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The Northern Asia-Pacific Division held its year-end meetings Nov. 1-8, 2021, with the theme "Reach the World: I Will Go Make Disciples!"

See God Who is Invisible!

“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because **he saw Him who is invisible**” (Hebrews 11:24-27).

Most people make New Year’s resolutions when a new year begins. I wonder what kind of New Year’s resolutions should be made by Adventists who are eagerly looking forward to the glorious Second Coming of Jesus Christ. As we are living and waiting for the Second Coming of our Lord, are we experiencing today a close communion with God who is working and living in us?

Moses was a great leader who was chosen by God to lead the people of Israel from Egypt to Canaan. He performed all the miraculous signs and wonders by the power of God who sent him to the Israelites.

How could Moses become a great leader? We need to remember that while Moses was humbly taking care of his sheep in the wilderness, he met God. He kept his spiritual eyes open. He was a man with a humble and clean heart. He was without any worldly desire or greed. In addition, he continued to communicate with God. He was a leader completely obedient to the guidance of God.

We must close our eyes and ears to the world. If our eyes and ears are upon worldly wealth, position, honor and pleasure, our spiritual eyes will be shut and no longer able to see God, who is invisible. We must pray to God fervently so that He can open our spiritual eyes. Only when we meet God and ceaselessly communicate with Him will we be able to see Him and discern His will. Above all, we will be able to understand His will written in the Bible and live a life with a humble and obedient heart. Only then can we be prepared to become true leaders.

It doesn’t matter where we come from nor the poor situation in which each of

us belongs. God, who called Moses and raised him as a great leader, wants to accomplish a great work through us today. We must not forget that we can be used by the hand of God’s power.

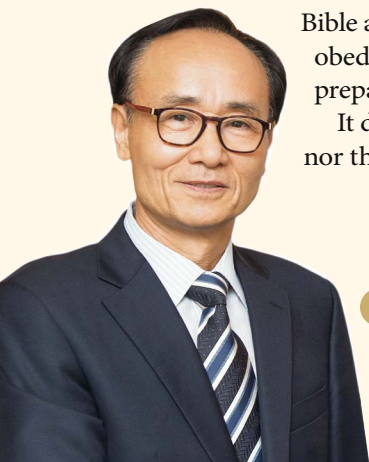
When all the Israelites complained about the lack of food and drinking water in the wilderness, Moses saw God. He saw God, who is invisible, and put his trust in Him. Even though there was neither a fruit tree nor a grain field in the wilderness, he trusted God’s power and relied on Him. And Moses said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord. . .” (Exodus 16:6-7). Moses urged the resentful and complaining Israelites to draw close to God. The glory of God seemed full in the eyes of those Israelites who were near to God because they could see the glory of God in the empty wilderness. If we look at the wilderness with the eyes of distrust, we will feel desperate, but if we look at it with faith, we will see the glory of God.

There are times when we think our circumstances are too hard for us to handle. However, if we can open our spiritual eyes and see God, we will be able to trust Him and move forward under any circumstance, and God will accomplish a great work through us. In this bright new year, let us trust God and move forward with our eyes fixed upon Him.



NSD MISSION STATEMENT

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



Kim SiYoung, President

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NSD officers, Joel Tompkins (treasurer), Kim SiYoung (president), and Richard Sabuin (secretary), lead the NSD Annual Council.

Reasons to Praise the Lord!

A Report on NSD 2021 Year-End Meetings



Richard Sabuin
NSD Acting Secretary

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held its year-end meetings on Nov. 1-8, 2021, with the theme “Reach the World: I Will Go Make Disciples!” The year-end meetings, held at the NSD headquarters in Paju, South Korea, consisted of the pre-meetings (November 1-3), and the Annual Council (November 4-8). As it was in 2020, this meeting was conducted fully online through the NSD Media Center using the Zoom platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Translations were provided in Chinese and Korean.

Participating in the meetings were 42 delegates, including three leaders from the General Conference (GC): Artur Stele, GC Vice President; Claude Richli, GC Associate Secretary; German Lust, GC Associate Treasurer. In addition, 16 invitees also attended the meeting.

Despite ongoing pandemic challenges, the year-end meeting reports and devotional messages from the Unions/Conference/Mission, institutions, and NSD directors and officers presented many reasons to praise the Lord.

The NSD Media Center facilitates the year-end meetings for online participants.

Inspiring Devotionals

General Conference leaders encouraged the delegates through their powerful devotional messages. At the opening of the meeting, Artur Stele shared about the context of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. He emphasized that although the tomb of Jesus was shut with a stone, sealed and guarded, nothing and no one could prevent the resurrection of Jesus. The angel seated on the stone represents God's power to overcome any big challenges before His church. With that authority, Jesus gave the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples!"

Claude Richli connected the story of Jonah with the Three Angels' Messages. As Jonah was sent to preach the message of repentance to the large city of Nineveh, we are also sent by God to proclaim the Three Angels' Messages to all nations. We should not be afraid, because Jesus is with us. German Lust spoke about the encounter of the two disciples with Jesus as they walked to Emmaus. In despair and discouragement, we need to focus on Jesus. If we lose focus on Him, we will not be able to do His work successfully.

Officers Reports

In his report, NSD President Kim SiYoung highlighted the fact that despite the COVID-19 pandemic, our church pastors, workers, local



churches, institutions, and church members never gave up. The president reminded participants of NSD's focus for this quinquennium: "NSD took into consideration the direction of the following four aspects: Mission to the Cities, Strengthening of the Children and Youth Ministries, North Korea Mission, and Digital Evangelism." He encouraged all delegates quoting the statement of Ellen G. white: "Evangelism, the very heart of Christianity, is the theme of primary importance. The Advent message must swell to a loud cry reaching the uttermost parts of the earth" (*Evangelism*, 5).

As NSD acting executive secretary, Richard Sabuin, presented his report which focused on ways to increase the number of baptisms as

well as church attendance. During these two years of the pandemic, statistics show that membership and attendance have decreased compared to that of 2019. However, by September 2021, the number of baptisms had increased 21 percent since September 2020. For retention of church attendance and members, Pastor Sabuin said, "We cannot just wait for our church members to come to church at the church gate every morning. We are to visit them regularly, attending to their needs, encouraging and inviting them to attend church services." The treasury report brought encouraging news as well. Joel Tompkins, NSD treasurer, reported that despite the pandemic, God had blessed His people even more, indicated by an 11 percent tithe increase division-wide by August 2021.

