 and an M.A. degree in world mission & pastoral ministries from the Graduate School of Sahmyook University in 2003. He is now in the doctor of missiology program from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) in the Philippines focusing on urban ministry.

His service began as a chaplain and a local church pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Seoul, Korea. Following that, he was a missionary to China for five years. Before joining NSD, he served as the education director at the Gyeonggi English Village Yangpyeong Camp. From 2011, he served as the assistant communication director (2011-2015) and the associate communication director (2015-2021) at NSD.

He has been actively serving as a preaching evangelist in China, Korea, Taiwan, Mongolia, and the Philippines. He also has a passion for digital evangelism for postmodern populations. God has blessed him and his wife JiAh with two boys.

## Kim YongHun

Pastor Kim YongHun, born in 1974, started his ministry in 2000. He served as a pastor at local churches and a chaplain at Honam Sahmyook High School. Then,

he volunteered for six years in the Pioneer Mission Movement in Japan, focusing on church planting in the Kinshicho area in Tokyo. After returning to Korea in 2010, he again worked as a local church pastor and a school chaplain. In 2015, he started serving the Southwest Korean Conference as a director of Youth Ministries, Communication, and National Service Organization. In 2021, he was called to be an associate director of the Communication department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), specifically Digital Evangelism.

He studied theology and social welfare from Sahmyook University and earned a Master of Divinity from Sahmyook University's Graduate School of Theology. He and his wife, Ahn SungRye, have two sons, KangHan and KangIn.



“Building bridges of hope” is the mission statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Communication Department. We work toward this goal by reaching out to diverse church audiences—both internally and externally—through many avenues of communication. Through our work, we foster a clearer image of the church, its mission, activities, and witness so that many will become followers of Christ and members of His church.

One of the strategic plans for the NSD Communication Department and Media Center of this quinquennium is digital evangelism which will strategically use Internet, mobile, and social media platforms to meet the needs of others and share the gospel with online users.

## COMMUNICATION & MEDIA CENTER

For this forward-looking ministry, the NSD Communication Department and Media Center will set up digital evangelism departments in unions, conferences, and mission of the NSD territories and appoint a coordinator for each organization. We are planning to recruit more than 1,000 digital evangelists and to provide regular training for media mission. In addition to this, we plan to create gospel media content which will be useful for digital evangelism. Through the ministry of the NSD Digital Evangelism, we expect to quickly spread the gospel message in its territory.



## Kim NakHyung

Pastor Kim NakHyung graduated from Sahmyook University in Korea with a B.A. degree in theology and obtained a master's degree in theology from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines.

He started his ministry as a local pastor in the Daegu Central Church in 1986, followed by ministering in several local churches. He also worked as a director in charge of Youth Ministries and Sabbath School and Personal Ministries for the Southeast Korean Conference, and as a director in Youth Ministries and the National Service Organization for the Korean Union Conference. He has been a part of NSD since 2010. After his service in Youth Ministries at NSD for ten years, he was appointed as the Stewardship Ministries director in 2021.

He has a grown son and daughter, JinWoo and YeJin.

## Steven Wu

Pastor Steven Wu is from Taiwan, and he serves in the following positions: The assistant to the president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) for Taiwan affairs; the field secretary of the NSD Taiwan branch office; and the associate director of the Stewardship Ministries department. Before he came to NSD in 2016, he worked for the Taiwan Conference (TWC) for ten years including five years as president, three years as executive secretary, and two years as Youth Ministries director. He also served local churches in Taiwan for ten years.

Pastor Wu has a B.A. degree in theology and received his master's degree in education administration and supervision from Andrews University, United States.

Mrs. Wu is an accountant for the Taiwan Adventist Foundation, the Adventist Church institution which promotes the church through community services and social welfare activities in Taiwan.

They have two daughters and one son, two of them are university students and the youngest daughter is 10 years old.



## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

With the motto of "God First," the Stewardship Ministries department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) advises Adventist members to trust God as Owner and Provider, making them a partner for His mission through regular and systematic giving. Its goal for this quinquennium is to encourage an additional 5% of the church membership to participate in tithing and regular giving every year.

"In the last extremity, before this work shall close, thousands cheerfully laid upon the altar. Men and women will feel it a blessed privilege to share in the work of preparing souls to stand in the great day of God, and they will give hundreds as readily as dollars are given now." – Ellen G. White, *Counsel of Stewardship*

**R**ichard A. Sabuin, Ph.D., graduated in 1991 from the Adventist University of Indonesia with a B.A. in Theology. He then completed his Master of Ministry degree in 2001, and Ph.D. in New Testament in 2006 at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS), Philippines.

His service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church began in Kalimantan Mission, Indonesia (1992-1998), where he served in various responsibilities including as a local church pastor, a district pastor, and an associate director of the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries departments of the mission. Then, for three years he served as an associate editor at the Indonesia Publishing House (1998-2001).

In 2006, he received the call to join AIAS Seminary as a professor and was appointed as the chair of the Biblical Studies Department (2009). Two years later, he was elected to serve as the Seminary Dean of AIAS (2011-2016).

At the 2015 Annual Council of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), he was appointed as the Education director and the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director of the division. Since March 2021, he has been appointed as the acting executive secretary of NSD, to serve until the 2022 General Conference (GC) Session. In addition, he continues serving as the Education department director of the NSD for this quinquennium.

Pastor Sabuin and his wife, Paula Moniaga, who holds a master's degree in public health, have two grown children, Alef and Richla, whose hearts are for God's mission and are prepared to serve the Lord in the church organization.

# Richard A. Sabuin



## EDUCATION

**T**he Education department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) exists to provide supervision and guidance for 22 Primary Schools, 24 Secondary Schools (middle and high), and 4 tertiary institutions. These schools employ about 1,130 teachers who serve a total of about 18,000 students. The department aims to make sure that Adventist schools continue to change the lives of students, preparing them not only for the service in this world, but for becoming citizens of heaven.

The roles of the Education Department include:

1. Supervise Tertiary Institutions: Coordinate with the General Conference (GC) Education in supervising tertiary institutions in the NSD, including program approvals with GC Program Committee, the International Board of Education (IBE) and the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (AAA).
2. Supervise Secondary Institutions: Coordinate with local unions and attached fields in supervising secondary education institutions in the NSD.
3. School Accreditation: Coordinate with AAA in organizing AAA accreditation visits to the tertiary education institutions (with the GC) and secondary education institutions (with unions and attached fields).
4. Supervise Upgrading Program: Manage the upgrading programs of school teachers, by utilizing various

upgrading funds such as GC postgraduate upgrading fund, bursary, and education aid.

5. School Evangelism and Nurturing Program: Collaborate with unions and attached fields to promote evangelism and nurturing programs in various ways in our universities, colleges, and schools.
6. Coordinate NSD Geoscience Research Institute: To coordinate NSD Geoscience Research Institute for emphasizing biblical creationism to students and church members.
7. Supervise Continuing Education of NSD workers: To coordinate the continuing education programs of NSD workers for the enhancement of work productivity in NSD headquarters.

For this quinquennium, the NSD Education department is collaborating with other departments in implementing the *I Will Go* strategic plan of the church. Some *Key Performance Indicators* have been selected, for the purpose of: a) increasing the access of Adventist children and young people to Adventist schools; b) providing students with education that integrates faith and learning; c) guiding them to put God first in their lives and to be faithful to Him; d) teaching them about the Adventist lifestyle; and e) preparing them to be useful for others and be successful in their lives.

