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On September 11, 2021, leaders from NSD, KUC, ECKC, and WCKC visited 17 Adventist churches located near the Korean Demilitarized Zone to hold a special prayer Sabbath with church members.

Church's Mission is to Preach the Gospel to the World

The church exists for mission. God has established His church to preach the gospel to the world. After being sent by the church, the disciples moved forward, proclaiming the message of hope to everyone they met. Many people repented of their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they led many souls to the cross of Jesus.

Ellen G. White said: "Church is the institution established by God for the salvation of human beings. Church is organized for service and its mission is to preach the gospel to the world" (*The Acts of the Apostles*, 9). Various activities and programs such as Sabbath School, relief service activities, small group meetings, and health seminars are planned and implemented through the church. These activities are not an end in themselves but are a means to spread the gospel to the world.

Seventh-day Adventist author and missions professor, Jon Dybdahl says "Mission is central to our identity. Jesus did not create a church and give it mission as one of its tasks. The divine sending plan comes prior to the church. Mission gives birth to the church and is its mother. The very essence or nature of the church is mission" (*Adventist Mission*, 17). Indeed, it is. Mission was there even before the existence of the church. When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and sinned, the plan of redemption, which is the plan of gospel mission to save mankind, was proclaimed (Genesis 3:15). It is the plan that Jesus Christ will save humanity from Satan's captivity. God has called us to participate in the implementation of this plan.

God could have accomplished this plan through the angels, but He called His people on Earth to this great mission plan for their benefit. Mrs. White

wrote: "An angel guided Philip to the one who was seeking for light and who was ready to receive the gospel, and today angels will guide the footsteps of those workers who will allow the Holy Spirit to sanctify their tongues and refine and ennoble their hearts. The angel sent

to Philip could himself have done the work for the Ethiopian, but this is not God's way of working. It is His plan that men are to work for their fellow men" (*The Acts of the Apostles*, 109). To fulfill the mission plan, Jesus called and trained the twelve disciples. The disciples became the foundation of the early church through training and mentoring. And based on that foundation, the churches in the New Testament began to grow.

We must remember two important training aspects in the mission of the church: leadership training, and discipleship training.

Everything rises and falls on leadership. It is up to the leader whether an institution grows or fails. It is not because of the economic situation or the market, but because of the leader. The success or failure of evangelism also depends on the leader.

Various examples of discipleship are recorded in the Bible. Moses had Joshua, and Elijah had Elisha. John the Baptist also trained disciples, and Jesus trained the twelve. Paul also had Timothy, Priscilla, and Aquila as disciples. Therefore, the success or failure of mission depends on people, not on programs.

We must train people to be fruitful at evangelism. We need to train excellent leaders who can successfully lead the work of evangelism. And we need to continue in training disciples who can devote themselves to preaching the gospel to the ends of the earth. As we see more signs of Jesus' Second Coming, let's pray earnestly that the Lord will send His workers to the harvest fields.



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.



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SPECIAL PRAYER SABBATH FOR THE NORTH KOREA MISSION

Leaders from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Korean Union Conference, East Central Korean Conference, and West Central Korean Conference held a special prayer Sabbath on September 11, 2021. The groups divided up and visited 17 Adventist churches located near the Korean Demilitarized Zone to preach God’s word and to organize prayer sessions pleading with God to open the doors of North Korea.

Recently at the midyear session in April of 2021, NSD established a separate department for the North Korea Mission, formerly under the Adventist Mission department. A felt urgency to deliver the gospel to North Korea and hasten the Second Coming of Jesus Christ prompted the decision to create the separate department with Pastor Oh BeomSeok appointed as the first North Korea Mission director.

Pastor Oh set three objectives, described as 3M, to more effectively implement the North Korean Mission—set Masterplan, train Missionaries, and prepare Materials. Firstly, it is important to set detailed plans for the mid to long-term. Secondly, there is a goal to train at least 1,000 missionaries, and lastly, secure at least 10 billion KRW (approximately \$8.4 million USD) in funds. After fulfilling these goals, when God opens the door, the plan includes 100 simultaneous church plants.

The key through this journey is prayer, because God is the only one who can successfully accomplish such a daunting task. “In his heart, a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps” (Proverbs 16:9). The North Korea Mission has a plan to organize no less than 1,000 prayer groups throughout the NSD territory. Thus, the special prayer Sabbath enabled leaders to bring together church members for a beginning point of this endeavor.

On that Sabbath in September, NSD President Kim SiYoung visited Wontong church in Gangwon Province, which is only 30km away from North Korea. Around 10 Adventist soldiers used to attend the church, but as they are banned from coming to outside gatherings due to COVID-19, they're conducting worship at their camp.

Pastor Kim preached a sermon titled "God who opens the door," and highlighted that God has the authority to open the door. He said God opened the eyes of Elisha's servant; He opened the door of heaven to pour out rain; and He opened the door of death to raise Lazarus. God's intervention each time involved someone praying. Pastor Kim reminded members that God opened the doors to evangelize Gentiles and Europeans. And in that same spirit of earnestness, Pastor Kim encouraged church members to intently pray for God to open the doors of North Korea.

Afterward, he and church members moved to the Gosung Unification Observatory which overlooks the nearby fields and forested mountains of North Korea. Even though only a few of them joined together due to a capacity limit, the time was worthwhile to gather and pray after observing the countryside of North Korea.

Pastor Oh BeomSeok, NSD North Korea Mission director, and Jacob Ko, NSD Health Ministries director, visited Yanggu Costal church, which is led by a lay leader and only 2km away from North Korea. The place where the church is located is called "the Punchbowl"—a name given to the bowl-shaped basin by UN Forces during the Korean War. The war claimed

Pastor Oh BeomSeok (right) and NSD Health Ministries Director Jacob Ko (left) visited Yanggu Costal Church on the special prayer Sabbath. Due to the ban on gatherings in that area, church members and visitors held Sabbath worship service at the apple storehouse of a church elder.



Members of Yanggu Costal Church pray for North Korea on the special prayer Sabbath.



NSD President Kim SiYoung and members of Wontong Church visit the Gosung Unification Observatory that overlooks the fields and mountains of North Korea.

the lives of more than 10,000 soldiers in this area.

Shortly before the planned Sabbath, there was a mass COVID-19 infection in Yanggu. Since the government strictly restricted gatherings, church members met at the apple storehouse of Elder Kim SungTae, the church's lay leader. While observing social distancing protocol, they all sat on apple boxes and prayed for the spreading of the gospel message throughout North Korea. The lay leader confessed that he had hardly thought about North Korea despite living so close and recognized the importance of prayer through this special prayer Sabbath.

Pastor Kim YoHan, NSD Adventist Mission director, was asked to visit Wooncheon church. Pastor Kim said that he has been continually praying for missions to the world including North Korea. But having this special Sabbath urged him to weigh more on it, and he was determined to pray faithfully for evangelism across that country.

Our church leaders have shown an important example through prayer in their desire to see North Korea open. We look forward to witnessing the prayer movement spreading to all the nations and church members in the NSD territory so that the Three Angels' Messages can be delivered to this isolated nation in the near future.



Oh BeomSeok

NSD North Korea Mission Director

Pastor Kim YoHan and members of Wooncheon Church visited the Memorial of Battle of White Horse, which honors victims of the battle.





Left: A special prayer meeting on a mountain near Inje Church. Above: Pastors Sabuin and Kim visit Inje Church on the special prayer Sabbath for North Korea.

SPECIAL PRAYER SABBATH at Inje Church

Since the year 1990, when East and West Germany united after 45 years of division, Korea has been the only divided country in the world—more than 75 years have passed since dividing. Furthermore, since an end to the war was never declared, the Korean war that started in 1950 has not officially ended. North Korea and South Korea have walked in completely different directions since that time. As a result, South Korea became one of the most open countries to the outside world while North Korea became one of the most closed countries. According to various statistics, North Korea is the most seriously restricted country in religious freedom. Being a Christian in that country could mean persecution and death. Religious activity by foreigners is prohibited. And even the chance of entering the country from South Korea is zero.

What then can we do for that severely closed country? What must be the first step for this special mission when we cannot directly engage in activities for North Korea? The NSD leadership as well as its

North Korea Mission department concluded that the first step was to pray for this special ministry.