Union Reports

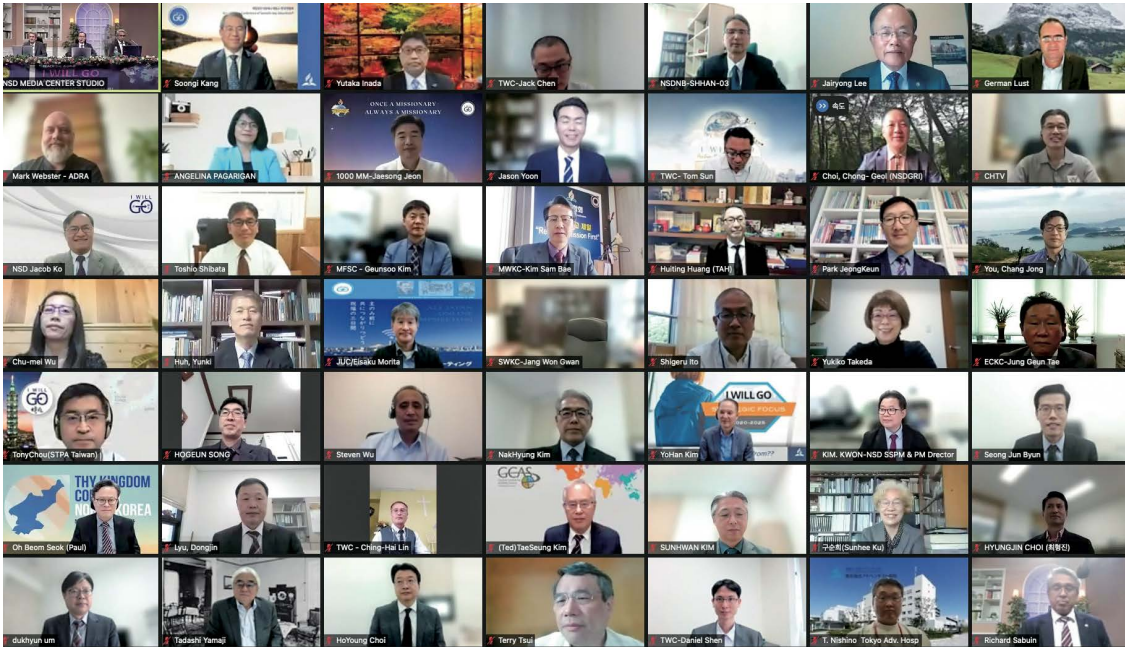
Reports from the unions and attached fields were also encouraging. Japan Union Conference (JUC) reported on the progress of the Mission Unusual Tokyo Project. The Korean Union Conference (KUC) introduced its 10/40 Mission Project initiative. Mongolia Mission (MM) shared about its integrated efforts of



NSD President Kim SiYoung



JUC's report on the Mission Unusual Tokyo project



Forty-two delegates participate in the NSD year-end meeting.

all departments and institutions in doing mission. Taiwan Conference (TWC) indicated their effort to establish centers of influence and an emphasis on media evangelism. Each union and attached field had established their *I Will Go* strategic plan in line with the GC and NSD strategic plans.

All delegates sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit as they listened to these reports. After the presentation of each report, a special prayer was offered asking God to bless the mission plan of the respective union or attached field.

Department Reports

The department directors of NSD presented wonderful reports. Although they just started their new assignments

as directors last May 2021, they have made strong efforts in their respective responsibilities, initiating new ideas for mission. One of the exciting reports came from the North Korea Mission department. This was historic, since this was the first time NSD has created this department. It is our hope that when the door opens, the church can enter North Korea with the proclamation of the Three Angels' Messages. North Korea Mission Director Oh BeomSeok stated: "North Korea is one of the ends of the earth. The North Korea Mission is putting huge efforts on itself and has transformed its mindset from 'We will go when God opens the door' to 'God will open the door when we are ready.'"

Agendas

In addition to the general agendas about various reports and the consent agendas about different calendars and authorized meetings, the Annual Council also discussed some agenda items that were voted in October 2021 by the General Conference at its Annual Council. Among the items were special prayers for the 2022 GC Session and the latter rain of the Holy Spirit, update on the GC Session, special comprehensive health ministry, digital evangelism initiative, Three Angels' Committee report, and a few amendments of GC Working Policy.

One important agenda adopted from the General Conference was on the significance of strengthening the biblical foundation of our church members because we are living at the end times where many "false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders



A report from NSD's North Korea Mission department was one of the highlights of the meeting.

to deceive, if possible, even the elect” (Matt 24:24). Church members need a solid foundation on the Holy Scriptures in order to be protected from the deceptions of Satan, to be effective witnesses of the Three Angels’ Messages, and to be prepared to remain faithful during the end-time crisis.

For that reason, the NSD Executive Committee at the Annual Council voted to coordinate with Unions/Conference/Mission and local Conferences to organize Bible study or seminar programs that deepen the church members’ knowledge and beliefs on unique doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist church—increasing their faith of Jesus Christ in their lives, and strengthening their foundation on the inspired word of God. Two Bible and mission conferences have been planned for 2022. The first one will be for JUC, MM and TWC on Feb. 7-8, 2022. The second one is for KUC on Feb. 9-10, 2022.

Prayer Focus

All delegates of the NSD Annual Council agreed to pray for the General Conference Session which occurs June 6-11, 2022. All institutions, local churches, families, and church members are also encouraged to pray for this worldwide church meeting. The GC Session was supposed to be held in 2020 but has been postponed twice. Therefore, we are to pray earnestly that the 2022 GC Session will take place as planned.

We pray not just for the GC Session but especially for the outpouring of the later rain of the Holy Spirit to God’s people. We should also pray for the proclamation of the Three Angels’ Messages by the remnant church,

that whatever is planned and implemented will be for proclaiming the last messages of God at the end times—in facing those difficult times, God’s people must be united in Jesus Christ in going forward for His mission.

Praise the Lord!

God has worked through all who prepared for the meetings. We thank the NSD Communication and Media Center for dedicating their skills and time to prepare for the smooth operation of the media equipment. The translation team did marvelous work in translating the presentations, reports, and devotionals throughout the meetings. We appreciate all supporting employees who helped the department directors, officers, and institutional leaders in preparing for their reports and presentations. Appreciation is given to all counterparts in JUC, KUC, MM and TWC for their support. The NSD is also grateful for the support of the GC leaders.

The success of the NSD year-end meetings is evidence of God’s protection and guidance to His church. The Annual Council concluded with a video presentation prepared by Sahmyook Health University in Korea on its mission activities in 2021. Despite the pandemic, the mission programs have resulted in the baptism of 72 students accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior. Isn’t it a reason to praise the Lord? Indeed, there are many more reasons to praise the Lord. Yes! All glory and praises be unto His name.



SOUTHEAST KOREAN CONFERENCE RUNS SIMULTANEOUS EVANGELISM PROJECT



The evangelistic meeting at Changwon Saehaneul Church

For more than 10 years, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) has selected a local conference in the NSD territories to support an evangelistic campaign by sending speakers from the NSD headquarters and providing the necessary funds.

But through the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021, most church activities were restricted and evangelistic efforts in the NSD territories have unavoidably decreased. In October 2021, in the midst of this situation, the Southeast Korean Conference (SEKC) decided to take a bold move and hold the simultaneous evangelistic series supported by NSD in major cities in the SEKC area.

A total of 11 churches joined this project, with most churches holding meetings Oct. 18-23, 2021. It was

notable this year especially that 7 out of 11 churches ran the event in a hybrid of online and in-person communication. After the meetings, 42 people were baptized and more than 20 people have pledged to be baptized soon.

On Nov. 17, 2021, NSD and SEKC had a follow-up meeting through Zoom, sharing opinions and feedback on what went well and what needed improvements for the coming years. Pastors from the 11 churches agreed that this project helped revive and rekindle their church members' passion for evangelism.



Kim YoHan

NSD Adventist Mission Director

WESTERN BUSAN CHURCH

Kim SiYoung
NSD President

“It’s been a week full of blessings from heaven. Praise the Lord for allowing us to have a rich feast of God’s word amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope that our church members will be spiritually revived and grow in faith through this week of evangelistic series.”— church member of Busan Central Church.

During Sabbath School on Oct. 23, 2021, several members of the Busan Central Church shared their impressions and thoughts on the week-long evangelistic meetings which ended that day. Not only those who gave testimonies in front of people, but those listening were touched by God’s grace upon them throughout the week.