# Kim SunHwan

Pastor Kim SunHwan, the director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), started his pastoral ministry in 1995 at the East-Central Korean Conference until he was ordained in 2001. His ministries for the next 16 years were for SDA Language Institute as a chaplain, a branch school director, a department director, an executive secretary, and the Philippine SDA Language Center director until he moved back to a local church in Korea in 2017. Pastor Kim started his departmental ministries for the NSD in 2018 as an associate director of the Adventist Mission for that year and has been currently serving as the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director since 2019. Recently, he took the responsibility of the NSD associate secretary from February 2021. His additional responsibilities are the coordinator for Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) as well as the coordinator for the Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) since 2018.

Pastor Kim holds an MA in biblical studies from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines. He is now working toward a doctoral degree in pastoral ministry and mission at Sahmyook University Graduate School. He is married to Park SookJa, and they have two grown sons, HwiSoo and EunSoo.



The NSD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) represents the Adventist Church in the NSD on government issues. The PARL department also initiates and maintains open communication with religious leaders and government officials to strengthen better understanding and broaden knowledge about the Church's beliefs and principles.

The department supports other international organizations which champion religious freedom, and gives strong promotion to the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) with chapters in many countries providing seminars and congresses around the world. PARL administrators survey legislation concerning religious freedom generated in other countries and communicate with those leaders, striving to prevent the passage of restrictive laws.



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# Joel Tompkins



Mr. Tompkins comes to us with extensive experience in treasury and finance. For the two years before coming to NSD, he was the treasurer of the New Jersey Conference in North America. Before that, he worked for six years as the treasurer of the Southern New England Conference. From 2006 to 2011, he and his wife, Kellie, served as missionaries in Egypt, where Mr. Tompkins directed the field's finances. Prior to that, Joel Tompkins served as: Vice president for finance of the Washington Conference; associate treasurer for the Planned Giving department in Michigan Conference; undertreasurer of Kansas-Nebraska Conference as well as Planned Giving; auditor for Adventist Health System; and controller of two rural Adventist-managed hospitals. Mr. Tompkins has a B.S. degree in business administration and is a certified public accountant.

His wife, Kellie, earned a B.A. in journalism. The Tompkins have two adult sons, Andrew and Daniel, living in the United States, who are married and have two children each.

# Lyu DongJin



Lyu Dongjin has worked for the treasury office of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), especially in the accounting area since 2004. He has served with NSD for three terms. Prior to that he worked for the Korean Union Conference and Sijosa, the Adventist publishing house in Korea.

Because of his master's degree in production management, he was involved with the cost accounting at the publishing factory of KUC. Earlier he was interested in accounting automation through developing accounting programs. Also, he was involved in a paperless accounting journal storage system and the Sunplus accounting program implementation in the NSD territory.

Elder Lyu and his wife, KeungEl, have two adult children.

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

The NSD Treasury department exists to provide financial guidance and accountability to the NSD conferences, missions, and institutions.

The roles of the Treasury Department include:

1. Providing administrative and financial leadership to the NSD: By participating in the various boards, finance committees and audit committees.
2. Serving as a trustee and steward of the funds it receives and properties it obtains: By careful accounting practices, transparent reporting, and maintenance of facilities.
3. Developing and monitoring the NSD budget: It includes the NSD departments and services, as well as NSD programs, reversions and allocations.
4. Administering the financial portion of the NSD working policies: By initiating changes and monitoring compliance.
5. Serving as a liaison: Between NSD, the General Conference (including GCAS—General Conference Auditing Service), and conferences, missions, and institutions in the NSD.

For this quinquennium, the Treasury department plans to elevate ethical standards by encouraging compliance with the General Conference core policies, training financial managers, and modeling ethical behavior in collaboration with GCAS, as well as improve the quality of financial reporting to boards, committees, and members.

# A Good Beginning: NSD Department Directors Orientation and Planning Meeting

Newly appointed department directors of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and their spouses, gathered at the NSD Leadership Training Center in Jeju for an orientation and planning for the coming years until 2025. It was a series of two meetings, which were held from May 12 to 13, and June 8 to 10, 2021.

In the first meeting, the directors received job descriptions and department orientations. NSD president Kim SiYoung opened the meeting by sharing the word of God, emphasizing the importance of mission. For the coming years until 2025, the NSD would like to emphasize the following four areas: Implementation of the *I Will Go* Strategic Plan, Digital Evangelism, Strengthening of

the Children and Youth Ministries, and North Korea Mission.

Dr. Richard Sabuin, NSD acting executive secretary, presented the job descriptions of each departmental director to prevent any overlap of functions, and to allow collaboration and teamwork among the departments. Pastor Kim SunHwan, NSD associate secretary, presented a review of the human resource related information which will help department directors conduct their jobs more effectively. In addition, Elder Lyu DongJin, NSD undertreasurer, presented an orientation about financial matters.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. Sabuin shared a devotional on servant leadership from John 13, highlighting the examples of Jesus in leadership and service: Jesus serves because He loves His disciples; He serves although He has all authority in heaven and on earth; He serves all including the one who has plans to betray Him; Jesus serves in demonstrating to His disciples how to serve; He serves in the context of the plan of salvation; Jesus serves although no one serves Him. He says, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them" (v.17, NIV).

The second meeting, held from June 8 to 10, 2021, focused on strategic planning. Department directors presented the strategic plans of their departments for 2021 to 2025. All were excited in looking forward to collaborating with the unions and attached fields to implement the plans.

Three directors, Jacob Ko for Health Ministries, Jonas Arrais for Ministerial Association and Chaplaincy, and Raquel Arrais for Children's, Family, and Women's

Attendees of the NSD department directors orientation and planning meeting at the NSD Leadership Training Center







Ministries, were not able to join the meetings as they are still in transition to the NSD.

At the meetings, the group conducted team building activities. In the afternoons, they played *Jokgu* (a Korean-style football) together. In addition, the group hiked Mt.Hallasan, the highest mountain in South Korea. Although they did not climb the last 200m to the peak of the mountain, they had a good time together which symbolized team spirit to collaborate and face challenges together.



**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD Acting Executive Secretary

## Sahmyook University Adds New Departments – Division of AI Convergence and Department of Integrative Biotechnology

Sahmyook University has launched two departments of high-tech fields, the Division of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Convergence and the Department of Integrative Biotechnology, with the aim of cultivating creative convergence experts who will lead the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution with AI. The two new departments are to recruit and accept 100 students for the Division of AI, and 30 for the Department of Integrative Biotechnology for the academic year of 2022 during this year's entrance exam.

The Division of AI Convergence, a reorganization of the existing Department of AI Informatics, aims to nurture professionals with humanities and social literacy and managerial insights based on AI-centered engineering expertise. Its specializations will include Technology Management (Bachelor of Business Engineering) and AI Engineering (Bachelor of Engineering).

In addition to the field's wide-ranging basic education to develop students' creative thinking, the Division of AI Convergence will offer a broad curriculum, including: AI education to cultivate data-driven intelligent expertise; large data-based specialized intensive courses; convergent project-based education for a broader understanding and application of various disciplines; and a training program to strengthen global competencies. Each are designed to cultivate creative and convergent professionals for the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.



With its primary goal of nurturing professionals in the bioconvergence industry, the Department of Integrative Biotechnology will train and offer students opportunities to study in-depth about new industry trends of the future, such as biopharmaceuticals, functional foods and cosmetics, biodiagnostics, and healthcare.

The department will offer biotechnology-based courses that are essential for designing, developing, and assessing efficacy, bioprocessing, and safety and quality control. And it will implement a bioinformation technology-integrated, differentiated and practical educational program for expert cultivation.

# Analysis of Online Evangelistic Meetings at Kagoshima Church



Baseball and soccer are different sports. Although they have common characteristics—both include running—they are also different. No one plays soccer with baseball equipment. No one plays baseball under soccer rules. When presuppositions are different, approaches become different.