Out of the 17 churches visited, Pastor Richard Sabuin, as NSD acting secretary, and I, as associate secretary, visited Inje church. Inje is a kind of fortress city with possibly more soldiers than civilians in that city. But it is special to me because it is where my son Danny recently did his military service. During his time there, because of COVID-19, no Adventist soldiers were allowed to attend church. So, Danny joined Paju International Church via Zoom every Sabbath in the military camp. I made up my mind that I would visit Inje church someday because it was the church that Danny would have attended during his military service term if it had not been for the pandemic.

On the Sabbath that Pastor Sabuin and I visited, a little more than 20 church members attended. I led the Sabbath School lesson and Pastor Sabuin preached at the divine service, and I of course helped him in translation. We encouraged the church members to pray especially for the North Korea mission. After lunch, we climbed up a nearby mountain where we could see from the most northern part of South Korea to have a special prayer meeting. We were not sure if the land we looked out on was part of North Korea, but the head elder of the church explained that that hill was the best place to have a prayer meeting. We passionately asked God to pour out His special blessing upon His church as we go forward for the North Korea Mission Ministries and as NSD President Kim SiYoung emphasized, “when we are prepared, God will open the door to North Korea.” That Sabbath day we returned home believing that Inje church, though small now, will be one of the locations to advance God’s kingdom when the doors to North Korea open in the future.



Kim SunHwan
NSD Associate Secretary

Special Prayer and Visit to Jeongok Countryside Church near North Korea —an American's perspective

Joel Tompkins
NSD Treasurer



When I visited Jeongok Countryside Church, the first thing I noticed was its vegetable garden—tomatoes, lettuce, sweet potatoes and some really tall sunflowers. This is not the sort of thing I would find at a church in North America. There were about 20 people spread around the church sanctuary according to COVID-19 restrictions. And though there were few people in attendance, they sang enthusiastically, and the pianist played expertly— something else that is rare in small churches in the US.

But the most unusual part was the location of the little church—near the Demilitarized Zone separating North and South Korea. Before I

transferred to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) as treasurer, many people in North America asked me: “Aren’t you afraid to live so close to North Korea?” I responded confidently that I wasn’t because whenever I asked that question to Koreans, they shrugged it off and said there wasn’t anything to be concerned about.

But even though South Korean Adventists are not concerned about a North Korean threat, they have a much bigger worry—that North Koreans do not yet know about Jesus Christ and the Bible. My visit to Jeongok Countryside Church with NSD Communication director Byun SeongJun, who was also my

translator, was part of a larger prayer effort to galvanize church members to pray earnestly for the doors to open to North Korea to spread the gospel.

During my sermon, I asked for those in the congregation to raise their hands if they could remember before the separation of Korea. Several hands raised. And as we held a special time of prayer for North Korea a member talked about the time the countries separated and about the violence he had witnessed including to his own relatives.

Afterward we drove to the Odusan Unification Tower on the DMZ border along with eight of the local members. We divided into two groups to enter and pass by the displays. The photographs of family members that had been separated from their relatives was the most touching. Outside at the observation tower, we quickly gathered for the photo, stretching out the banner then folding it up immediately. Then each of us prayed for North Korea as we looked across at a small town in the distance across the border. We left that place with hope in our hearts and a renewed faith that God would hear our prayers to crack open the doors for 26 million people to learn of His love and saving power, and ultimately unite every family when Jesus comes a second time.



1. Elder Tompkins looks at a small town across the border in North Korea.
2. Members of the Jeongok Countryside Church hold a banner, which reads, “Pray for North Korea.”
3. Elder Tompkins and Pastor Byun SeongJun pray for North Korea with Jeongok Countryside Church members at the Odusan Unification Tower.



Sanae Choongseong Church



Sokcho Southern Church



Jeokseong Church



Sanyangri Church



Yanggu Church





Dongducheon Church



Wontong Church



Moonsan Church



Ganghwa Church



Beobwonri Church



Wooncheon Church

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Cheorwon Church



Yeoncheon Church



Dongsong Church



Yanggu Costal Church



Two hosts open a four-day online camp meeting of WCKC.

Four Local Conferences in Korea Hold Online Spiritual Camp Meetings

Kim BeomTae

Reporter of *Adventist Village*

During the reinstated social distancing regulations with the fourth COVID-19 wave in Korea that began in July 2021, various social activities, including church gatherings were heavily restricted. Therefore, four out of the five local conferences in Korea adopted online spiritual camp meetings, a major annual event usually conducted in person.

West Central Korean Conference Camp Meeting

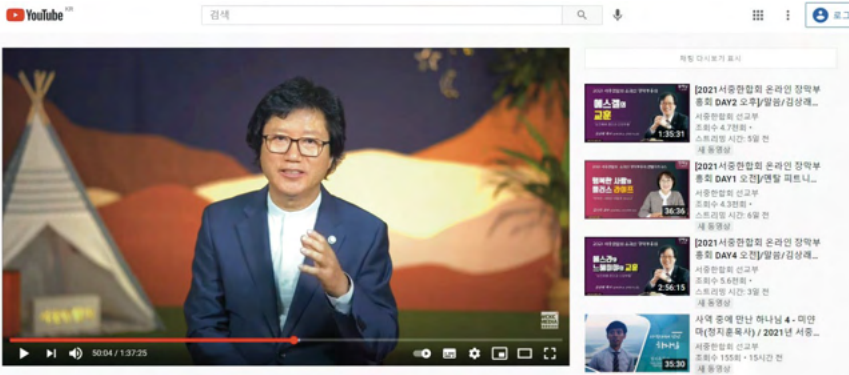
The West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) launched its four-day online camp meeting on July 28, 2021. Since most of the programing had to be livestreamed

on the conference's online worship platform as well as on YouTube, staff members were constantly running to ensure everything went smoothly and without any technical issues or problems. Before opening the event, over 3,000 people from 106 local churches in WCKC pre-registered to attend. This was a much larger number compared to on-site meetings before COVID-19 because many could not attend in person due to restrictions of time and place. The camp meeting team was surprised that the number of attendees surpassed their expectations.

The main theme of the meetings was "Suspension of Worship Services at Church and Spiritual Revival." In

other words, the meetings aimed for attendees to think deeply about their spiritual life in the middle of the pandemic and to lead them in a right direction to experience spiritual revival. The theme dealt with four aspects of a spiritual life—biblical lesson, church, family, and mission.

The meetings began with welcome remarks by Pastor Shin WonShik, WCKC president. "All church members have earnestly prayed to return to a normal life, but we are not sure when that will happen. In the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has not been easy to gather at a church or deliver the gospel message to neighbors. And I am sure that it has made you feel discouraged,



Dr. Kim SangRae, director of the Theological Research Institute of Sahmyook University, was invited as the speaker of WCKC online camp meeting.

and you have longed for the day when the pandemic ends. However, what you should wait for is true repentance and spiritual revival, not a normal life before COVID,” said Pastor Shin.

Dr. Kim SangRae, director of the Theological Research Institute of Sahmyook University, was invited as guest speaker. Reflecting on the lives of faithful people in the Old Testament, such as Daniel, Ezekiel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, he offered life lessons from them—ways to overcome a crisis and to maintain a close relationship with God. “In the history of Judah, destruction of the Jerusalem temple and the Babylonian captivity were huge disasters. However, the people of Judah began to be spiritually awakened and revived during the captivity. We should learn from our biblical ancestors and find meaning from this COVID-19 crisis. When we keep a strong faith and a vision of mission in the era of COVID-19, God will use us to light the world and proclaim His gospel,” said Dr. Kim

During the early morning session, attendees were able to start their day with inspiring mission stories. Four Pioneer Mission Movement missionaries, who are serving in Taiwan, Mongolia, and Myanmar, testified of God with their mission field experiences.

Dr. Kim NaMi, who is a professional counselor and teaches counseling at Sahmyook Universtiy, organized

a “Mental Fitness” program. Under the theme of “How Happy People Live,” her program emphasized the importance of family, the basic unit of relationships. In order to maintain the family like heaven, she provided some key insights, including positive thinking, mutual respect, and togetherness.

During Sabbath School several local churches shared exemplary mission cases. These churches have not given up their missionary purpose and have tried their best to serve the community due to the pandemic circumstances.