Elder Kim JeongHo, head of the Western Busan Church’s mission department, said, “We began with early morning prayer sessions 40 days before the evangelistic meetings. The event has been more meaningful because every member of our church prepared for the event by prayer.”

Deaconess Kim Soon, who served as a member of the worship and praise team, said, “I joined the team, not because I sing well, but because I was able to praise God by singing with all my heart. I am sure that this evangelistic series took place in God’s plan. I am grateful that I was used in His plan, even though I was insufficient. Whenever evangelistic series are held in the future, I will be ready to reveal God’s glory by praising God.”

Deacon Kang DongJin worked for the church’s media team. He said, “I am not a media professional, but I was thankful for getting involved to provide live streaming for people who could not attend the meetings. Based on the experience we’ve had during the evangelistic week, I hope our church will run online events more actively in the future.”

From Oct. 18-23, Western Busan Church held evangelistic meetings with Pastor Kim SiYoung, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), as the speaker. Through six sermons, he introduced Jesus Christ, who is the Source of eternal life and true happiness. In his last sermon, he shed light on God’s providence of parting the waters of the Red Sea. “When the path ahead of you is unclear and you cannot go any further, when you wander around because you don’t know where to go, God will show the way and command us to go forward. He takes the lead over us. You have to hold onto the power of God’s covenant and take steps into the Red Sea,” said President Kim.

Through this event, 28 people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and were baptized. Pastor Ryu JaeSeong, who is the head pastor of the Western Busan Church, welcomed the newly-baptized members, saying, “Being baptized means becoming citizens of heaven. Throw your worries and fears away and walk together toward heaven, our eternal destination.”



NSD President Kim SiYoung, who led the evangelistic meeting at Western Busan Church, baptizes a member of the church.

BUSAN CENTRAL CHURCH

Oh BeomSeok
NSD North Korea Mission Director

Pastor Oh BeomSeok, North Korea Mission director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, led the October evangelistic meetings at Busan Central Church. Busan is the second-largest city in Korea, with a population of 3.36 million—Busan Central Church is in the center of the city and has a great historical background of 80 years. With the coronavirus unabated for more than 20 months, church members' religious confidence has often been disoriented, so they were skeptical whether people would participate in the meetings. However, Pastor Kim SeungGuk, the senior pastor of the church, emphasized that the early Christians never ceased at delivering the gospel message despite Roman threats and persecution; thus, evangelism should be continued regardless of any situation. As a result, the Busan Central Church was determined to hold the meetings. They prepared with several months of consistent prayers pleading with God to send them souls.

Pastor Oh delivered a series of prophetic messages from Daniel and Revelation every evening at 7:30, with the topic on "Finding Hope in the Bible during COVID-19." To revive the church member's faithfulness, he organized additional meetings every morning at 10:30 with a series titled "Jacob's faith." Church members' hearts were united in faith, and they put their earnest efforts into drawing people to Jesus. Around 120 people participated in the meetings every day in person or online, including an average of 24 seekers, and eight people pledged to be baptized in November. It was so valuable to claim those eight souls. Above all, it was a great opportunity for church members to confirm their identity as Adventists through the words from the books of Daniel and Revelation, allowing them to focus and embrace the spreading of the gospel message as the remnant church.





Right: Masan Sahmyook Church members with Pastor Choi HoYoung (third in the first row), a guest speaker for the evangelistic meetings.
Below: Pastor Choi visits church members and prays for them.



MASAN SAHMYOOK CHURCH

Choi HoYoung

NSD Youth Ministries Director

As the COVID-19 pandemic has imposed restrictions on church gatherings, there have been difficulties in maintaining regular worship services in Masan Sahmyook Church and attendance dropped during this time.

Recently, about five people attended the Tuesday night midweek worship, and an average of 10 people showed up for Friday vespers with around 50 church members for the Sabbath worship. So, from Oct. 18-23, Masan Sahmyook Church decided to hold evangelistic meetings with Pastor Choi HoYoung, Youth Ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) as the speaker.

Pastor Hong SeongHo, who is the head pastor at Masan Sahmyook Church, believes it is important to hold evangelistic meetings twice a year, even in the midst of the pandemic. He held the first half-year evangelistic meeting and a baptismal service last June of 2021. And even though the pandemic situation has not been favorable for church events, Pastor Hong and the church board decided to conduct their second evangelistic series in October.

On the evening of the first day of the series, 30 people including three seekers attended. Considering that the number of attendees for evening gatherings in the past few months has been less than 10 people, the turnout that evening was large enough to amaze everyone including Pastor Hong. Throughout the week, Pastor Choi delivered the love of God through sermons under the theme of “The Covenant of Eternal Love.” Every meeting was a time full

of God’s grace. The number of attendees from the first day remained steady through the week, and one of three seekers decided to be baptized during the meetings. Pastor Hong said, “It is a beautiful time to engrave the hope from God’s covenant and His promise of the Second Coming on each one’s heart. The sermons were a timely message to our church.” The meetings served as a great opportunity for church members to be revived spiritually.

Although the church members continue to worry about the aging population, the members’ passion for mission is active enough to make them forget their age. Masan Sahmyook Church is a church that always listens to the voice of Jehovah God with prayer and humility, believing that God will be with those who actively pray and devote their lives to God’s work.

The Masan Sahmyook Church started as a family worship in 1937 and constructed its church building in 1956. The church on the present site was purchased and built in 1989. Its original name was Masan Church, but in 1989, the name of the church was changed to Masan Central Church when the East Masan Church branched off. In the city of Masan, however, there are many non-Adventist Masan Central Churches, so while searching for a more suitable name for its gospel work, the name was changed to Masan Sahmyook Church.



ALPHA CITY CHURCH

Kim SunHwan
NSD Associate Secretary

It had been more than four months since I had been able to attend a church’s onsite gathering— since June 2021. So, when I proposed to be a speaker of the evangelistic series at Alpha City Church, which was one of 11 churches in the Southeast Korean Conference conducting the series simultaneously, I doubted if we would be able to have face-to-face meetings. My worries grew when the church did not accept my suggestion to visit prior to the meetings and lead a revival meeting in preparation for evangelism. Instead of having an offline revival meeting, I could only visit the church via Zoom on Sept. 10, 2021, Friday evening. However, through the darkness, I was able to see a gleam of light from that revival meeting. Church members who attended the church service seemed to long for the message of God. Furthermore, I could see the planned online and offline combined meeting would be well organized and properly operated. I asked church members to prepare more earnestly in prayer and to invite

their friends and neighbors to the upcoming evangelistic meetings. At the revival meeting, we all agreed that the success of the meetings depended on the intercession of the Holy Spirit.

The evangelistic meetings convened from Tuesday, Oct. 19, until the Sabbath of Oct. 23. At first, I was a little disappointed because the church, out of caution did not dare to start from Monday, so that I was given only five sermon times. However, in the end, the church requested me to speak one more time on Sabbath morning in place of Sabbath School. Consequently, I spoke six times that week. The main theme of the series was “The Bible: Answers to Our Life Problems.” I tried to choose the most relevant topics for people who had little chance to be acquainted with the Bible. I prepared messages for all people regardless of their religion. I really enjoyed speaking and hoped that all the listeners also enjoyed the messages.