Traditional evangelistic meetings have a common presupposition that all participants are in the same space. Although we do not always recognize that, the length and flowchart of a program are prepared on that presupposition.

The characteristics of online evangelistic meetings are based on a different presupposition from that of traditional evangelistic meetings. Despite that, many churches forget that the presupposition should be different. In this way, they use the same methodology as that of the traditional one. However, we've often seen that the methodology does not work on online platforms such as YouTube.

If an online meeting is prepared for church members, there may be

no problem. However, if the online meeting is for evangelism, we need to ask God for new wisdom.

Online evangelistic meetings are not a substitute of traditional meetings. They are not just a delivery of traditional meetings through YouTube. They need a different methodology with different presuppositions.

The Kagoshima Seventh-day Adventist Church challenged the traditional characteristics when it conducted online meetings in October 2020. It was an attempt to redesign meetings for online evangelism.

Members who led out shared and discussed ideas since no one person had a right solution. Then they undertook the task considering the following four points:

1. To devise a plan for a long series of meetings (20 consecutive times).
2. To make the length of the program shorter than traditional meetings (30 minutes that includes sermon, special music,

- and an invitation to the Bible correspondence course).
3. To improve the quality of frames, by shooting multi-angle in a home-like setting.
4. To set up the church's YouTube channel.

By working cooperatively with many people, the first online evangelistic meetings in our church ended with many blessings. At the same time, there were many areas to change. So here I make a report about some of them.

## The Number of Views of Content

Regarding online evangelistic meetings, we were first curious about the number of views of the content. The accumulated number of views was 24,000 times (1,200 times per sermon which did not include advertisements).

This does not mean that 1,200 people participated in each meeting. For adequate inventory to make changes, we have to pay attention to other aspects besides just the number of views.

**Unique Viewers: 11,000 people (550 people per sermon)**



Kagoshima Church set a studio for online evangelism

A “unique viewer” means a user who watched the content. By comparing it with the number of views, we can know that the same user watched the content more than once.

**New Viewers: 9,500 people (475 people per sermon)**

A “new viewer” means a user who visited the Kagoshima church YouTube channel for the first time during the period of the meetings. This number was the highest in the history of our church! This is because church members put a strong effort into promoting the church’s YouTube channel. But I believe there is a need to make the length and atmosphere of the content more appealing. For this purpose, we need a good team that can honestly review content and redesign the meetings.

**Viewer Demographics**

One of the points that we should note is viewer demographics. How these demographics change is important to objectively assess online meetings. The breakdown before the meetings seems to reflect to some degree the actual participants of the meetings.

**User Retention Rate**

The number of users to watch the entire content was small. It is valid

to investigate user retention rates in order to know users’ responses to the content and its timing.

The most valuable method to increase user retention rate is to watch the content with others. We are taught it is important to not only say “Please watch!” but also say “Let’s watch!”

**User Finishing Point from Our Site**

We recognized that more than half of viewers finished watching our channel in 10 to 30 seconds. Users who continued watching for one minute tended to stay on our channel; yet, at the point when special music started, the finishing rate increased. Although special music has been considered indispensable in traditional evangelistic meetings, in our online meetings the effect was the opposite.

**Average Viewing Time and Average Viewership**

YouTube users tend to consider that content with a fifteen minute length video is long. Although I do not oppose a long program, there seems to be value if we try a shorter version. I think that we need ways to set our meetings to the YouTube system, not to set YouTube to the traditional model.

**Response**

1. People who made a decision for baptism: 8 people.

These people are seekers whom church members have already contacted. Although our online meetings might be a cue of decision, the meetings were not the final decision. About half of these people live far away from our church.

2. Applicants of Bible correspondence course: 12 people.

More than half of these people are those whom church members took the opportunity afforded by these meetings to invite for the Bible correspondence course. Content on the Internet did not work as a substitute for human interaction. Believers worked consistently by using our online meetings.

Every method of evangelism needs associates. I believe that the first step of evangelism is to continue building a team in which members pray together and gather wisdom. Online evangelistic meetings also have this presupposition. Considering the fact that in online meetings each member works separately, I am convinced that mutual support of associates is absolutely necessary. We should achieve our best as a team and ask for faith that trusts in the Holy Spirit.

The effort for the online evangelistic meetings in Kagoshima church has only just begun. Thinking of the salvation of 1.6 million people in Kagoshima prefecture, I can never say that we have been completely successful. Yet, I am feeling great pleasure because God led the first significant step. We trust the work that our Lord will accomplish through our church. Maranatha!



**Haruto Kameyama**  
Pastor at Kagoshima church



## Devotional Meeting of 9th Korean Adventist Women's Association

The Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) held a devotional meeting for board and advisory members at the chapel hall of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) on May 28, 2021. This meeting was supported by the KUC Women's Ministries department and was attended by women leaders including newly appointed KAWA board members. To prevent any spread of the coronavirus, the number of the attendees was limited to half compared to previous years. The meeting was held with safety measures in place and all attendees followed social distancing guidelines.

Mrs. Nam SangSook, who will lead the KAWA for the next three years following the last term, said in welcoming remarks, "I will carry out all of KAWA's ministries relying on God's word in Philippians 4:13, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Jesus Christ is our sole leader and the rest of us are just following His will

with a spirit of cooperation. I will take my responsibility with a humble heart." She also showed her appreciation to her colleagues for their passionate and sincere work even behind the scenes. "When we unite in God and devote ourselves, the Lord will be with us." For the newly begun 9th term, the KAWA members will focus on finding young women leaders for its flourishing future.

In his sermon, KUC president Kang SoonGi asked attendees questions: "What Kind of person is God looking for in this age? Moreover, what does God want to achieve on this earth through His people?" He urged attendees to live a life revealing God's image and glorifying Him. He cited Micah 6:8, "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you. But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" and emphasized the fundamental reason for the KAWA ministries. "If all our work is not fundamentally

Nam SangSook, KAWA president

from God's guidance, all that will be nothing more than just a 'clanging cymbal.' I sincerely hope that the 9th KAWA will bring change that has never been made before through the service God is pleased with," said President Kang.

Pastor Yoon CheongShil, KUC Women's Ministries director, delivered an encouraging message to women leaders. "When you work together for good, God will give you joy and courage in your ministry. It is anticipated that God's will for finding the lost again, restoring the wounded, and saving sinners will be fulfilled through service and dedication of KAWA members. I hope more women will join in testifying of Jesus Christ."

Im HyeSeon, the Women's Ministries director of the Southeast Korean Conference (SEKC) and a pastoral spouse, shared what the KAWA in the SEKC has done recently with attendees. She said, "Although our activities have been challenged recently due to COVID-19, I am sure that there are women someplace who dedicate their service to the Lord with earnest prayers. The Widow at Zarephath was blessed by Elijah because she willingly shared what she had at a time of famine. I hope that Adventist women won't cease to share love and blessings from God with people around them."

The meeting ended with a special prayer session where attendees prayed together for the following prayer



topics: project of the 9th term of KAWA, revival and evangelism of the Korean Adventist Church in the midst of COVID-19, *I Will Go* mission project, and peace and unification of Korea and North Korea mission. They asked God for His wisdom and the power of the Holy Spirit so that they can fulfill the mission that God has given to KAWA.

## Chinese Church at Sahmyook University Successfully holds Online Evangelistic Meeting



An online evangelistic meeting for families, hosted by the Chinese Church at Sahmyook University and supported by the university's World Mission Center, ended in great success, with attendees from 10 different cities in China. The meeting was held from May 10 to 15, 2021, and was livestreamed to the whole of China via Zoom, an online conference platform.