This WCKC online camp meeting focused on two-way communication with attendees, and built an application for the meeting to keep

attendees informed and to promote participation in events. In addition to the official camp meeting programs, mission story videos and local church testimonies were shared on YouTube.

Attendees communicated to each other using YouTube’s live chat feature. “We are now gathering at the church to attend the meeting.” “From early morning till evening, my heart has overjoyed with God’s abundant blessings through His words and various programs of the online meeting.” “I am certain that the Holy Spirit leads this meeting. I hope that love toward God will grow in everyone’s heart.”



Southwest Korean Conference Camp Meeting

The Southwest Korean Conference (SWKC) held a one-week online camp meeting from July 25 to 31, 2021, under the theme of “I Will Go with the Holy Spirit.” Two speakers, Pastor Kim JeongGon, director of the Adventist Training Center, and Pastor Kim JaeShin, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director of SWKC, were invited for the meeting. All programs were delivered through the official YouTube channel of SWKC. Church members of this conference attended the meeting either at home or at a local church with a controlled group of church members.

Instead of visiting a studio where the online meeting was filmed, Adventist Village News Center visited Shintaein Church to see how a local church participates in the online meeting. The Shintaein Church is a mid-size church located in a rural area in Korea. Under the slogan of “Be the Light,” church members have been moving toward a goal of an average attendance of 200. Recently, they finished remodeling the church building.



On Sabbath, July 31, the last day of the SWKC online camp meeting, the parking lot of the church, where local social distancing levels were lower, was filled with cars before the Sabbath School began. Kim SamGon, one of the church elders, said, “Only about six or seven members from the Shintaein Church participated in the on-site camp meeting in previous years. After the meeting went online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many more church members benefited from the online meeting.” Even though the

meeting was held in the middle of the busy farming season, around 30 members came to the church every evening to join the online meeting together. On the last day, more than 80 people attended the church. Following the COVID-19 guidelines, the church’s first and second floors could properly accommodate the number of people attending.

Deaconess Lee MiSook lead the praise and worship time before Sabbath School. Church members sang in harmony, putting their hope in hymns, such as “We Have This



Members of the Shintaein Church participate in the SWKC online camp meeting.

Hope” and “O Spread the Tidings Round.” Deaconess Lee said, “In our daily lives, we should remember our hope in Jesus’ Second Coming and get over challenging moments with praising His mercy and grace.”

During Sabbath School, with the title, “Maybe,” some of the church members submitted a short story of experiencing God’s special guidance in their life. One of the members gave thanks to God for His protection from a car accident that could have been tragic. Another member confessed that if God did not lead him to meet his wife, he may have pursued worldly pleasure only and would not have known the salvation of the Lord. One female deaconess wrote a letter to an elderly lady sitting next to her, saying, “Heaven is too good and there’s nothing to compare to it.”

The lady responded to this letter by writing a poem and reciting it. This was a time to create empathy and happiness among church members.

The main online worship service started with the theme song of the camp meeting, “I Will Go.” Pastor Kim JaeShin, SWKC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director, appeared on the video and said, “We have had a week of blessings with guidance from the Holy Spirit. I am sure that this can be another new opportunity for your life to prepare for Jesus’ Second Coming.” He urged participants to continue following God’s will and to move forward in their daily lives.

The Hessed Choir sang, “O My King, My God.” And even though the song was delivered through video, it moved the hearts of church attendees who were grateful that the sound of praising God could be spread continuously even in this pandemic era.

Pastor Kim JeongGon, one of the main speakers of the camp meeting, delivered the divine worship sermon, referring to Hebrews 4:15, “For we do not have a High Priest



who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” In his sermon, titled, “Peace be with You,” he focused on the subjects, sympathy and change. “God feels compassion for us and fully sympathizes with what kind of life we are living. He understands the weight of each one’s life,

spiritual poverty or desperation for abundance. I encourage you to take off the burden of life and live with joy from a close relationship with God,” Pastor Kim said.

Attendees gave positive feedback for this online camp meeting. One of the church members said, “It was a meaningful time to check whether I was eagerly waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus. I praised God with everyone and we were aware of the presence of God.” Another church member said, “Listening to the words of blessing every day, I was thrilled and grateful that I am a Seventh-day Adventist. God must have great expectations for us. I wish to say ‘Here am I, send me!’ to His calling. It was a great chance for me to make a firm resolution to keep holding God’s hand in any circumstance.”

The Sabbath worship finished, and the camp meeting was declared to be closed. The signal on the projection screen went off. However, some members of the Shintaecin Church stayed at the church to receive training in small group leadership. Although the seven-day rally is over, the Shintaecin Church continues to carry out their mission.



Church members shares a story of experiencing God’s special guidance during Sabbath School.

Southeast Korean Conference Camp Meeting

A three-day spiritual camp meeting of the Southeast Korean Conference (SEKC) began on July 22, 2021. The camp meeting, with the theme, “Be Prepared for the Coming Year of Famine,” was run as a combination of online and face-to-face communication at the Alpha City church, its youth members leading with songs of praise. The sermons were livestreamed on YouTube—seminars and other activities were also provided via YouTube and Zoom. There were a limited number of church members who participated in the event face-to-face while following the government’s social distancing measures, such as wearing masks, being checked for body temperature, and using hand sanitizer.

Pastor Kim DongSeob, director of the SEKC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries department, said in his welcoming remarks, “What we are going through is an opportunity rather than a crisis. The coronavirus serves as a magnifying glass, and we can examine ourselves through that. It is the time to prepare for the coming year of

famine. Let us be prepared by Jesus’ grace and forgiveness at the cross.”

With the title of “Where Are You, Adam?” Pastor Baek InWoo, from the Jangwuidong Church, delivered the opening sermon. He said, “Why do we try to hide from God even though we understand that it is impossible? We know that we cannot hide from God behind our social success, wealth, authority, or any contribution. Today, God throws us the same question as He did to Adam. If you can hear His voice, you should get out of your world and meet Him.” Through a series of sermons, including “What Is Your Name?” “Why Do You Worry?” and “Do You Love Me?” Pastor Baek explored what questions God might ask and brought answers based on the Bible. He stated, “The hope for our life is in God’s sympathy. We are Seventh-day Adventists who believe His faithfulness. While waiting for His Second Coming, we should meet Him through His words.”

Early morning prayer meetings were led by Pastor Kang HaShik, director of the World Mission Center of Sahmyook University. In his sermon titled, “Act Like Jacob When You Are Tested,” Pastor Kang



Pastor Baek InWoo, the main speaker of the SEKC camp meeting.

advised attendees to find God in this age of anxiety and put on His full armor to overcome hardships caused by COVID-19.

Seminars were organized during the camp meeting to provide attendees with knowledge on the Bible, religious life, and useful information for an Adventist lifestyle. Speakers with expertise in their field gave lectures on “What We Should Know Before We Worry about Smartphone Addiction,” “Digital Evangelism in the COVID-19 Era,” “Cross and the Investigative Judgment,” “The Remnant and the Health Message,” “Kingdom of God and Missional Church,” “Principles of Spiritual Revival,” “Mystery of Iniquity and Virtual Currencies.”

A program for young adults was also offered through the Zoom application where they had the opportunity to come together online and talk about their worries and troubles and to encourage one another to grow in God. Although they are confronted with challenges in dating, marriage, childbirth, relationships, and getting a job, they tried to see their problems from a Christian point of view and to find the way God leads.





The Golden Angels offer mini concert before the opening service.

Middlewest Korean Conference Camp Meeting

From July 23 to 24, 2021, the Middlewest Korean Conference (MWKC) held a spiritual camp meeting simultaneously onsite and online. The camp meeting programs were livestreamed through the official YouTube channel of MWKC where church members were able to participate in the meeting as individuals or in groups, at their home or at their churches. The onsite meeting was held at Seonggeo Church with a limited number of participants, following the COVID-19 safety protocols from the Korean government.



Pastor Kim YeonCheol, the main speaker of the MWKC camp meeting.

The two-day event opened with a mini concert staged by the Golden Angels, the singing missionaries of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. For 30 minutes before the opening service, they filled the church with beautiful praise music. Despite having to sing with masks, they gave their best to touch the hearts of each person attending, in person or online. They appealed to the participants, saying, “Let’s keep in mind that Jesus is our guide for our lives. Even if we are all tired of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have Jesus, who renews our strength every day. We understand that this difficult time is part of Bible fulfillment. So, let’s move forward.” The audience enthusiastically responded with applause and amens after each song.