The first day's sermon, "Who am I?" emphasized that we are not a product by chance, but children of God purposely created. On the second day, I talked about our future with the message titled, "Will the era without the coronavirus come?" Bible prophecies and messages on Jesus' Second Coming were brought to attendees. The third day's title was "What does life-insurance guarantee?"—I talked about the state of the dead and introduced Jesus Christ, who is the real life-giver. On Friday evening, I spoke about baptism in "How can we restart our life?" And on Sabbath morning, I had a chance to teach on salvation by Jesus Christ with the final sermon at the divine worship on Jesus' Second Coming with the title of "Do we still have hope?" I believe that the seeds of the gospel that were sown during the evangelistic meetings will sprout here



Pastor Kim SunHwan, NSD associate secretary, preaches a sermon in the evangelistic series at Alpha City Church.

and there because it should be true that "I planted the seed, Apollos (Alpha City pastor and church members) watered it, but God made it grow" (1 Cor. 3:6).

Although we face a lot of barriers and obstacles in our path ahead, we cannot let the barriers stop us or keep us from going forward. Instead this is a time for us to earnestly pray to God for His way through and a time to

cooperate with our God who is the great Helper. In this sense, the evangelistic meetings at Alpha City Church were a special experience to me of co-operating with God. If there are some souls who will give their hearts to God by this evangelistic series, I cannot help confessing that it's been done "not by might nor by power, but by (the Holy) Spirit" (Zachariah 4:6).

ULSAN ZION CHURCH

Kim YongHun
NSD Communication Associate Director

Ulsan Zion Church was the only church among the 11 churches participating to hold its entire evangelistic series online. Pastor Kim YongHun, associate director of the Communication department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), preached on the church's YouTube channel from Oct. 19-22, 2021. As it was the church's first online-only evangelism event, detailed plans, preparations, and prayers were required. The church members sent invitations to their families, relatives, and friends through mobile messenger services. More than 40 participants attended the online meetings every evening to hear Pastor Kim's touching and easy-to-understand messages.

On the Sabbath of October 23, the last day of the series, worship was held in-person, with about 70 church members in attendance the church. After the service, church members, the church pastor, and Pastor Kim YongHun gathered to share feedback on the evangelistic meetings. Most of the church members expressed satisfaction with the church's first-ever online event. They pointed out that one of the positive parts of online meetings was its ease to invite others. Through this online evangelistic series, Ulsan Zion Church was encouraged to more actively carry out mission through digital media in the future.



참여방법 유튜브에서 **울산시온교회** 로 검색하세요

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Above: The Golden Angels sing for a group of Kindergarten children.
 Right: Kim WonSeong (middle), the senior pastor of Daegu Gangbuk Church, provides school traffic guidance.



DAEGU GANGBUK CHURCH

Cho DaeYeon
 Golden Angels Associate Coordinator

It was not an easy decision for the Daegu Gangbuk Church to hold evangelistic meetings in Daegu where the first coronavirus cases were found back in January 2020. Nevertheless, with the support of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), the church decided to hold the evangelistic series Oct. 18-23, 2021, using the meetings as an opportunity to rekindle church members' passion for winning souls.

Pastor Cho DaeYeon, associate coordinator of the Golden Angels, served as the guest speaker. Through the series of sermons under the theme, "A Happy Song that Came into My Heart," Pastor Cho gave attendees a chance to look back on their relationship with God and family. The Golden Angels, who are NSD's singing missionaries, accompanied him to support the evangelistic meetings.

An average of 20 people attended the meetings every day. But on Wednesday, about 50 people attended the special invitation day with a Golden Angels concert.

One of the church deacons invited his friends to come to the concert on Wednesday. Even though it was not easy for those seekers to step into the church, the Golden Angels concert helped people take their first steps with lighter burdens.

As for weekday activities, Pastor Cho, Golden Angels members, and Pastor Kim WonSeong, the senior pastor of Daegu Gangbuk Church, visited a nearby elementary school to promote the evangelistic series. While sharing masks and tracts, Pastor Kim provided traffic guidance to elementary school children while dressed in his Pathfinder uniform. People receiving flyers and masks showed their appreciation to the pastor and those involved for serving the community. Pastor Kim said that he has volunteered as a traffic guide at the school gate for the past three years. Because the elementary school was located close to the church, it was a positive activity to promote the church and evangelistic meetings.

Moreover, the Golden Angels street concerts nearby tourist hot spots. At the reservoir where local people often visit to work out or take breaks, the missionaries approached groups of people, introducing themselves as singing missionaries. When they offered to sing a song for the people, most were willing to listen.

On Sabbath, the last day of the evangelistic series, the church was blessed with the attendance of individuals who had not come to church for a long time due to COVID-19 or because they had lost interest in the church. The singing and praise of the Golden Angels encouraged those in Daegu who have become exhausted by the pandemic situation.

On that same afternoon, members of Daegu Gangbuk Church, Alpha City Church, and Gyeongsan Church gathered at Alpha City Church for a praise and worship service that was led by the Golden Angels. Attendees were encouraged through singing together and giving glory to God.



The Golden Angels supporting the evangelistic meetings at Gyeongsan Central Church.



GYEONGSAN CENTRAL CHURCH

Kim NakHyung

NSD Stewardship Ministries Director

When Gyeongsan Central Church decided to join the simultaneous evangelism project, the church members and leaders prepared first with prayer and devotion. And because the church planned to hold the evangelistic meetings both in-person and virtually, they installed an LED screen in the main worship hall and purchased equipment required for holding an online event.

The evangelistic meetings were held from Oct. 18-23, 2021, with the guest speaker Pastor Kim NakHyung, NSD Stewardship Ministries director. Under the theme of “Again, Ask the Way to Hope,” his sermons pointed the way to true hope and happiness in Jesus Christ to those who have felt dark and disheartened by the prolonged COVID-19 crisis.

At this event, Pastor Kim NakHyung met Deaconess Kwak NaHee, who had been a member of the church that Pastor Kim was assigned to 36 years ago—this was their first encounter after so many years. This time, she was with her husband, Mr. Seo, who had been putting off his decision to keep the Sabbath for a long time. But by the grace of God, during the meetings, Mr. Seo decided to get baptized and join the Adventist church.

Although everything seems uncertain living in the era of COVID-19, members of Gyeongsan Central Church once again realized that they have a sure hope of Jesus’ Second Coming. And they determined to deliver this hope to others face-to-face and online.





Pastor Byun SeongJun,
NSD Communication
Director.

CENTUM CHURCH

Byun SeongJun
NSD Communication Director

The church worship hall is full of beautiful praises. At the entrance of the church, deaconesses are dressed in beautiful Hanbok (Korean traditional costume) to welcome the church members and new visitors. Pastor Jang YoungTae, the senior pastor of Centum Church, is full of smiles.

This was the scene from the evangelistic meetings at Centum Church, located in Busan, held Oct. 18-23, by NSD Communication Director Pastor Byun SeongJun. This event was part of the simultaneous evangelism project for the Southeast Korean Conference (SEKC), co-hosted by NSD's Adventist Mission department and SEKC's Sabbath School and Personal Ministries departments.

Even as churches continued to suffer from restricted onsite gatherings due to COVID-19, the SEKC prepared this evangelism project to provide new opportunities for mission revival for Adventists and to convey the Three Angel's Messages to non-believers. To overcome limitations of onsite meetings in the current COVID-19 restrictions, they boldly carried out the evangelism plan with mission vision and an earnest desire to spread the gospel to more souls in a wider area by combining online broadcasting with onsite gatherings.