Pastor Jeong SeongCheol, currently serving the Chinese Church at Sahmyook University, shared the word of God as the speaker of the special meeting under the theme, "When Your Home is Happy, All Goes Well: It's All About Communication," presenting principles for accomplishing a happy family in Christ.

The online meeting received over 2,000 believers and 150 truth-seekers, among them 161 families.

"We witnessed how powerful media evangelism can be in this new era," Pastor Jeong shared. "Most importantly, this meeting showed that the Sahmyook community of faith has ample missionary competence to touch and move the entire world." He added, "We will continue on with the Total Member Involvement (TMI) mission project, constantly seeking new ways for Sahmyook University to play a role as the hub of the world mission."



## On a Mission to Bring Youth Back to God

*“I have been a believer for several decades, but I did not know anything about this covenant of God. At first, I thought, ‘What is this?’ And I wanted to know if I had to learn something like this, but as time went on, I thank God for making me understand what His covenant was. I will live in the grateful memory of that great love who sent an innocent Son to die in order to save us. I ask God to be by my side and be a great strength as I try to change and continue to believe in God. Help me Lord, to become like the disciples whom Jesus loved.”*— Testimony from a high school student who participated in Pastor Choi HoYoung’s Bible Reading Camp several years ago

Pastor Choi HoYoung, Youth Ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), has been an avid learner of God’s covenant for over twenty years and has lectured in several camp meetings and churches

in Korea. His ministry and devotion to God changed as he realized God’s heart through His covenants with sinful people. And he loves to quote Andrew Murray’s statement:

“Blessed is the man who truly knows God as his Covenant God; who knows what the Covenant promises him; what unwavering confidence of expectation it secures, that all its terms will be fulfilled to him; what a claim and hold it gives him on the Covenant-keeping God Himself. To many a man, who has never thought much of the Covenant, a true and living faith in it would mean the transformation of his whole life. The full knowledge of what God wants to do for him; the assurance that it will be done by an Almighty Power; the being drawn to God Himself in personal surrender, and dependence, and waiting to have it done; all this would make the Covenant the very gate of heaven. May the Holy Spirit give us some vision of its glory” (*The Two Covenants*).

Surely this was the experience of the high school student mentioned in the beginning of this article as well as mine and many others who came in contact with God’s covenant through Pastor Choi’s lectures.

In the beginning of the year 2021 some young seminarians at Andrews University and I started the Bible reading in 90 days and one of them introduced Pastor Choi’s booklet, *The Kingdom of God and His Covenant*. After searching, I found his booklets online, but audio or video lectures were nowhere to be found. I thought that was very strange when all of us should be studying and learning more about God’s plan to restore His kingdom and He is doing it through His covenant with His People. So, through a friend in Korea I was able to get in touch with Pastor Choi. My friend also sent me transcriptions of a three-book series of the lectures given during the Bible Reading Camps.

I listened to Pastor Choi’s lectures, and recordings from one of those camps as well as one lecture series on “Genesis and God’s Covenant” with his chosen people. They were hidden on the official website for Korean Adventists (<https://www.adventist.or.kr>) and if one did not know the link, it would be difficult to find them. I listened over and over again, and I still do when I am driving or walking; my heart flows over with gratitude for the covenant-God who did everything for us to restore us to the original state and asks us to share this good news with others who do not know.

Since then, Pastor Choi has started the media ministry on YouTube to share his lectures of God’s covenant. They need to be translated into different languages so young people from all different countries can learn about this amazing God and His covenants.

It is a well-known fact now that young people are leaving churches. There are several reasons but one of



Pastor Choi HoYoung (first row in the right column) gave a series of lectures, especially on God's covenant, in Bible camp meetings.

the main reasons in my mind when I first started this "Go! Mission Movement" was they did not know God at a personal level. I saw the young people as they left home after graduating from high school to go to college—they left church as well. And I thought if only we could train them to know and love God, and their hearts were filled with His love they would not leave the Church. I was worried because Jesus needs to come back and as on the first movement to prepare for Jesus' return, we need young people to lead the movement again. Some might ask why focus on young people only? The answer is simple. If you have young people at home on fire for Christ, his or her parents or grandparents will follow their sons and daughters. They have the legacy of faith, and it only needs to be rekindled.

Go! Mission Movement, Inc. was founded in 2013 with a vision to light up the spiritually dark places by preparing young men and women of God who have been trained for this special mission. There are many problems in this world with no apparent solutions, such as hatred, incurable diseases, ever-increasing crime, hunger. We, Seventh-day Adventists, believe the final solution to this is the Second Coming of Jesus, when He will end all these tragedies and transform this earth to be new with only happiness and everlasting life.

The mission of this organization is to share God's love by training the youth to reach out to the people in those spiritually dark places with the Creator's transforming power. We have seen many lives being transformed by

God's love and we want to bring hope, peace, and relief to them but at the same time stop the young people from leaving the churches for lack of meaning and purpose in their Christian lives.

Since 2013, many youth were trained at the school in China that are now either working in the church planting where there are no churches or serving at the local churches as youth leaders and also in the United States through evangelistic meetings by the missionaries sponsored by this organization. The students trained in China were Chinese, Korean and American. Since 2013 to date, the US cities reached by the organization are Rosemead, San Diego, Santa Maria, Glendale, Mountain View, Loma Linda, Riverside, Yorba Linda, Garden Grove, San Francisco, in California; Seattle, WA; Collegedale, TN; Atlanta, GA; Tampa, FL; New York, NY; Boston, MA; Birmingham, AL; Fort Worth, TX; Berrien Springs, MI; Baltimore & Spencerville, MD. Many young people and adults are working in those churches with renewed strength in sharing the gospel to those who are in need.

Please pray for these young people. They need help. The work needs to be done to reach out to people in darkness so Jesus can return soon! May God bless you as you participate.



**Christie Lee**

Founder and CEO of Go! Mission Movement

# Byollae Church in Korea Hosts Life Sharing Blood Drive

On the Sunday morning of May 23, 2021, the parking lot of Byollae Church had been busy with church members since the early hours. It was the day for a blood donation event the church had prepared for several months in advance. The blood drive is part of an effort by the church to serve the local people and share God's love and the truth of the Bible with them. In addition to community outreach, the church has set a goal of an average attendance each Sabbath of 1,000 people.

The church pastor along with the church mission team and its medical mission team, consisting of medical doctors, set up a team to run this event, with more events in the future. Aiming to reach the local community with a positive image and to get closer to that community, the blood drive helped to bring attention to the blood shortage since the COVID-19 crisis began in 2020 with the need for more blood donations.

On the day of the blood drive, more than 80 people participated in blood donations, including 60 people who applied in advance and 20 people who participated at the site. Since some applicants unfortunately had to be turned away after they found out they were not eligible for blood donations, a total of 53 people practiced "life sharing" by donating their blood. Among donors was a family who passed by the church, students who had thought about donating blood but could not find the time, and seekers who were connected to the church but hadn't attended worship often. It was noticeable that a lot of young people and students joined this blood drive.

Members of the Byollae Church said, "It has been hard to see some Christians in this country behave unethically and selfishly during the COVID-19 pandemic, and there

was widespread distrust and misunderstanding among people toward churches. It was good to build up trust with our neighbors and to proudly invite them to come to our church through this event."

The responses of the local people who participated in the blood drive were also positive. One of the neighbors who lives in a nearby apartment said, "I used to think that the Adventist Church had nothing to do with me. But participating in the blood donation here, I have realized that it is not a remote place. The gifts that the church prepared and their kindness have made me feel warm and comfortable."