At the opening service, MWKC president Kim SamBae delivered an encouraging message to participants: “Due to COVID-19, It has been almost two years of seeing each other only on a screen. However, we should not forget that Jesus can change problems into opportunities. Through this crisis, we can see an opportunity to spread the gospel message using online platforms,” said President Kim.

Pastor Kim YeonCheol, of Inchoen Three Angels Church, was invited as the main speaker. His sermons focused on the concepts

of small group ministry and the current reality and challenges of a shrinking Korean Adventist Church, analyzing why many Korean Adventists are passive in evangelism. Also, he demonstrated the definition of mission and how to do it step by step. “We should focus on what we can do, not what we can’t do. And we have to find a way for evangelism, not an excuse. Things should be viewed from God’s perspective, not from a human’s perspective. The church should be a community led by the Holy Spirit, not a place I want and need,” said Pastor Kim.

During Sabbath School, members of the Inchoen Three Angels Church demonstrated running a small group activity, introducing how to nurture and care for disciples in a small group. There were also interesting and touching stories of churches working hard in their mission work. The Adventist a capella group, With Singers, presented beautiful harmony through music in songs.

“Even though we could not praise, or talk and mingle as we used to do, it still was a great relief for us to participate in the camp meeting this way. It was a meaningful time to ponder how I can be a true disciple of Jesus Christ,” said one of the participants of the camp meeting.



God First: GC Stewardship Ministries Advisory

The Stewardship Ministries department of the General Conference (GC) held an advisory meeting from September 22 to 23, 2021 via Zoom, with leaders of Stewardship Ministries from the 13 divisions of the world Seventh-day Adventist Church including the Middle East, Israel, and China.

The programs focused on the theme “God First,” which is a global initiative the GC Stewardship Ministries has promoted. Elder Guillermo Biaggi, GC general vice president, opened the advisory by presenting the word of God. During the advisory, the strategic plan for this quinquennial was presented by Pastor Marcos Bomfim, GC Stewardship Ministries director. Also, plans for Stewardship Week of Prayer, the “God First” initiative, and other resources were shared by GC Stewardship leaders.

Each division was given an opportunity to present their ministry’s report, including the status and progress of tithes and offerings in each territory. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the divisions reported growth in tithes and offerings and the positive effect of introducing the online giving system.

President of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, Elder Ted Wilson, gave a message to Stewardship leaders, saying that the relation between the Three Angels’ Messages and stewardship ministries should be emphasized to Adventist members in these last days.

Before closing the two-day meeting, attendees had a chance to renew their spiritual, physical, and financial stewardship commitments, once again resolving to put “God First” in their lives.



Kim Nakhyung
NSD Stewardship Ministries Director

BFFL Course Design Academy



The Teaching and Learning Development Center under the Institute for Innovative Education at Sahmyook University held the Biblical Foundation of Faith and Learning (BFFL) Course Design Academy for full-time professors on August 17, 18, and 20, through the online platform, Zoom.

The program aims for integration of biblical faith and academics in liberal arts and departmental subjects based on a Christian worldview. It is an educational model in which professors reinterpret their academic fields, redesigning their classes to effectively convey and teach students from the perspective of the gospel.

With its original development of the BFFL model, Sahmyook University has organized a project to promote

the model by holding academy courses for professors—12 professors from 11 departments participated in the latest courses. Those departments included: Aviation Tourism and Foreign Languages, Food and Nutrition, Health and Human Performance, Counseling Psychology, Leisure and Sports Studies, Pharmacy, Nursing, Chemistry Life Science, Environmental Design, Horticulture, Architecture, and the Smith College of Liberal Arts.

The 16-hour course consisted of seven steps for designing BFFL curriculum: establishing a biblical concept; describing learning outcomes; choosing a teaching-learning method; feedback planning; step evaluation planning; checking the connection between subject elements; and writing a BFFL lecture plan.

Ministry of Education Selects SU Once Again as a General Financial Support University



Sahmyook University has been selected as one of the “General Financial Support Universities” as a result of the 2021 Basic University Competency Diagnosis, organized by the Ministry of Education.

The Basic University Competency Diagnosis is a policy that evaluates the elements that a higher education

institution should have every three years, based on indicators including the university’s educational condition, academic management, curricula, student support, and educational outcomes.

In this evaluation, a total of 233 (the top 73%) out of the 319 universities subject to the diagnosis were selected as general financial support universities. Those selected include 135 other general universities besides Sahmyook University and 97 junior colleges.

As a result, Sahmyook University will receive general financial support for university innovation support projects for three years from 2022 to 2024 and promote autonomous innovation and rightsizing according to the university’s development plan.

Kim IlMok, president of Sahmyook University, said, “I would like to express my deep gratitude to all professors and employees who have devoted themselves to keeping our university above the rigorous standards over the past three years.” He added, “We will do our best to improve and reform our university and take a leap forward.”

First Online Camp Meeting in Mongolia

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MM Media Missionary

The Mongolia Mission (MM) successfully completed their first online camp meeting October 15-17, 2021, with the theme of *I Will Go*. Usually, MM holds its annual nationwide camp meeting during the summer in which Adventist members have fond memories of this event. But because of the COVID-19 pandemic and in-person restrictions, the camp meeting could not be organized last year. Since the coronavirus became a pandemic, most of the churches in Mongolia have been closed, which has led to an estrangement with God. During those challenging times, the faith of many of the members decreased, especially those whose foundation is weak. Therefore, MM decided to hold their annual camp meeting online for the first time in its history.

Mongolia Mission invited five Mongolian speakers from five different countries in which they have worked as a missionary or have studied; Pastor Namjildorj from the United States; Enkhmandakh from Russia; Batzul from the Philippines; Pastor Tsolmonbayar from Korea; and Bolormaa from Australia. And five special testimonies were shared during the main program to encourage church members to rekindle their faith in God.

Every morning and evening, participants divided into groups and gathered in a prayer room prepared through the Zoom teleconferencing platform. Also, various activities were brought to participants using Zoom, Facebook livestreaming and Facebook group chats.

Seminars centered on women, family, health, children, media, and Sabbath School ministries. Other programs, such as a talk show, a movie, kids' time, and exercise, made the camp meeting enjoyable. All of these programs served as a time of revival for Mongolian Adventists as well as a time of excitement for new members. Above all, everything in the meeting was designed to focus on the *I Will Go* strategic plan of the Adventist world church for this quinquennium. I am sure that during this time many of us made a personal decision to follow Jesus and participate in the *I Will Go* project.

We thank God that we were able to reach about 2,000 camp participants—a large number for MM. We believe social platforms are part of the technological advantages to be used in the last days to reach more souls. This meeting also left lessons for MM's upcoming online evangelism event that will happen soon.

I kindly ask you to keep MM in your prayers. We're also praying for each of you around the world. Let us be united in God and connected in unity with the Holy Spirit and continue our spiritual life for every kind of situation. I would like to encourage each of you to keep your eyes on Jesus so that we can gather in heaven after the Second Coming of Jesus. Can you imagine how our camp meeting will be in heaven?

Staff members of MM's online camp meeting



TWC Community Service Ministries Builds a House

Noah Lai

TWC Community Service Ministries Director



1. Noah Lai, TWC Community Service Ministries director, and Huang Hui Ting, president of Taiwan Adventist Hospital.
2. The dilapidated house before TWC built a new one.
3. TWC President Tom Sun gives an encouraging message at the house dedication service.

Amid these challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Service Ministries department of the Taiwan Conference has been able to witness God’s grace upon our work. One of the projects we have worked on throughout the year of 2021 was building a house for a person in need.

The recipient was an elderly woman who faced difficulties receiving help from her son or daughter. She has no job and lives by elderly allowance. She lived alone in a dilapidated house, but even the house was auctioned. Even though she is not a Seventh-day Adventist, the Qingye Adventist Church was concerned about her, and the TWC Community Service Ministries department decided to build a house for her.

To implement this house-building project, Taiwan Adventist Hospital generously gave financial support. Also, volunteers individually and from organizations made this project possible to complete.