Pastor Byun led the event under the title "In Search of the Meaning of My Life" with different subthemes, such as "True Love," "Cosmic Conflict," "Life with Rest." The daily meeting began with a time of praise full of passion by the Centum Church praise team, and a well-prepared special song was rendered before each sermon. The praises filled the hearts of the church members with the melody of heaven. In his sermon, Pastor Byun said that our lives are like grass and may disappear without meaning like fog; But when we meet Jesus, the Lord of Life and Truth, life problems will be solved and, above all, we will realize the true meaning of life. In addition, he urged the participants to realize that the time of Jesus' Second Coming is imminent and to prepare themselves.

Although it was a short period of time, Centum Church was able to find 11 new Bible study interests and five baptismal candidates through this event, and they experienced the grace of God in bringing back two lost sheep from the church fold. Above all, the Centum church was able to restore the fire of onsite worship. Centum Church members are expecting to grow more through in-depth Bible studies and discipleship trainings.

DAEGU INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

Richard Sabuin
NSD Education Director

Daegu Seventh-day Adventist International Church was one of the 11 local churches in the Southeast Korean Conference (SEKC) that hosted the simultaneous evangelistic meetings. The officers and departmental leaders of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) conducted these meetings with the support of the SEKC leaders. Preaching at the Daegu International Church was Dr. Richard Sabuin, NSD Education director. The meetings were held Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2021, with the theme, “Remember God.” The biblical truths were presented in the following topics: *Remember Our Creator, Remember the Sabbath, Remember the Death of Jesus, Remember God’s Promise, and Remember His Mission.*

The meetings were conducted in a blended mode with on-site and online participation. Every evening about 30 members and visitors came to the church building to listen to God’s word. Joining through the YouTube channel were an average of 150 viewers every evening, with sermons translated into Korean by members of the church. At the Sabbath School program, a quiz bowl was held covering messages from the evangelistic meetings.

Pastor Park JeongKeun, the church pastor, organized the meetings smoothly with many church members involved as well. Anyone attending this church could see the atmosphere

Dr. Richard Sabuin (right), NSD Education director



of mission among the church members. One gentleman, a Mr. Park, attended every evening. His motivation was to learn English and he was happy to listen to the message preached in English. He even played a saxophone musical piece at the meetings. Back in October of 2020 the church had started a prayer meeting in this man’s house. He has been on the prayer agenda of all church members that someday he will accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

The church pastor reported that there have been a few Bible interests that are now having Bible study, and preparing for baptism. For the church members, this series of evangelistic meetings was not primarily for harvesting souls, but for encouraging the church members after they have gone through two years of the pandemic. It was to affirm that, despite the pandemic, the mission continues!



Above: Church members participate in a quiz bowl covering messages from the evangelistic meetings.
Right: Church’s Bible interests have Bible study to prepare for baptism.



CHANGWON SAEHANEUL CHURCH

Bae HyeJoo

Pastor at Changwon Saehaneul Church

Changwon Saehaneul Church invited Pastor Kim YoHan, Adventist Mission director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), to preach evangelistic meetings Oct. 18-23, 2021. Since one of Pastor Kim’s areas of expertise is health ministry, the church wanted to focus on the Adventist health message. Church members and seekers who have been cautious and hesitant due to the prolonged suffering from COVID-19 readily accepted the meetings, entitled “The Way to Survive in the Age of Coronavirus.”

About a month before the evangelistic meetings, church members began to contact those who had been absent for a long time. Also, they were asked to invite their neighbors and friends to the health

evangelistic series. The church provided members with boxes of soymilk packs as gifts when visiting neighbors. As a result, an average of 11 seekers attended the meetings every day. As the number was the largest since the COVID-19 outbreak, the church was re-energized during the evangelistic week.

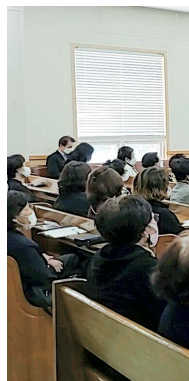
Attendees were impressed by Pastor Kim’s easy and practical health knowledge, showing their willingness to put health principles into practice. Through the meetings they gained confidence that they could continue to maintain a healthy life even in the midst of the pandemic.

For the six-day evangelistic meetings, the average number in attendances was 47, including 11 Bible seekers. On Sabbath, the last day of the event, one of the seekers, who had found the biblical truth and felt a conviction for the Adventist Church, was baptized.

The church planned for a two-day outdoor activity in November 2021 in which seekers who attended the health evangelistic meetings were invited. The church members continue to be ready to do their best to help seekers accept God as their personal Savior.



One of the seekers in baptism on the last day of the meetings.



Some people have asked me, “Since COVID-19 is still with us, can it be possible to hold an evangelistic meeting?” My answer for that question has been, “Yes, you can.” At the beginning of 2020, when the coronavirus began to threaten people, a mass infection occurred at a non-Adventist church in Daegu, which led to the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Korea, forming a strong resistance to religious gatherings among Korean citizens. Since then, religious gatherings have been targeted by broadcasts as a major source of mass infections. Many churches in Korea, including the Seventh-day Adventist Church, have been frustrated by the situation in which churches could not actively carry out their work.

From November 2021 the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Korea has moved into a new phase, which is called “gradual return to daily life.” Most social distancing restrictions have been gradually eased. Will the current challenges be finished when the COVID-19 pandemic is over? No. After COVID-19, something stronger than the virus may await. The Adventist Church should be ready to fight against never-ending crises in this age. If the church gets frustrated and does nothing, it will inevitably be destined to be forgotten from the world.