Staff members from the Korean Red Cross were surprised that people continued to come to donate their blood. "We did not expect that there would be many people who are very willing to donate their blood in this scary time due to the coronavirus."

The "Life Sharing Blood Drive" event finished successfully. And the Byollae Church declared their ambition, saying, "Until the day when we reach the 1,000 church members, we will never neglect God's command to love our neighbors and serve our community. We will continue to find how to be connected with our community through the church activities."







# Sahmyook University's Music Missionary Group Holds Charity Concert for Myanmar

While the unrest in Myanmar continues, a charity concert was held to help the Karens, a minority ethnic group in that country. ASAPH, a music mission group which mainly consists of Sahmyook University music majors, hosted the concert on May 19, 2021, at Hong MyungKi Hall on the campus, under the theme, "Spring Shall Come Even in Myanmar!"

ASAPH, the missionary group, was formed in 2014 under the leadership of a former professor of Sahmyook University, Abigail Koo, with six members. They decided to name the group after Asaph, a musician who served at the holy temple in David's time.

The music group's relationship with the Karens in Hpa-An traces back to 2017, when the group took a music mission trip to the city. Unlike most relief groups that provided financial aid, the music missionaries provided music, healing the wounded hearts of the locals.

With the co-sponsorship of the World Mission Center and the Sahmyook University International Church, the concert at Sahmyook presented a series of hymns as instrumental music, including a flute solo, string quartet, piano sextet, and more. Over a hundred people enjoyed the performance to support ASAPH's mission.

Wrapping up the charity concert, the group delivered a message of comfort, saying, "We will continue to pray for the Karens and all the citizens of Myanmar until the day the seed of freedom finally blossoms. May every individual's light of hope shine farther and brighter. Lastly, hang in there, as many people here in Korea are praying for you."

Byollae Church ran the blood drive as an effort for serving the local people. They prepared gifts for blood donors.



# Digital Evangelism of Hiroshima Adventist Academy



223 people gathered online as a virtual choir to deliver a song to praise God.



In the spring of 2020, students of the Hiroshima Adventist Academy (HAA) were not able to return to the campus after their winter break because of an emergency declaration from the COVID-19 pandemic. When the world was consumed by anxiety due to the invisible virus, students voluntarily started to sing together virtually.

One of the praises, “We Want to Become a Tree of God,” was sung by 223 people. Not only did students participate in the virtual choir, 170 graduates and families of the school campus joined. Even a year later, this video clip still plays on YouTube. A non-Adventist Christian who watched the video sent a letter to the school and said, “I was deeply

impressed by this video in such days of the pandemic.” We thank God for sending peace from Him to many people through the praises.

Forced to stay home due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many graduates and guardians watched the videos of HAA through the Internet. One day a graduate posted a comment: “I watched the online vesper clip last night, and I noticed that it was held in our school!”

We want to continue to deliver praises and the gospel of God through our online channel and we believe God has provided a way to proclaim the Good News in this way, as Scripture says, “He has made everything beautiful in its time” (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Seeing

such responses, the graduate class of 2020 donated new equipment for our digital evangelism as a commemorative gift.

Please visit the official YouTube channel of HAA. If you subscribe our channel, you can watch various activities of HAA as well as gospel messages and songs.

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14).

**Hayato Shimada**  
Chaplain of Hiroshima  
Adventist Academy





# BUILDING A SCHOOL IN KENYA TO FULFILL DAUGHTER'S DREAM OF FOREIGN MISSION

On August 19, 2011, Ryu JeeSun, majoring in nursing at university, headed to the Adventist Training Center in Wonju, Korea, during her first summer vacation. Since she had a plan to join the 1000 Missionary Movement in the near future, she wanted to prepare herself to become a missionary serving in a foreign country. While participating in spiritual training at the center, she prayed earnestly to God, thought over when would be the best time

to apply for foreign mission, and asked God for His wisdom. It was Friday night, and the week-long training session was almost over. On the way up to her accommodation after worship, she was hit by a car coming down from the opposite side of her and she took her last breath at the scene of the accident. She was a 20-year-old college girl, who did not have a chance to pursue her dreams.

Pastor Ryu TaeHee, who served at the Seongnam Central Church at the

time, decided to take on the foreign mission work that his daughter JeeSun had cherished and desired. He wanted to fulfill his daughter's dream of serving as a medical missionary and helping the poor in the world. While pondering and praying for turning her dream into reality, he connected with Bicycle Mission to the World (BMW), a missionary organization that mainly focuses on mission in Africa. With the BMW, Pastor Ryu decided to build a school in the Maasai village of Ossinoni in Kilgoris, Kenya. In Ossinoni, some of the world's poorest people live below poverty, and he wanted to support children there to give them an opportunity to attend school. Thus, the Ryu JeeSun Memorial Adventist High school for the Maasai tribe was founded in Ossinoni. Construction began in June 2012, and less than three years later, the school opened in March 2015. Generous donors from Korea and other countries who heard the plan helped to cover construction expenses.

The Ryu JeeSun Memorial Adventist High School is equipped with ten classrooms, a principal's office, a teacher's office, a computer lab, a science lab, and a library on approximately 31 acres. Dormitories for male and female students, a guest house, and a church to honor Ryu's dream were built on the campus. Currently, about 30 teachers and faculty members serve the school, and the total number of students is about 130. In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, they continue their studies on the campus.

And the school keeps growing. Every semester, there have been students who have become Adventists. It is meaningful that the Three Angels' Messages are being spread to the Maasai. So far, short-term mission teams, such as members from the Seoul Sahmyook Middle School and the medical mission team from Eden Adventist

Hospital, have visited the school seven times to sow the seeds of the gospel.

Ryu JeeSun Memorial Adventist High school now has a bigger dream. Currently, two buildings for another church and a restaurant are under construction, and they are expected to be completed soon. For students who are not able to attend college, the school plans to establish a technical school to provide vocational education. By offering education in woodworking, painting, and computer programming, the school will help students become self-reliant.

“Although my daughter JeeSun left us at an early age in the accident, that tragedy turned into a blessing for a lot of young people in poverty who lived their life without any dreams and hopes. The school has delivered them a vision for a future as well as the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. I glorify God who has guided all of our mission works in Kenya and I also appreciate Adventist members for their support and prayers,” said Pastor Ryu.

### Monument Stone for Commemorating Late Daughter’s Mission Spirit

On March 26, 2021, the Adventist Training Center held a dedication service for a monument stone. On the stone, are the words “Let us be ignited with a passion for saving souls.” And the Bible verse from Acts 20:24, “But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself,” was written on the footstone with the title of

“The stone of pledging martyrdom.” The stone was set up to inspire visitors of the training center with a mission spirit that compels them to save souls by preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are lost in despair and wandering in darkness.

Deaconess Jeon KwangJa from the Korean Adventist Church in Berlin, Germany, donated money toward the construction of the stone. When she heard the story of how Ryu JeeSun died in the car accident in 2011 while at the training center to pray for her dream of becoming a foreign missionary, Jeon KwangJa set her mind on commemorating the young woman’s dream with Ryu’s parents.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by the president of the Korean Union Conference (KUC), directors from the local Conferences in Korea, and leaders from Adventist institutions. Pastor Park SeongHa, the former director of the Adventist Training Center and now retired, gave a commemorative address for setting up the monument stone. “The rural life in the last days, as Ellen White mentioned, is not a passive way of keeping faith for which people flee from the city and just sustain their lives, but it means we have to give ourselves over to mission work with self-sufficiency until the day we die.” Pastor Park said that Deaconess Jeon, who came to the center for spiritual training, was moved by this message. With her hope to encourage Adventist church members to keep faithful, she donated 1,000,000 KRW (approximately \$900 USD) for placing a monument stone at the center.