The house dedication service was held on Sabbath afternoon, October 9, 2021. The TWC President Tom Sun gave an encouraging message to attendees, quoting a Bible verse in

Psalm 127, “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.” The core value of the house is not in the physical building or the furnishings inside, said Pastor Sun, but in the presence of the Lord. He urged attendees to invite the Lord to enter our lives so that we share the warmth from Him with one another. Also, he emphasized that this world is not a permanent home for us, but we are all waiting for the glorious return of Jesus to live with Him forever. And then Pastor Sun reminded the pastor, elders, and deacons of the Qingye Church to continue their concern and enthusiasm in caring for this woman—to visit her, spend time with her, and continue to share the joy of life with her.

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). We, as Christians, are responsible for being a light to the world. Light drives out darkness, and illuminates obstacles and dangers. It makes houses and cities safer and gives direction even at a distance. In her publication, *Welfare Ministry*, Ellen White described what God’s children should do for their neighbors: “The reason why God’s people are not more spiritually minded, and have not more faith, I have been shown, is because they are narrowed up with selfishness.”

I pray that soon this woman and her family will be moved by everyone’s unselfish service and the touch of the Holy Spirit, that they will know the God we know and will be willing to follow and worship Him.



Park JeongYang, director of the Department of Integrated Arts, delivers welcome remarks at the entrance ceremony.

Chinese Students Enroll in Global Gifted Course at Sahmyook University

The Department of Integrated Arts at Sahmyook University's Global Gifted course enrolled 37 Chinese students, including 25 doctorate students and 12 master's and doctorate integration course students, in the second semester of 2021, beginning in September.

The entrance ceremony was held on August 18, 2021, through Zoom, and was attended by Kim IlMok, president of Sahmyook University, Park JeongYang, director of the Department of Integrated Arts, Yang JaeWook, director of the International Education Center, as well as professors, and new students.

Since 2019, the university has operated a Global Gifted course for Chinese students to train international integrated art experts through Korean language education, theoretical education, practice, and field training. Faculty members invite prominent figures from each art field from Korea and China to conduct integrated art lectures and provide opportunities to communicate with leading domestic artists. Students can also participate in volunteer activities such as free art education for gifted children and those from low-income situations or countries.

(Integrated Arts Education Content, Art Management, and Global Gifted Integrated Arts have been provided since 2019 as concentrations under the Integrated Arts major. International Art Curating and Criticism, International Art Business Administration and Management, International Fine Arts and Visual Practical concentrations are added in September, second semester of 2021.)

Developing Functional Games for Recovered Pediatric Cancer Patients

Sahmyook University and the Korea Pediatric Cancer Foundation signed a joint research infrastructure MOU to develop mobile functional games for cancer-cured children and adolescents.

According to the Korean Ministry of Health & Welfare, about 1,500 to 1,800 cases of cancer in children under the age of 18 are diagnosed every year. Among them, the 5-year survival rate (cure rate) is over 80%, and most patients successfully overcome the treatment process and become "pediatric cancer survivors." However, those children who experienced treatment for the disease during their physical and mental development are more likely to be psychologically traumatized than adult cancer patients who underwent the same treatment and recovery process. Even after complete recovery, younger survivors experience difficulties in physical, psychological, social, and spiritual aspects.

Professor Kang KyungAh from Sahmyook University's College of Nursing was chosen for the 2020 National Research Foundation of Korea's Researcher Support Project and is working on the "Development of Healthy Lifestyle Sharing Program Based on the Mobile Functional Game for Adolescent Cancer Survivors." The game, which is being developed by the Sahmyook research team, is a smart phone functional game app that promotes healthy lifestyles of completely cured pediatrics and adolescents. The research team expects this game will not only enhance the user's self-efficacy and self-identity but also induce overall health.

With the first section of the research, Sahmyook University's research team analyzed the various needs and health promotion behaviors of pediatric cancer survivors and plans to accelerate the game development by jointly conducting research, consultation, effect evaluation, shared data, and infrastructure with the Korean Pediatric Cancer Foundation.





International Conference of Sahmyook University to be Held in 2021

In commemoration of the 115th anniversary of its establishment, Sahmyook University has organized The International Virtual Conference of Sahmyook University, "ICSU 2021," with Seventh-day Adventist Church universities around the world for academic exchange. The international academic conference will be held for two days, November 17 and 18, 2021, and will be operated as a virtual conference in the consideration of the global spread of COVID-19. There will be 12 sessions with the overall theme of "Sharing Mission, Vision and Passion with the World," divided into five categories: Religion and Theology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Healthcare, Science and Technology, and Culture and Arts. About 60 experts from 15 countries will be invited as speakers to present and hold question and answer sessions.

The official opening of the event will be held on November 17th at 7 p.m., at Hong MyungGi Hall with a combination of virtual and face-to-face interaction for the conference. The General Conference, Divisions, the Korean Union Conference, officials from Adventist universities around the world, and participants from the academic conference will share congratulatory speeches and cultural performances.

Kim IlMok, president of Sahmyook University, said, "Beyond the limitations of time and space, through this international conference, professors, researchers, and students from Adventist universities from around the world will be able to present research results, discuss various interests, and exchange ideas and information. We look forward to promoting and developing mutual friendship through international exchanges between individuals and organizations participating in the ICSU 2021."



TWC Health Promotion Department Reaches Local Churches

Jacob Ko

Former Dean of TAC Health Promotion Department

Fong Shan Church

On March 27, 2021, the Health Promotion department of Taiwan Adventist College (TAC) visited Fong Shan Church, located in the Fong Shan District in the southern part of Taiwan. The department's slogan says, "Our hands, His healing." We go out to serve bringing a weight scale, body fat measurement, electronic sphygmomanometer, hot foot bath baskets, steam inhalation pans, and food and vegetables for cooking demonstrations.

When we arrived at the Fong Shan Church, we prepared tables for steam inhalation, heated water and set up for health checkups with basic medical equipment. Participants were divided into two groups. The first group received steam inhalation and a hot foot bath. The second group were offered health checkups. From the health examination, they learned how to care for their bodies as well as the pleasant hydrotherapy.

Moreover, an instructor demonstrated healthy cooking, and participants made vegetarian hamburgers and pizzas. The foods were so good that even young participants loved them, and said that they never imagined vegetarian foods could be so delicious.

The church visitation ended with a dedication service. We encouraged participants to pledge to have a healthier lifestyle. It was emphasized that our Father in heaven is not only working for spiritual health but also the physical health of His children. Participants promised to dedicate themselves to God through a healthy lifestyle.



TWC Health Promotion Department visits Fong Shan Church to provide health checkups, healthy foods, and hydrotherapy.



Mihuo Village Culture & Health Center

The Mihou Culture and Health Center for the elderly, operated by Mihou Adventist Church, invited the TAC Health Promotion department to run their health program on April 29, 2021. We left at an early hour because the center is quite far from TAC. To reach the center, we drove the school van on a rainy day over a winding mountainous road. Everybody began to feel sick on the way to the center as we couldn't help but slow down our speed, but we managed to get to the center just in time. And although our team still felt sick from the journey and could have used more time to recover, I thank God for giving us strength to prepare in a few minutes and begin the program.

Hydrotherapy was provided after a health lecture targeting the elderly. Since a hot water faucet was a little far from the classroom where the hydrotherapy service would be held, we had to work together and find a way to deliver the water to the classroom. The elderly from the center enjoyed the hot foot bath and steam inhalation. A cooking demonstration was led by Nina Fong, a student of the TAC Health Promotion department. After the demonstration, a vegetarian meal was served for participants. Our services that day received positive responses from the participants. They said to their church pastor, "Why don't we invite them every month?" It is by God's grace that our team reached out to the local community with the Adventist health message despite the obstacles we had to overcome in making this event happen.

A nationwide Pathfinder Bible Expedition Competition was held online on the Sabbath of September 25, 2021. This annual event aims to improve Pathfinders' Bible research abilities. This year, due to social distancing guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Youth Ministries departments of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) and East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) ran this event using YouTube livestreaming. Instead of participants gathering from all over the country, members of each Pathfinder club participated in the event at their local church. When questions were given on the screen, participants wrote down their answers on a board, took a picture of the board, and sent it to the examiners. In order to strengthen fairness of the competition, the hosts dispatched an examiner from other churches to each participating church. Furthermore, prior to the competition, participants submitted a pledge of honesty with a vow to refrain from asking any information related to the questions. This year's competition covered the book of Genesis with 184 Pathfinders from 27 teams across Korea.