EVANGELISM IN THE MIDST OF COVID-19

Lee ByeongJoo
Pastor at Saeulsan Church



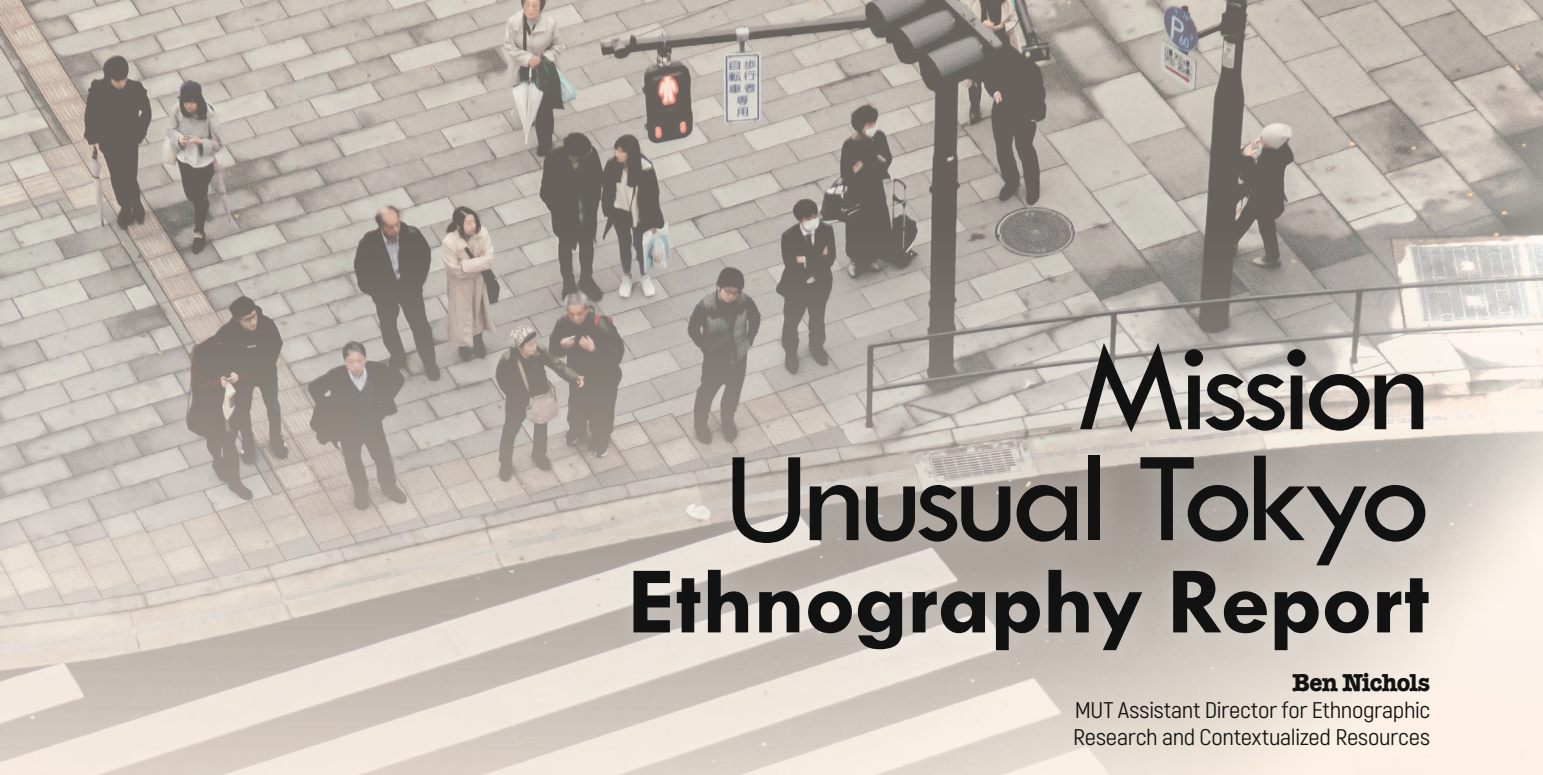
In times of crisis, churches that respond actively will remain, and those that take a defensive and passive attitude will eventually disappear. Even in the COVID-19 era, there are a lot of ministries and mission projects that can be done. In times like these, we need to be more active and continue our missionary duty in local communities in every possible way.

A combination of online and face-to-face communication is an important way to conduct evangelistic series in this pandemic era. Even if a meeting is held onsite officially, programs and sermons in the meeting must be designed for a large number of online listeners who cannot appear at the venue.

If a church holds a combined meeting of online and onsite with thorough preparations, the church will discover that they have more attendees compared to a traditional evangelistic meeting. Church pastors need to train church members to invite their friends and seekers in the most effective methods. It would even be suitable to send an invitation online 15 minutes before the meeting starts. If you send it several days ahead, people might not remember the time. Also, please don't forget to consider online participants in every program of the meeting. It is essential to prepare a space for online participants to communicate with a speaker, a church, and other participants, allowing them to have a sense of presence.

Some people say that in this COVID-19 era, public evangelism is no longer effective. But that's not true. Even now, if you sow a seed in the right way, something will grow, no matter how barren the ground is. But if you don't try to sow a seed, there is nothing to be expected.

The Saeulsan Church, which I am serving as church pastor, conducted evangelistic meetings both online and onsite, from Oct. 18-23, 2021. Pastor Kim Kwon, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division was invited to be the speaker. The church members had prepared for this event weeks ahead and had earnestly prayed for the 160 souls of the church. On Sabbath, the last day of the meeting, 27 of 160 came to the church to worship, and we praised God more than any other time. For some, COVID-19 has served as a possible excuse to let go of their faith. But it has not been such a huge barrier to prevent us from doing God's work. If you sow a seed now, one day you will bear the fruit.



Mission Unusual Tokyo Ethnography Report

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One of the key goals of the Mission Unusual Tokyo project is to develop new contextualized methods and curricula for disciple-making in Tokyo, based on a deep understanding of the culture and worldview of modern Tokyoites. Toward this goal, a team of four Mission Unusual members, under the guidance of the Global Mission Center for East Asian Religions (CEAR), has been conducting research on Japanese culture over the past 18 months—while also fulfilling its other responsibilities—all in the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The first part of this research focused on published resources, mainly books and articles, describing various aspects of Japanese culture. In the second part, we were tasked with conducting original research, such as in-depth ethnographic interviews and participant observations of culturally important events; but we faced setbacks as coronavirus precautions led to nearly all cultural and religious events being cancelled, as well as the difficulty of making new friends in our neighborhoods (the ideal people to interview). But by God's grace and providence, we were able to complete

the research phase of our work in June 2021.

Since then, we have been analyzing and organizing the cultural insights we gained, in order to identify barriers and bridges to evangelism and disciple-making in Japan. We are not merely repeating the research and contextualization work that has been done by others in the Seventh-day Adventist church or other denominations. Our goal is to go deeper and understand the specific barriers in the areas of cosmology, metanarrative, social networks and structures, values and value systems, and more, and to use that understanding to design a curriculum and create a full set of discipleship resources that effectively address the culture and worldview issues in a strategic and systematic way. With these resources, we aim to bring new Japanese disciples across the contextualization bridge from their Japanese worldview to a biblically shaped one. This process will conclude when our new disciple-making resources, including evangelistic materials, Bible study guides, and more, have been drafted, tested in the field, revised, and published. Draft materials will be completed during 2022, and the

fully revised resources should be published by mid-year 2024. As with many other aspects of this project, we are running a marathon rather than a sprint.

In this brief report, I will share just a handful of the many helpful lessons gained from our research on the Japanese worldview, along with the implications of these lessons on the MUT directive to kickstart a disciple-making and church planting movement in the heart of Tokyo.

An Analysis of the Japanese Worldview

The greatest news we are told in Scripture is that there is one Supreme Creator God who loves us, sent His Son to save us from our sins, and redeemed us so we can live forever with Him in heaven (see Psalm 102:25-27; 1 Corinthians 8:6; John 3:16; Romans 3:23-24; John 14:3). As Seventh-day Adventists, we also emphasize the Great Controversy metanarrative and its prophesied climax in end-time events leading up to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, precious little of this truth will make much sense, or sound like good news, to the average Tokyo resident. Their cosmology has

no category of the “transcendent,” which would include heaven and the God who rules from there. Instead, the gods of the Japanese religions are part of this world and none of them are supreme. Also, their world was not created by a loving God—the world itself has always been here, and the islands of Japan and everything in them were an unintentional effect of certain intimate or ceremonial acts by the first *Kami*. Human beings are not sinners, either. They are basically good, though sometimes they become impure just as household furniture accumulates dust—unavoidably and by no fault of their own. The Japanese people generally feel no need for a savior, successful Tokyo residents even less so. And what could they possibly make of the idea of the prophesied return of a Messiah they have never known?

This only serves to illustrate the beginning of the challenges to disciple-making in Japan. Over the years, many Japanese have felt the attraction of Jesus and the gospel, but worldview differences and social pressures have prevented them from taking the leap and becoming followers of Christ. Put simply, the barriers between them and Christ were too numerous or large for most people to overcome, and the bridges were too few or left half-built. Sometimes Christians who

have never experienced such a broad worldview change underestimate how difficult it can be.