Pastor Ryu TaeHee and missionaries gave Bibles to children in Kenya as a gift.





1. Dedication service of Ryu JeeSun Memorial Church in the Philippines
2. Building of Ryu JeeSun Memorial Church
3. Students of Ryu JeeSun Memorial Adventist High school in Kenya



Pastor Ryu TaeHee and his wife at the monument stone to commemorate their late daughter's mission spirit



Pastor Ryu TaeHee, who is serving Cheongpyeong Church in Korea and is the father of Ryu JeeSun, said in his greeting speech, “It has been ten years since the accident occurred. At that time, discussing with a few people, it was suggested to build a memorial hall, but due to various circumstances, that did not happen then. I express my appreciation for finally setting up this beautiful monument stone. Some while after the accident, there were questions in my mind that were hard to comprehend, but now I know everything is God’s providence. I have no more regrets.”

He also said, “I hope that the blood of my daughter will flow and become the seed of evangelism to the world. Whenever people see this stone, I hope they have an opportunity to renew their resolution to save souls, to be faithful to die, and to share the blood of Jesus Christ.” At the end of his speech, he asked Adventist church members to pray for Ryu JeeSun Memorial Adventist High school in Kenya and Ryu JeeSun Memorial Church in the Philippines.

In his sermon at the dedication service, KUC president Kang SoonGi cited Genesis 28, in which Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head, set it up as a pillar, and called that place Bethel. “Our faithful ancestors in the Bible erected a monument to commemorate God’s mercy and grace whenever there were significant events in their lives. Today we are also erecting a monument of faith and hope here. Many people visiting the Adventist Training Center will see this monument and wonder why it was built. When they find its true meaning, they cannot but make a pledge to dedicate their lives to God and His great commission.”

Attendees of the dedication service prayed together that the people of Jesus Christ will lift their eyes to heaven and rekindle the spirit of mission among them. It is hoped that the monument stone will remind Adventist church members of spiritual lessons that our faithful forebears left and help us focus on the promise of salvation and comfort from God when we experience fear and pain on this earth.



**M**y name is Dang Thi Van, a lay minister in Vietnam. My life had been through ups and downs, but I always give thanks to God because “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4).

### Jesus as My Hope and Comforter

Before the year 2000, I had been working as a midwife and my husband had been working as an herbal doctor with traditional Vietnamese medicine. In 2000, my family went bankrupt, my husband and I lost our jobs, and the whole family got in trouble with debt. Thus, our lives became miserable and hopeless. When I was in the darkest time of my life, God led my sister-in-law to share some books of Ellen G. White. I started to study and wanted to deep-dive; learning about something seemed to give me hope. However, I did not understand it all by myself during those days. After a few months of seeking God, I was introduced to other fellow brothers and sisters, who taught me Jesus Christ and the Bible. Day by day, the Holy Spirit worked on me to share my faith to my husband and our two daughters.

In September 2000, my husband and I accepted Jesus and were baptized at the Phu Nhuan Adventist Church. Because we lived in Ben Tre province, where there was no Adventist church at that time, we worshipped God at home every Sabbath. We did that until 2003. But a big challenge came to our family again, and finally, my husband left God. I was shocked for what he did. Furthermore, in 2004, I got a severe illness that almost killed me. I prayed to God that if He could save me, I would surrender the rest of my life to serve Him. Until 2008, I committed my life as I promised to God. In 2009, another hard time came when my



Dang Thi Van, a lay minister for the Vietnam Mission

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husband asked me to divorce due to our different viewpoints on faith and life. I had no other option but to let him be free as he wished. Continuing after this difficult time of marriage, I went to Ho Chi Minh City and worked as a freelance midwife.

### The Journey Started

In 2010, I officially started my journey to serve God at the Vietnam Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This time marked my new chapter to be closer to God. It totally transformed my life.

### Phu Quoc Islands With 23 Souls Baptized After Five Years

In 2012 the Vietnam Mission dispatched me to a far island of the South, Phu Quoc. At that time, I had

never driven a motorbike or even used an ATM. I needed to overcome my weaknesses to go to Phu Quoc and serve God as well as the community. Actually, I was the only candidate to go to Phu Quoc since no one else wanted to go there.

Initially, I started with the healing ministry via acupressure and physical therapy. Additionally, I visited houses with testimonies and literature. Moreover, through Vacation Bible School sessions, I taught the Bible to about a dozen children every year. As a result of my mission work in Phu Quoc, in 2013, 14 souls accepted Jesus and were baptized by Pastor Tran Cong Tan, former president of the Vietnam Mission, at the beautiful beach of Phu Quoc. In 2014, after two years of working in Phu Quoc, our home

church was certified to worship God officially from the local authorities, and Seventh-day Adventists were publicly recognized in that place. What a beautiful blessing for the hard work of an evangelist! In 2015, I invited another nine souls to accept Christ. They were baptized by Pastor Truong Cong Hoang, a respected former leader in the Mekong Delta region.

### Serving Two Provinces in Mekong Delta

Then in 2017, I was transferred to Vi Thanh city, the capital city of Hau Giang province, and spent a year of service there. Many years ago, there had been weekly worship sessions led by Evangelist Phat. After he passed

away, church members stopped gathering.

In 2018, I was assigned to minister in Truong Thang home church in Can Tho. At first, the home church worshiped only at noon time, around two hours every Sabbath with a maximum of 15 members. After three months of praying to God, I was successful in pursuing church members to worship on Sabbath morning and together we developed a church of 25 members.

In 2019, the number of church members increased to 45. From early 2020 until now, however, around 30 to 35 members have been gathering every Sabbath due to the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the ministry in Truong Thang, one



of the mission focuses has been children's ministries. I was able to teach 45 children in 2018, 60 in 2019, and 35 in 2020 during Vacation Bible School classes.

### New Challenges on Planting Home Churches in Kien Giang & Vinh Long Provinces

Recognizing that the work was going well in Can Tho, six people including me initiated planting three home churches in the Mekong Delta. Currently, we focus on visiting families for Bible study in order to plant two home churches in Kien Giang and one home church in Vinh Long. It has been just four months since we started to visit houses, but four or five people in three of each already started to worship on Sabbath. We see the work growing by God's grace. Truly, those serving years have been challenging but also blessed and wonderful to me. We never know how much God prepares and takes care of His people. I have experienced that and continue to trust in Him.

Dang is working on planting home churches in the Mekong Delta.





1000MM 17th batch missionaries Cho YoungJoo and Lee ChoonHa in Papua, Indonesia

## They've Already Been Sworn In!

**Cho YoungJoo**

1000MM 17th Batch

It was June of 2001, when I boarded a ship bound for Papua, formerly Irian Jaya, Indonesia, with a feeling of tension and a pounding heart. My final destination was Wamena, where sweet potatoes were the staple food, five pigs were needed to get married for dowry, a woman's finger was cut with a stone axe as a gesture of condolence when a beloved family member died, and even a chief whose past involved cannibalism. That was my mission field. And after 20 years and a gulf of distance, it's still my mission field.

But back in 2001, the reason I joined the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) was not, in fact, because of a great sense of mission. My fiancée, Lee ChoonHa (17th batch), had made a vow to God when she was a college student to join the 1000MM. Because we had set a date for our wedding soon after her graduation, it looked as if she wouldn't be able to keep her promise of becoming a missionary. However, she persuaded me to participate in the 1000MM together, right after the wedding.