Pastor Hwang SeongMin, the host moderator of the event, encouraged all the participants, saying, "Whatever grade your club will hold, your achievements indicate that you are God's winning children. I hope more Pathfinder clubs will join this event to explore the biblical truths next year."

As a result of the competition, 13 Pathfinder teams placed in the top grade, 10 teams in the second and four teams in the third. All eight teams from ECKC won first grade. Next year, Pathfinders in Korea will be challenged to win the competition with the theme of "Matthew."

"The reason we study the Bible and memorize Bible verses is to listen to God, who tells us to use the Bible. Unless we read the Bible and keep its truths in our minds, we will act, judge, and make decisions depending only on ourselves," said Pastor Kim HyunTae, director of KUC's Youth Ministries. He continued, "As we have learned from the book of Genesis in preparing for this competition, I hope you will become a Pathfinder who worships God the Creator, has faith like Abraham, gives absolute obedience like Isaac, and fulfills God's vision like Jacob."

2021 Korean Pathfinder Bible Expedition Competition

Kim BeomTae
Reporter of Adventist Village



The Mongolia Mission (MM) is a new mission field compared to other fields in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territories. The church has been growing since the remarkable baptisms of the Mongolian people in 1992, who are now serving as MM leaders. It is noteworthy that the national median age of Mongolians is 28 years, and the average age of Mongolian Adventists is in the 20s. Recently, Pastor Han SukHee was elected as the new MM president. Here is an interview with Pastor Han and Pastor Nyamsuren Myagmar, MM *I Will Go* coordinator, conducted by Pastor Byun SeongJun, *News & Views* editor, focusing on how MM is currently participating in the *I Will Go*, Adventist world church initiative in conjunction with its future plans.

During the NSD Leadership Council, which was held in July 2021 at the NSD Leadership Training Center on Jeju Island, it was reported that Mongolia's goals of the *I Will Go* initiative are to have 1,000 baptisms and 10 churches planted. To achieve these goals, please briefly introduce the current important mission activities that you want to share with other Unions and Conferences.

God said to the early church to pray and wait until they receive power to proclaim His everlasting gospel. Although MM is planning and conducting many activities, our primary activity is to pray for the promised power of the Holy Spirit. Thus, we started our 2021 year with the 10 Days of Prayer, which is the General

Mongolia Mission's *I Will Go* Mission Strategy

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Interviewees **Han SukHee** MM President &

Nyamsuren Myagmar MM *I Will Go* Coordinator



MM president Han SukHee

Conference's initiative. Some of our churches and pastors lengthened the prayer movement to 40 Days, all via Facebook Livestreaming.

But we would like to name just a few of the many church activities that are happening to reach our goal of 1,000 baptisms:

We have two nationwide evangelistic meetings as some of the important events for MM. Pastor O. Adyakhuu was the speaker of the spring seed-planting online evangelism in April of 2021. Pastor L. Munkh-Orgil will be the speaker of the online fall harvest celebration. The function of these meetings is to motivate the church members to be instruments for their churches to help newcomers to make personal decisions to accept Jesus. Baptismal ceremonies are to be arranged by each church and pastors in their suited time.

We cannot do evangelism by our own efforts only. That is why we always welcome partners that are extending their hands to MM. We have already held two online health evangelism seminars with the HisHands mission team, led by sister Joanna Kim from Korea/USA. The combined effort of the team of sister Joanna Kim and the MM Health Ministries department director Sister M. Enkhbayar's health disciples was successful in calling interested audience participants to engage further with our churches.

There is also our partnership with the Australian Avondale Memorial Church, coordinated by the Ashton and Bolormaa' family. They are voluntarily developing their own podcast and video content to nourish church members as well as unreached Mongolians. The video evangelism sermons are uploaded every day to YouTube.

Lastly, our brothers and sisters in the Mongolian Church in Korea are producing Bible studies and broadcasting them via Facebook Livestreaming every Friday evening.

If you have an exemplary church, pastor, or church member who works with *I Will Go*, or if you have an impressive *I Will Go* testimony, please describe in detail what is happening and what the results and reactions are.

Mongolia Mission is focusing on small group ministry. One of our exemplary churches is the Amgalan Church. Starting March 2020, the church reemphasized small group ministry and two main goals were stated: grow the number of small groups and each small group bring

Small group ministry is one of the key strategies of MM's *I Will Go* implementation.



two precious souls to Christ by baptism. The church now has eight small groups, and on August 14th, 2021, 16 new souls proclaimed their acceptance of Jesus as their personal Savior and were baptized at the river Uliastai. Church Pastor B. Oyountuya praised God's name and she invited I. Buyabileg to conduct the baptismal ceremony for the special occasion.

The COVID-19 situation continues to be a challenge and the Delta Variant complicates everything. Nevertheless, each country in NSD such as Korea, Japan and Taiwan are developing creative and diverse mission activities to implement *I Will Go* with the spirit that “the *I Will Go* mission activities cannot be stopped and should not be stopped even in the COVID-19 era.” Online evangelism, online small group activities, online church member visits and Bible studies, online public health seminars, and activities for communities such as mask sharing, etc., are all activities in response to the changing environment. As a result, in Korea, Japan, Taiwan, there are positive reports, results, and touching testimonies including baptisms. There are many encouraging ways to reach the goal of *I Will Go*. What mission activities is MM focusing on during this COVID-19 situation?

Over the past two years under the COVID-19 situation, MM has done many COVID response activities such as mask sharing, delivering food to homes that are under strict lockdown, giving a ger, which is a Mongolian traditional dwelling, to families in need, and sending money to families that lost their income due to the restrictions. This humanitarian aid is not gospel-message-publicity but simply a way to share God's love and care to the people of Mongolia.

How many baptisms is Mongolia Mission preparing for this year?

By the end of December 2021, we



are praying that more than 80 people will be baptized.

As you know, there are four countries in the NSD—Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Mongolia. Among them, Mongolia is a newly developing mission field with high expectations for mission work and high potential as a mission site. In particular, Korea supports Mongolia's mission in various ways every summer season. The NSD is planning to hold a nationwide simultaneous evangelism meeting in Mongolia with the cooperation between Mongolian churches and local churches in Korea. They also want to form mission support groups next summer to help the Mongolian churches. In this same way, countries such as Australia, USA, Japan and Taiwan are interested in helping with evangelism in Mongolia. Please introduce how MM's *I Will Go* part cooperates with the mission volunteer service teams from various countries and what plans Mongolia has for them.

We highly appreciate the mission support teams from Korea and other countries. As much as possible we want to cooperate with the mission volunteer service teams. For the last few years health volunteer service teams have been coming to Mongolia, most effectively reaching people in the middle-aged population. For the next coming years, we plan to have more Pathfinder and youth ministry activities to continue to bring more younger generations

MM strives for a goal of 80 baptisms by the end of 2021.





into our churches. Visiting foreign mission volunteer service teams give our churches a boost to make new contacts in the community.

Lastly, as the person in charge of *I Will Go* initiative, please express your determination, your appeal or appreciation regarding NSD's cooperation and support.

I appreciate the NSD's support for MM through the entire history of MM. And I am sure that what God is planning for MM will be fulfilled in the near future as MM grows every day and our pastors and youth are eager to be sent to the ends of the earth to share the everlasting Good

“I Am a Missionary” Movement in Mongolia

Alaanbaatar
Church Planter in Mongolia

Greetings to you all! My name is Alaanbaatar. I live in Mongolia, and it's been 20 years since I became a Seventh-day Adventist.

My wife and I, and our four boys, have lived in the city of Zuunmod in a central province of Mongolia, which is 43 km from the capital city of Ulaanbaatar. I serve God as a church planter, my wife is a teacher, and my four boys all go to school.

At this time, my family and I stay in Hushaat/Selenge Province, located in the north of the country, to run the missionary project, “I Am a Missionary.”

The year 2020 was challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Churches in Mongolia were closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and travel was restricted. I asked God what I should do to spread His message during this difficult time. And God answered me: I should work with youth.

In the summer of 2020, the countryside of Mongolia found no COVID cases and was allowed to be open. After a long time of prayer, I went to Selenge Province to initiate a missionary movement for young people. I recruited youth and children from Zuunmod, where I have lived, and Zamiin Uud, my former mission field. By God's blessing, 60 young people and adults participated in the 10-day training session of “I Am a Missionary” movement. Our first missionary training was very successful.