In my home of North America, people are becoming increasingly secular and postmodern. But the fact is, most people still have a framework for understanding what Christianity means by words like “God,” “heaven,” “sin,” “forgiveness,” etc. It is as if they have a mental bookshelf with a space for these ideas, but they packed the books away in storage. When they encounter Jesus and begin learning more about Him, they know where to put the truths they are learning about.

Here in Japan, we cannot assume anyone has those same labeled mental bookshelves. The default categories are almost completely different. This means that when they first learn about the God of Scripture, they will put Him on the shelf marked *kami*—the name for powerful beings in the animistic Shinto religion. And so naturally, they will think of our God as “a lot like the other *kami*,” even if they are taught that He is different. And this same principle can be applied across nearly every aspect of the Japanese worldview. Accordingly, our calling is not only to communicate truth; we must help people understand and integrate it into a new, cohesive biblical worldview.

“Game of Life” Analogy

When attempting to condense such an expansive topic as a worldview into words on paper, it sometimes helps to use analogies to simplify complex ideas. In our case, we tried to find a sport, game, or activity that would adequately illustrate the ideas of how life works from a Japanese perspective. We proposed that for most Japanese, the game of life is much like river rafting.

In river rafting, you share a raft with several others going down an unpredictable river that can be beautiful and scary all at once. Thinking about the source or destination of the river is not important. What is important is cooperating with your team to get through it, preserving harmony at all costs. When possible, you should also enjoy the ride. There is no enemy team as in many sports—just the river and its obstacles. Falling out of your raft (i.e., having nowhere to belong) is a terrible fate, so you play it safe by following the rules and not rocking the boat (i.e., breaking tradition).

As we create a strategic curriculum to address these and many more worldview issues, the Mission Unusual Tokyo team is praying for the guidance and filling of the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus became flesh, dwelt among us and taught heavenly truths using parables that His audience could understand, we want to imitate Christ by dwelling among the people of Tokyo, understanding them at a deep level, and teaching them the beautiful truths of Scripture in clear and compelling ways. Thank you for supporting the pioneering work of the Mission Unusual Tokyo team and keeping us in prayer as we follow God’s leading to start a church planting movement in Tokyo.

Missionaries of Mission Unusual Tokyo



Sahmyook University held a special worship service at Hong MyungGi Hall on Oct. 12, 2021, in commemoration of its 115th Anniversary. Established in October 1906 in Sunan, Pyeongannam-do, North Korea, with the name Euimyung School, the university moved its campus to the current location in Nowon-gu, Seoul, in 1949.

At the ceremony, Kang SoonKi, Chairman of the Educational Foundation of Sahmyook School said, “On behalf of the foundation, I express my heartfelt gratitude to all the leaders who devotedly served this university, as well as to the current president and all the faculty for their dedication.” He continued, “I pray that the guiding grace of God will continue to be with the school.”

Sahmyook University President Kim IIMok delivered his commemorative address, saying “Throughout its history that spans well over a century, our university has provided Adventist education to nurture and produce countless professionals who are equipped with the ‘truth’ that gives the world, ‘love’ that keeps the world warm and livable, and a ‘serving spirit’ that works for the world.” He added, “When we approach the other end of the long, dark tunnel of COVID-19 and face the post-COVID 19 era, I earnestly pray that Sahmyook graduates with great intelligence, sound spirituality, and good physical health will serve as the true hope for society.”

In the vision declaration that followed Kim’s speech, Kang Taejin, dean of the Planning Department outlined the

Sahmyook University President Kim IIMok



university’s medium and long-term development plan “SU-GLORY 2030,” with the vision to be a “university that opens a pleasant future with people-centered creative convergence.” Kang presented specific objectives and strategies for the following goals: reinforcement of people-centered response capabilities in the era of the fourth industrial revolution; innovation of education for producing future-oriented and creative professionals; and establishment of a foundation for sustainable growth through innovation of university management.

SU Celebrates 115th Anniversary and Declares “SU-GLORY 2030” at Commemorative Ceremony



ADRA Mongolia Secures Additional Funding amidst Pandemic



(From left) Windell Maranan, ADRA Mongolia Country Director; Doris Baast, ADRA Mongolia Finance Officer; Angelina Pagarigan, MM Treasurer, and Han SukHee, MM President.

The Mongolia Board of Directors for Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Mongolia held its annual meeting for 2021 in Ulaanbaatar, on Nov. 24, 2021. Aside from the eight board members attending in Mongolia and chaired by Mongolia Mission President Han SukHee, those present via Zoom were from NSD led by President Kim SiYoung, Acting Executive Secretary Richard Sabuin, Treasurer Joel Tompkins as well as Mark Webster, regional director of ADRA Asia.

Country Director Report

The new ADRA Mongolia country director, Windell Maranan, stated that the “ADRA Mongolia team remains focused on its purpose as a faith-based organization in serving humanity so that all may live as God intended while recognizing the dignity that is inherent in each person and the disenfranchised without regard to their ethnic, gender, political or religious affiliation.”

He further reiterated that amidst intermittent lockdowns to curb the spread of COVID-19 in Mongolia, the team was inspired by what 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, “**For we walk by faith, and not by sight.**” Because of the strong support from ADRA Asia and donor agencies, the team has been undeterred by the challenges and has continued to make sure the implemented projects in different parts of Mongolia have been properly monitored

and are on-track without sacrificing the safety and security of individuals.

During the board meeting, much emphasis was also given on the review and adoption of new policies as part of ADRA Accreditation and Licensing (AAL) in which ADRA Mongolia has been accredited and licensed to operate for the next five years as part of the network’s internal standardization in doing humanitarian and development work.

Program Highlights

In 2021, ADRA Mongolia served a total of 11,453 vulnerable individuals and beneficiary partners in three provinces including the capital of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar. Through working with donors and other stakeholders, the team also made an emergency response to the dzud phenomenon (a Mongolian term for a disaster in the steppe, semi-desert and desert regions in which large numbers of livestock die, primarily due to starvation because of extreme winter weather conditions).

Furthermore, ADRA received an additional funding grant of \$505,580 USD for 2021 to implement a new project on pastureland management funded by two provinces in Switzerland in close partnership with ADRA Swiss and a small project on yak milk development by Help International. Currently, ADRA Mongolia has five projects (including a small project initiative) implemented in four provinces in the country with a total funding of \$2,140,077 USD.

“I praise God and feel overwhelmed and quite impressed by the work of the ADRA Mongolia team as a faith-based organization to make sure that its purpose is felt by the underserved and those who are in the most need,” concluded the board chair, Pastor Han SukHee.



Windell M. Maranan
ADRA Mongolia Country Director



Young Adventists in Batangas, Philippines, joined a prayer movement for North Korea.

Prayer Movement of Bukbukbuk Missionaries – Pray for North Korea!



Oh BeomSeok

NSD North Korea Mission Director

*Bukbukbuk** missionaries—a group of young people being trained for the North Korea Mission—had first wanted to go to North Korea to serve as missionaries as soon as the doors opened. But they realized they could do something now while still waiting for that chance. So, they planned a prayer movement. On Nov. 13, 2021, they held special prayer meetings, each missionary introducing the North Korea Mission during Sabbath School at their churches and conducting prayer sessions with church members in the afternoon.

Missionaries also presented a quiz show as a way to give church members up-to-date and accurate knowledge about North Korea, with small gifts presented to

participants. Prior to the special Sabbath, the missionaries worked together to organize the afternoon prayer session.