At that time, one of the conditions for applying for the 1000MM was to be an "unmarried youth." So, I asked the campus if they could make an exception. They agreed on the condition that we live separately in the male and

female dormitories during the training period, and to prepare for a year's stipend at our own expense. I offered to negotiate with my wife: "Can't we wait until six months after marriage and then join the summer batch?" My wife firmly replied, "If we keep delaying it, we will not be able to go." So, as a newly married husband, it seemed as if I had no choice but to go along with her wish—we left for the Philippines 10 days after the wedding with 51 colleagues of the 17th batch.

In the following year of 2002, after I returned from the mission field, there was a new twist to the mission work in Papua. When Lee JunRyung was in her 20s, she waited for God's guidance on "backcountry mission" but the road did not open to her until she was 65 years old. Finally, her chance came in 2002 by the invitation of Hong HeeYoung, 1000MM (19th batch). Lee took 10 days off from her pharmacy and visited Papua but without much expectation. Because there was a problem with her connecting flight, she spent numerous days on the road. When she arrived in Wamena through many difficulties, she had only one day to visit Yaleskomo, the mission field of the mountain village.

She was so angry she cried. But she wasn't angry with God about her delayed schedule. "No, God! Why do



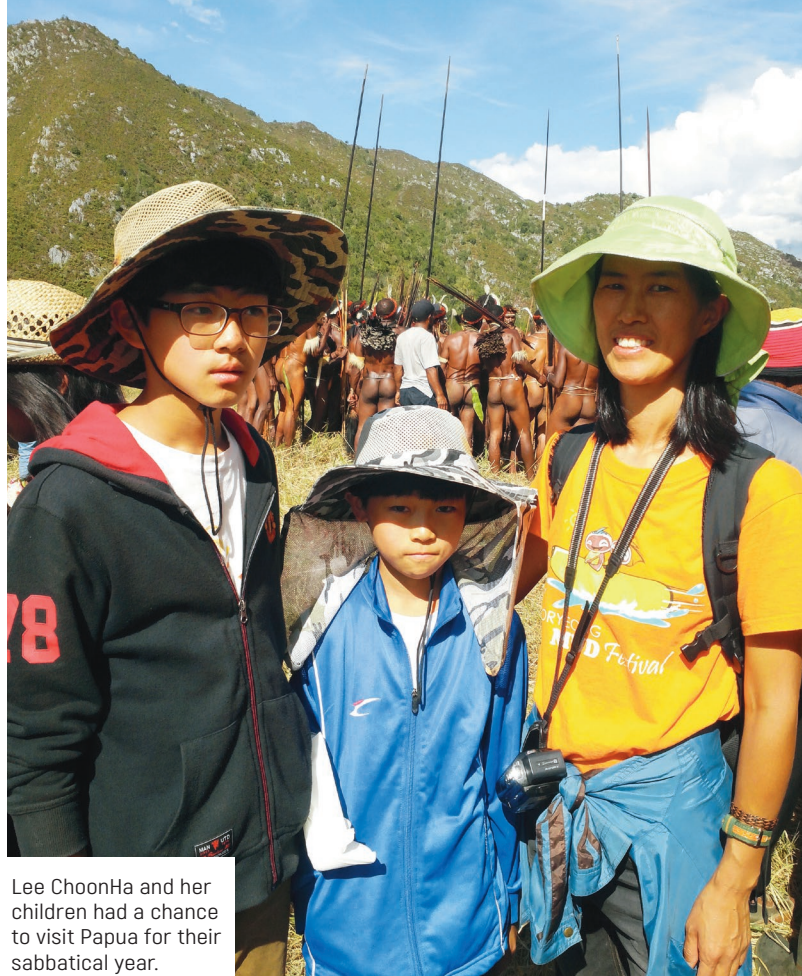
you let these people suffer from rags and diseases although they live in the same age with me?” And then she heard a response from her heart: “That’s why I called you here.”

Since then, for 20 years, Lee has closed her pharmacy every May for ten days to visit Papua. She has established the Anakku Missionary Scholarship Association to help the children in the mission field. (Anakku means “my child” in Indonesian.) So far, the association established a middle and a high school in Sogokmo, and has also built an elementary school in Hobutonggo, a 2,000-meter mountain village. She has given scholarships to college students in need in Korea with an opportunity to go to mission fields to serve as teachers after graduation. For all these ministries, there has been a lot of support from missionaries and the alumni association of the Korean 1000MM who are working closely with the Indonesian 1000MM alumni association and the training center.

The Anakku Missionary Scholarship Association recently converted to a corporation to continue its missionary work more effectively for Papua, Indonesia. I have worked as the executive director of the corporation. The reason I work in this missionary ministry is because I have a faith that the fastest way to change a mission field is clearly and surely through education, although it seems the slowest.

In 2015, our whole family spent a sabbatical year at Manado 1000MM campus, Indonesia. We also had a chance to visit Papua for a month. We boarded a boat, just as my wife and I did 16 years ago, but this time with my children to share the experience with them for four nights and five days.

For two years I haven’t been able to visit Wamena, my mission field, because of COVID-19. But I heard that there was a graduation ceremony recently in a mountain village. I feel as if COVID-19 is shaking the landscape of missionary work. Because it is



Lee ChoonHa and her children had a chance to visit Papua for their sabbatical year.

currently difficult to conduct missionary activities in mission fields, this is a time that “evangelism by locals” is more urgently requested. And even though I haven’t been able to visit my mission field, local missionaries have been working together and the ministry has continued. This is because the Indonesia Anakku Missionary Scholarship Association was organized.

One day during our sabbatical year, at the church, our sons also prayed to someday become missionaries. Since the commemorative vow planting has been done on the training center campus, they cannot remove it. I pray for the day when my sons will go as missionaries soon, because, they’ve already been sworn in!



Graduate ceremony of Sogokmo Middle School



Inaugural meeting of the Indonesia Anakku Missionary Scholarship Association



Missionary Kim HyeongTae (right in both pictures) with his friends

# How to Share Jesus with Muslims

**Kim HyeongTae**  
1000MM 56th Batch

I met a Muslim friend named Ali in my mission field. As we talked about God, the friend brought up questions about Jesus as the Son of God. So, I asked him, “Why do you think God has no Son?” Then I confidently opened the Bible to Matthew 16:16, and quoted, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” But he could not understand the Bible verse, saying, “God is not a human being who has a son.” When I explained the Trinity, he asked me, “How can three different beings exist as one?”

When I grew up in Korea, my home country, I had chances to mingle with people who believed in Buddhism and Catholicism. It was not difficult for me to share my beliefs and the principles of the Adventist Church with them. However, it was not the same with

Ali, my Muslim friend. I’ve never thought about God in the way he has. That’s why I was sometimes at a loss for words while representing my thoughts.

We talked about God and discussed various topics on the day we met. We exchanged phone numbers, and had many conversations on the phone for a while. Sometimes I thought I delivered the biblical truth persuasively, but I felt like he pushed me away. I found myself talking too directly about his belief and faith. I tried to change my attitude, showing deep consideration and persistence to him. Then, he started to open up to me.

After having some conversations with him, I found out that Ali didn’t choose to become a Muslim, rather he was born into the religion and has lived in a Muslim-majority country. I tried to access his innermost thoughts and understand him deeply. I realized that logical approaches to him would not change his thoughts nor touch his heart.

Since then, I have met Muslim friends who wanted to convert to Christianity. However, there are many challenges to live as a Christian in Muslim countries due to the power of the political system and culture.

As Jesus’ ministry on earth, affection and deep consideration toward people are needed for evangelism. When you share the love of Jesus, your friends have more of an opportunity to find the truth.

# Cleaning Up Every Day

**Kim HyeonSeo**  
1000MM 56th Batch

**G**reetings! My name is Kim HyunSeo and I am a 56th batch missionary of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM). I was dispatched to Pakistan and am currently living on the campus of Pakistan Adventist Seminary & College (PASC). I've been here four months. It makes me sad to think that one-third of my time in my precious mission field has already passed. I feel like I want to seize the rest of the time if I can.