The training's daily routine started with morning worship and exercise. After breakfast, we had vocational training and field work. Then after lunch, we taught spiritual growth classes with the 28 Fundamental Beliefs

News of Jesus Christ. I personally believe that God wants individuals to respond to His calling and NSD is there to facilitate and enable the possibilities. In other words, NSD will help us to prepare more pastors, educators, nurses and doctors by means of scholarships to study and help our current ministering pastors/church leaders/youth to send out as Pioneer Mission Movement missionaries and other church planting missionaries. I am sure such help will increase the Mongolia Mission and its ministry team for its God given call.



of Seventh-day Adventists, life skills, and dinner. The evening closed with worship and personal time. During the life skills classes our participants learn more about the Mongolian traditional lifestyle, husbandry, dairy making, and herding.

Even though the year 2020 was a challenge, I was able to baptize 22 precious souls—the pandemic couldn't stop the work of God.

All participants of the training in the last year are actively working for God in their local churches. For example, in the Zamiin Uud area, we have 13 active small groups. This year, we are expanding our project and some of the local churches have sent their church members to join our missionary movement.

We appreciate our donors Bolormaa Ashton from Australia, who was a first batch missionary dispatched to Mongolia from the 1000 Missionary Movement, Tsolmonbayar from Korea, who is a pastor to the Mongolian church in Korea, and the Youth, Health, and Children's Ministries departments of the Mongolia Mission. We are looking forward to continuing our project in the upcoming years.

Thank you very much for your sincere support and prayers. May God bless you and abide with you.

Hoping to be a Little Cloud

Park WoonJoo
1000MM 55th Batch

Here in the Philippines, the climate is hot for most of the year. On the hottest days, the temperature reaches up to 40°C. I sweat a lot even if I am just standing outside, especially between 12 and 1 p.m. However, in such hot weather, when I am under the shadows of passing clouds, it gives me new strength to move about again. Now I would like to share my testimony of how I, who once wanted to be a beautiful ice sculpture, came to want to become a little cloud.

Around February of 2021, all other Korean missionaries returned to Korea after completing their mission service. I was the only one to remain on the campus of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) because I had extended for the HISM (Here I am Send Me) ministry —1000MM’s official singing group. That night after everyone was gone, the campus was quieter and lonelier than ever. And although I had been alone as a foreigner in the mission field, it felt very different to be serving after my Korean missionary colleagues left. I suffered from emptiness and loneliness. On those days when such feelings filled my heart, I couldn’t even feel God’s love through His words or in prayer.

One day, I dared to complain to God. I cried and prayed in the prayer garden about the reason I was there and the reason God allowed this trial. I waited for hours to hear a clear voice from God, but there was just the sound of wind passing through the leaves, and I couldn’t find any definite answer from Him. However, as the promise says, “But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold” (Job 23:10), I decided to live with God’s will in mind, even though I felt like I was passing through a wilderness. I tried to make time with God every morning and evening without skipping a day.

Of course, God did not change the situation I was in at that time, but at some point, I began to feel a change in my heart to accept my circumstances. I learned to see the world from the point of view of Jesus, and to try and understand individuals I engaged with. Then I learned how important it is to walk with God in my daily life, and how valuable it is to live for the people He created. I think those times, which were once deeply painful, were the times that changed myself the most.

My dreams of putting myself first have turned into dreams of lifting up God and His people. I pray that the



Holy Spirit may cause my life to be a shade for people in the dizzy and chaotic wilderness of the world, like the cloud pillar was a shade for the people of Israel who suffered from heat and confusion at the time of the Exodus. I’m sure there is a heaven without tears at the end of the road when I obey to follow wherever He leads.

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for me during my missionary journey of 20 months. And I sincerely thank God for guiding me from the beginning until now and in the future.



Park WoonJoo (right in the second row) and his HISM colleagues



A Missionary Teacher

Raymond Barro
1000MM 57th Batch

To teach with love and passion is a missionary teacher's job. I was assigned as an English missionary teacher in Korea for four years where I taught English to students from elementary to college levels and even to adults. Most of my students were not Seventh-day Adventists nor Christian, so I served as a light bearer to these people. I knew it wouldn't be easy to win them so I prayed every night and asked for the Lord to use me in planting seeds of hope and truth in the hearts and minds of my students.

My ministry began with prayer. And I always started and ended my classes with a prayer. In my prayer I mentioned my students, and prayed for their families and for their safety, and whenever they were sick I prayed for them too. After a few months of doing this, I was amazed because some of my elementary students started to learn how to pray. Sometimes they struggled to pray in English and couldn't find the right vocabulary, so they just stopped in the middle and waited for my help. It brought happiness to my heart knowing that my students both Adventist and non-Adventist were learning how to pray. They even constructed their own prayers, like praying for their classmates who were absent or sick. Some of my adult students who were non-Christians were also thankful whenever they heard their names in my prayers. At times, they even asked me to pray for special requests from their families. I praise

God for the comfort that my students felt whenever I prayed for them even though they were not Christians.

As the days went by, I inserted some short Bible stories into my elementary classes, words of hope to my middle and high-school students, and some short Bible talks with my adult students. Seeds were planted, and Jesus was introduced to them in simple ways.

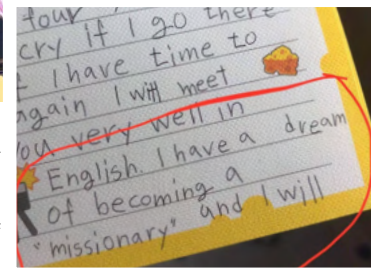
But being a missionary teacher does not mean that you won't have to face struggles in your teaching life. Sometimes my patience was tested, especially when teaching elementary students—there were times they were stubborn and hard to control. I prayed for God's help on how to control myself and how to deal with stubborn students. I confess that sometimes I couldn't stand against their behavior. However, whenever they came to me and said sorry or whenever they did something good, my anger and disappointment soon diminished. Because of the grace that I tried to show to my students I was also able to see the grace of God in my life.

I was aware that my actions gave my students an idea of who missionaries are and what kind of God we serve. I had a student named SangBin. She was almost always present in my class and even my Bible class every Friday. Like other children, sometimes she liked to listen but sometimes she just wanted to play, but she was especially good at observing people. And it surprised me that in her prayers I always heard, "Lord, please help many children and friends come to church." She constructed it by herself, because she heard in our Bible stories about bringing other people to Jesus' feet. And when she saw me making invitation cards and inviting people to church, she knew she would have more friends to play with on Sabbaths. Sangbin might have been stubborn sometimes but we were good friends, because whenever she was helping me with others, she was involved with me. She even helped me in translating Bible stories sometimes. I am sure that her exposure to a missionary's life gave her

an impression of who missionaries are and what kind of God we are serving.

When it was time for me to leave Korea, I received many letters from my students but there was one letter that stood out, and that was SangBin's letter. She wrote: "I have a dream of becoming a missionary like you."

From four years of serving as a missionary teacher in Korea, I learned that I just need to show students what kind of God we are serving, which allows them to dream of serving Him as well.



Right: Sangbin's letter to Raymond when he left Korea, telling him that she has a dream of becoming a missionary.

The Man Who Owed Ten Thousand Talents

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“Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt” (Matt 18:23-27).

As a missionary who served with the 1000 Missionary Movement, one of my missionary duties was to care for refugee children around my mission field. This gave me the chance to ponder the concept of meritocracy—a political philosophy widely accepted in modern society that refers to the pursuit of a society in which social status or power is given according to individual abilities.



This notion is prevalent and hard to deny. But can we say that the clothes we wear, the food we eat or even our national identity are things we achieved through our own merits? As Christians, we believe that everything in this world is God-given.

From the moment we come into the world, we are born with debt—we borrow our mother's body, and even as infants and toddlers who cannot speak, walk, nor do anything on our own. Therefore, we depend on parents and society to nurture and protect us. How about things to eat? We live from crops grown by the sweat of farmers. Essentially, we live in endless debt. But sometimes we misunderstand what we have as the result of our efforts. But the reality is we are debtors.