Up until a few months ago, Pakistan was a foreign country that I knew in name only. But I don't feel foreign anymore. I am now familiar with the people here who are different in appearance and ways of thinking from people in my home country. I got used to frequent power outages, frogs that appear in the evening, and ants that keep attacking me.

It's amazing that all these things have become a part of my life. But if there's one thing I haven't gotten used to yet—it is the hot weather. Midsummer is here and the temperature has already gone over 40°C (104°F). But the people here say it's not the hottest yet, patting me on the shoulder and telling me to be strong. The



Missionary Kim HyeonSeo with people at Pakistan Adventist Seminary & College

temperature will soon go up to 50°C. I am worried about whether I will be able to do my work in the heat. But I believe that God will give me enough strength and a mindset to endure.

Pakistan is no exception under the dreadful influence of COVID-19. Due to the lockdown, the home visits we had originally planned were cancelled. So, I started to clean the campus in my spare time. It is very windy here, so fallen leaves are everywhere as if it is autumn. One day, I tried to clean the basketball court. It didn't seem like a big deal, but it was quite difficult to bend and sweep fallen leaves while under the hot sun for two hours. I was sweating, feeling proud to finish the cleaning. But the next day, I found that many more leaves fell, and the court seemed to return to its original state. When I saw the scene, for a moment I felt all my work was in vain. But soon I realized that if I hadn't cleaned it, it would have been worse.

Moreover, Pakistan is a "land of dust." Even though I wiped the floor every day, it was soon covered with black dust all over again. One day, when I laid down to sleep, I was worried about black dust on the mosquito nets. So, the next Sunday, I washed the mosquito nets in my house. I felt cleansed when the nets gradually became transparent. I also cleaned the kitchen, the bathroom, the balcony, and floor under the bed. The next day, however, black dust was found everywhere in my house again. The mosquito nets, which had been washed clean, became dirtier day by day. Suddenly a thought popped into my head. "Only perseverance will allow me to live as a child of God."





I realized that if I stopped cleaning my mind, my inner self would be polluted and filled with foolish thoughts and worldly things. It reminded me of the need of persistence in order to live as a child of God. I was grateful to God for giving me a lesson through cleaning.

Through this experience, I made a decision to become a missionary who cleans my heart every day and tries to be more like Jesus every day. I think the best way to cleanse my mind is to meditate on the word of God. As I meditate on His words, I can see the difference between my character and God's character.

I thank God for allowing me to spend peaceful days with such lovely people at PASC, overflowing with things to be grateful for. I believe that Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, will always be with you so that you will live as a child of God.

GOLDEN ANGELS *Golden Angels*

# Golden Angels' First Youth Program, "Golden Time"

**Park ByeongJoo**  
Golden Angels 18

The youth who have taken a break from church due to the coronavirus are now in a state of spiritual crisis.

In reaction to this crisis, the Golden Angels 18th batch organized and carried out a youth worship program, entitled "Golden Time," which denotes the brief but crucial time needed to alert and revive the spirituality of the youth. In a time where all meetings and conferences are held online, this program was carried out in-person.

The health and safety protocols for the prevention of COVID-19 were well maintained throughout this program. In an auditorium which has a maximum capacity of 250 people, a total of 42 people participated, comprised of 32 youth and 10 Golden Angels members. KF-94 facial masks were distributed to all participants and a mandatory usage of those masks was enforced. In addition, constant checking of temperatures as well as strict social distancing was practiced.



Golden Angels had a concert during the youth worship program, "Golden Time."



Participants spent the afternoon in small group activities.

Adventist youths from various churches such as East ACT Church, Sahmyook University Church, the theology department of Sahmyook University, Dasan Church, and Daegu East-central Church joined together for this program.

A praise and worship time started off the morning segment, followed by divine worship. The associate

coordinator of the Golden Angels, Pastor Cho DaeYeon delivered the sermon for the worship hour, entitled, "This Battle Belongs to the Lord." His message admonished the young people to strengthen their faith, to listen to the voice of God just like David in order to fight the battle before us.

Small group activities, which were prepared by the Golden Angels missionaries, took place in the afternoon. The first small group session was about daily meditation and devotion and the importance of it to maintain an intimate relationship with God. In addition, the young people were able to learn about practical ways and steps on how to have a personal meditation and devotion. The second small group session was comprised of praising. The young people learned appropriate ways of praising God, and were able to confess their spiritual revival through the collaborative singing of the song, "I Will Never Be the Same Again." In the final small group session, the six principles of Jesus' prayer life were shared, and participants learned how to use a prayer journal. The afternoon meeting closed with a session of prayer.

In the evening, a concert concluded the whole program. Within the 70-minute concert, the youth experienced joy and revival through singing and praise as the cross and the salvific act of God were confessed through the praises.

It was indeed a blessed time for all the youth participants who responded with positive feedback for the blessings and the opportunity to sing and praise together.



# Golden Angels Lead Out Prayer Week at Sahmyook Health University

**Danielle Chack Wong**

Golden Angels 18



Golden Angels led out in the Week of Prayer at Sahmyook Health University.

University is an important mission field. Students are facing various choices, and they start to think of their future direction and plan their life. That's why schools of the Seventh-day Adventist Church have a great responsibility to educate their students to walk in the right path, not only delivering academic knowledge to them but also leading them to know the source of wisdom, the omniscient God.

From May 10 to 14, 2021, the 18th group of Golden Angels was invited to lead out in the Week of Prayer

at Sahmyook Health University. Pastor Cho DaeYeon, associate coordinator of Golden Angels, was the speaker of the week, and the Golden Angels missionaries oversaw prayer and worship time and small group activities.

Students who were interested in the Bible or considering baptism participated in the small group activities. The gathering took about 30 minutes every day before the main Week of Prayer program. Around four students gathered, led by one or two Golden Angels members. In the first two days, the small group members spent time

focusing on getting to know each other. Then in the following days, there were discussions about lifestyle, worries, problems, and relationships. For us, it was precious time to build up friendships with students. We had wonderful chats, and some of our members have kept contact with participants even after the prayer week finished.

The main program started with a warm-up game led by the Golden Angels members, with students actively participating. Followed by the performance of the Golden Angels, there was a chance to collaborate on stage with “Ariel,” one of the singing groups of the university. They are faithful Adventists and people were impressed by their passion for praising God.

Pastor Cho delivered inspiring messages throughout the week. He encouraged the young generation to pay attention to S.Q., which means spiritual quotient, rather than only focusing on I.Q. (intellectual quotient) or E.Q. (emotional quotient). He also talked in a lively way about understanding the love of Jesus. His sermons served as a good introduction for students who do not know much about Jesus Christ.

On the last day of the prayer week, there were 46 treasured souls who decided to be baptized. The number of candidates were so big that the university divided them into two places for baptism. They might be new to the biblical knowledge, but they understood that it was the day for them to start a new life in God and that they are no longer alone. The most important day in their life was witnessed by their teachers and friends. They still need continuous prayer to keep their faith and continue to seek God’s words.

The 18th group of Golden Angels are having a busy schedule to share the love of God in many places. We hope that more and more people will know God through our music. Please keep our ministry in your prayers.



1. Female members of the Golden Angels had a rehearsal for the performance during the prayer week.
2. Students and Golden Angels members had a small group gathering.
3. On the last day of the prayer week, 46 students were baptized.

# 1040 with Christ!

# Church attendance increase to 100,000 every Sabbath  
# 40,000 newly-baptized disciples into the Church