When I was involved in the refugee ministry for the first time, I watched a missionary colleague teaching the alphabet to refugees. The students seemed to have a difficult time learning the ABCs. I thought, ‘Why does it take so long to memorize this?’ Then I asked myself, if I had been born and raised in their society, would I have been different from them? The answer was clearly no—I would have experienced the same difficulties. The reason I was born in Korea and raised in a Christian family has nothing to do with my abilities, but because God made me that way.

The debt we owe to Jesus, whose earthly life ended in death to change our eternal destiny, is a debt of ten thousand talents that we cannot repay no matter how much good we do. As debtors, we must live by forgiving someone else's debt and give out what we have. As I have received the gospel of Jesus, I have a duty to serve and teach those who have not yet received the Good News—to demonstrate a Christian life, and to put all my heart and strength into the restoration of the holistic lives of others. That duty includes being patient with the unfaithful, being filial to my parents, and showing kindness to those around me. As the one who received the gospel, I must live for those who have not yet received it. And that is my mission on this earth.



NSD Leadership Training Center Seeks Improvements

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NSD Leadership Training Center Director



1. Groundbreaking ceremony of the NSD Leadership Training Center in 2013.
2. Residence halls of the center.

Since 2013, when the Leadership Training Center of the Northern Asia-pacific Division (NSD) dug the first shovel of dirt, it has grown progressively by the grace of God and the great vision of church leaders. Under the leadership of Pastor Hong KwangEui, the center’s first director, buildings and facilities were set in 2014 and 2015. But by the time Pastor Hong retired in 2019, the facility was needing improvements.

There was an urgent need to remodel the lodging buildings—they were too hot in summer and too cold in winter because of insufficient insulation. The auditorium and seminar room were filled with the awful smell of fungus and mold because of loose waterproofing work especially around the window frames. The driveway was often under water up to knee level when the rainy season began. With subsidies from NSD, the Leadership Training Center started to remodel the lodging facilities with the insulation, and fix the drainage work along the driveway. In addition, the welcome center and L-café opened and landscaping of the campus was added—a pond, prayer garden and trail were made.

Next, a curriculum needed developed that didn’t overlap with the Korean Union Conference’s training center in Wonju and that was better matched to the needs of leadership across NSD. In response to this need, the Program Development Committee was set up to develop such a plan. Target groups for leadership programs division-wide were officers, directors, pastors, missionaries, lay leaders, youth leaders and teachers, women leaders, and pastoral spouses.



To improve relationships with the community, the Leadership Training Center invited a medical service team from the United States to provide health services to the community.

There were three important characteristics set when developing the curriculum: practical and specialized leadership programs for each target group; two-way learning systems with lectures, discussion and reports; healing time in nature such as trekking *Olle* trails (a series of walking trails on Jeju Island), climbing *Oreum* (volcanic cones on the island) or walking on forest paths.

Lastly, the relationship with the community needed mending. In 2014, O-Sung Group, one of the stone companies on Jeju, received permission to extend the quarry from the city of Seogwipo. The stone quarry is already located very close to the training center, and if the quarry was extended, it would cause heavy dust and noise. O-Sung Group suggested a large amount of money to the village of Pyosun in compensation. However, the village is located far enough away from the quarry that residents wouldn't feel the bothersome effects of the dust and noise. So, the training center filed a civil complaint to the city who decided to reexamine the environmental assessment. Eventually the plan was cancelled which deeply angered the village residents because they would not receive the financial compensation. The villagers then occupied a part of the center and demonstrated for six months putting loudspeakers on the tree in front of the gate of the training center.

In 2019, the Leadership Training Center decided to invite a medical service team from the United States to have a Health Expo for the community. The center borrowed the auditorium of the Pyosun village office to set up a mini hospital which provided dental, internal medicine, surgery, oriental acupuncture, spine correction, and health counseling. During the five days of medical service, about 1,500 people from the community visited the Expo and received treatment. A Jeju broadcasting network covered the special event. The Health Expo's positive service definitely softened the community's anger.

In accordance with the new curricula schedule, the first Leadership Academy for Pastors was launched in September 2020. Other programs followed, such as a marriage seminar and a youth leadership course as well as many others. A survey from attendees showed a satisfaction rate of 4.83 out of 5.00. The mission of the Leadership Training Center is to provide field-oriented practical leadership programs to the leaders in NSD to improve their ability to lead the church for expanding the kingdom of God in its territory. Please pray for the Leadership Training Center as a place to continue moving forward and following God's guidance.



Leadership Academy for Pastors Finishes Successfully

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The Leadership Training Center of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held their Leadership Academy for Pastors from September 12 to 16, 2021. The course targeted communication, one of the most important abilities for leaders, and gave opportunities to improve those skills during the session—seven experts in each area of communication gave lectures and led the practical exercises.

The seminar consisted of three steps. 1) **Basic Course for Christian Leadership** with the following classes: Servant Leadership, Qualifications of Leaders, Setting and Implementing Vision, Principles of Motivation, Principles of Delegation, Crisis Management, Time Management and Work-Life Balance, Financial Management, and Self-Development of Leaders. 2) **Communication Intensive**

Course with classes such as: Leaders and Communication, Principles of Communication, Principles of Persuasion, Writing Clinic, Speech Clinic, Preparing and Delivering Sermons. 3) **Administration for Church Growth** with the following classes: Pastoring and Administrating, Church and Community, Ministry According to the Needs of the Community, Ministry through Small Group, Training Small Group Leaders, Making a Healthy Church, Pastors as Leaders of the Community.

Because of COVID-19 country restrictions, the countries of Japan, Taiwan and Mongolia were unable to attend in person. We pray for the pandemic to finish soon so that the Leadership Academy for Pastors can include all the NSD countries in one location.

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Da Chais Church
director, Chil Phi
Crieu Ha Vung

Home Church Sponsorship Project in Vietnam

Da Chais Church

Da Chais Church is a house church established in 1990 by Chil Phi Crieu Ha Vung. In the years after opening, the church was zealous about its missionary activities and baptized 15 people. However, the government's control over religious activities hindered them from more mission work. In 2000, the church faced an even greater difficulty when the church's director, Chil Phi Crieu Ha Vung, was arrested for worshipping without government permission.



Da Chais Church, which began at the house of Chil Phi Crieu Ha Vung in 1990, has been constructing the church building, but currently funds are insufficient.

But by the grace of God, in 2006, the Vietnamese government granted the church an official permit to worship. After that the church became more active and enthusiastic in mission activities. Currently, 120 people, including 66 baptized members, keep the Sabbath every week and lead a religious life.

The church service has continued to be held at the house of Chil Phi Crieu Ha Vung, but recently the Da Chais Church has been praying to build a church with an estimated cost of 13.5 million KRW (approximately \$11,000 USD). Although the church has raised funds for the building with the help of the Vietnam Mission and dedicated church members, they are still short of money to complete the construction. We ask for your prayers and support in the success of the church construction and its mission activities.

Pu Hong B Church

The Pu Hong B Church is located in the Dien Bien region of Vietnam, where the Hmong ethnic group largely dwells. The church began in 2016 through the dedication of lay minister, Mua A Thai. Originally, he and his wife were demon worshippers. But in 2003, while he and his wife were suffering from an illness, his friend introduced them to Christianity.

In 2006, he discovered Pastor Duong Quoc Tung's Internet channel. Through that channel, he was exposed to the message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After studying the Adventist message through the Internet in 2008, he became convinced of its truths. So, in December 2012 of that year, he went to Ho Chi Minh City, where he had a chance to meet Tran Cong Tan, president of the Vietnam Mission. He began to study the Bible and was baptized.

In 2015, he visited Ho Chi Minh City again and received a Bible study from Pastor Khoi, ministerial director of the Vietnam Mission. Then, he returned to his hometown, Dien Bien, and in 2016 set up a church space in his home to start Pu Hong B Church. Every Sabbath, he invited villagers to the church to teach them about the Bible and how to pray. Currently, Pu Hong B Church has 91 members, including 24 baptized members, who worship every Sabbath.

But Pu Hong B Church has a new challenge—a wider church space is needed to accommodate the increasing number of church members and to carry out mission activities. Mua A Thai, the lay minister of the church, is constructing a church building by collecting wood with part of the funds for the construction supported by the home church sponsorship project. Please pray for the Pu Hong B Church to complete the church building and to boost their mission work.



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Most of the Pu Hong B Church members are Hmong, a minority ethnic group in Vietnam.



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