While preparing for the prayer meeting, Ms. Min HyunMi, a member of Songwoori Church, was able to assure church members that the North Korea mission is not only for the future, but for the present as well. The church members who attended the prayer meeting said that through the meeting, they felt a need to pray more earnestly for the North Korea mission.

Ms. Jeong DaMi, a member of Taeleung Church, led young people in a prayer meeting in her church. She confessed that the resolution she had when she first applied for the North Korea mission had weakened.

However, the prayer meeting regenerated her mission spirit, and she renewed her determination to live as a missionary from then on. After leading that prayer meeting, she became more involved in the North Korea mission project, studying more about North Korea and the history of the Adventist Church in North Korean.

A total of 52 churches participated in the prayer meetings for North Korea through the *Bukbukbuk* missionaries. When a Filipino missionary serving in Korea heard of the event and introduced it to a friend living in the Philippines, the prayer meetings spread out to the Philippines, then Thailand and the United States. Ted N. C. Wilson, president of the General Conference, and Duane McKey, president of Adventist World Radio, who were conducting evangelistic meetings on Mindoro Island in the Philippines, also joined in the prayer movement after hearing this news.

It is my prayer that this movement, which began with young Korean missionaries, will spread around the world beyond Korea and the Northern Asia-Pacific territories. And I sincerely hope that God will open the gates of the gospel for North Korea, and the gospel will be passed on to 25,887,045 North Korean souls.

** The group is officially called “Bukbukbuk” in the Korean language to incorporate the three different meanings of the three letters. The first indicates North, the second means book, and the third means drum. The meanings point to prayer for North Korea, and to gain knowledge about the country, then deliver the gospel message as the drum does.*



1. Prayer meeting for young people in Gwangnaru Church.
2. Youth members of Daegu Central Church have a prayer meeting during their Futsal game.
- 3 & 4. GC President Ted Wilson and AWR President Duane McKey join the prayer movement for North Korea while conducting evangelistic meetings on Mindoro Island, Philippines.
5. Adventists in Bangkok, Thailand, extend their prayer support for North Korea mission.

Sahmyook University Deepens Exchanges and Cooperation with Sister Universities in U.S.



MOU Signing ceremony of Sahmyook University and La Sierra University

On Oct. 28, 2021, Kim IlMok, president of Sahmyook University, visited La Sierra University and signed an MOU with the counterpart Joy Ferh on the operation of the “2+2 Undergraduate Transfer Program.” Participants of this four-year program—two at Sahmyook University and another two at La Sierra University—can earn a U.S. bachelor’s degree upon their completion of the course with a 50 percent discount on the registration fee for their transfer.

President Kim then visited Andrews University on November 3 to discuss the achievements of exchange and cooperation thus far and renew the existing agreement.

The two U.S. universities also decided to continue promoting the “Top-Ten Student Program.” This exchange and cooperation program allows 10 outstanding students from each university to study at the other university with 50 percent support of the registration fee. Also, the operation of the Andrews Partnership Scholarship, which provides a 30-percent discount on the registration fee to regular exchange students, is to be continued.

Sahmyook University is deepening exchanges and cooperation with its American sister universities, in particular Andrews University and La Sierra University, boosting its global competence.

Sahmyook University’s Kimchi Sharing

Sahmyook University held the school’s second “Kimchi Sharing” event at its Green Education Lab on Nov. 17, 2021, to share kimchi with local residents. The event was joined by about 60 participants, including president of the university, Kim IlMok, professors and students, as well as students from the Urban Farming School operated by Sahmyook for the citizens of Seoul. Participants made about 6,000 pounds of kimchi by hand and delivered them to the university’s neighbors in need with the help of 19 community centers in Nowon-gu, Seoul, where the university is located.



President Kim IlMok said, “We are a university that produces ‘servants of truth and love.’” He continued, “I would like to thank our students and the Urban Farming School students for participating in practicing the spirit of sharing.”

Kim KyungWon, a sophomore in the Department of Food and Nutrition at the university said, “It was my first time making kimchi, and what an experience! I hope they enjoy the delicious kimchi and stay warm with our love throughout the winter.”

International Foundation for Adventist Colleges Is Launched

The International Foundation for Adventist Colleges, a U.S. based scholarship foundation for Sahmyook University has officially commenced, paving the way for Sahmyook fundraising activities overseas.

The inaugural meeting was held on Nov. 6, 2021, at the Loma Linda Korean Adventist Church in California with over 100 participants, including Sahmyook University President Kim IlMok, External Relations Dean Kim JeongSook, foundation executives, members of the Sahmyook Univeristy Development Committee in America, as well as university alumni. The committee consists of 155 members from Los Angeles, Mountain View, New York, Chicago, and Atlanta, and is planning to appoint additional members from Seattle and Texas in the U.S. and Toronto and Vancouver in Canada.



The committee plans to conduct various fundraising projects through the newly established foundation, including leadership forums to nurture the next generation of leaders and fundraising events for scholarship and development funds, supporting overseas internship programs, and issuing publications that meet the purpose of the foundation.

At the meeting, Dr. Jeong TaeGeon, former professor at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, was appointed as the president of the foundation. Participants of the meeting also deliberated and resolved other matters necessary for the establishment and operation of the foundation, such as the election of the executives and the confirmation of the articles of association.

Practical Exam for Early Admission for the Department of Art and Design



On Oct. 3, 2021, Sahmyook University held the practical exam for the 2022 Spring early admission for the Department of Art and Design. Scattered in different buildings on campus, including the main stadium of the gymnasium, applicants were tasked with the following themes: Basic Design, Idea and Expression, and Creative Thinking.

The practical exam was conducted under strict quarantine measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the safety of participants. The university completely controlled all people and vehicles from entering the campus, except applicants, exam supervisors and invigilators. Applicants had to submit an online COVID-19 safety questionnaire, wear a mask, and check the body temperature before entering the exam site. Tables for the practical exam were placed at intervals of 3.2 feet or more in all directions.

This year, the department saw a total of 1,540 applicants for 53 early admittees, recording an overall competition ratio of 29.06 to 1.

Celebrating its 115th anniversary, Sahmyook University published a memoir in commemoration of the following pioneers of the school: Late President Kim JongHwa, Dr. Robert M. Johnston, and Professor George S. Haley. These individuals stand high in the institution's estimation for laying the spiritual, financial, and administrative framework for the university in its initial phase of the new era on the current location in Nowon-gu, Seoul, from 1949, when the school moved from Sunan, Pyeongannam-do, North Korea where it was first founded in 1906.

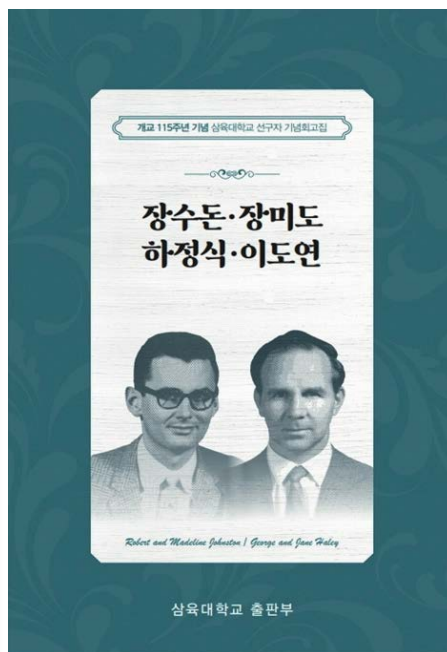
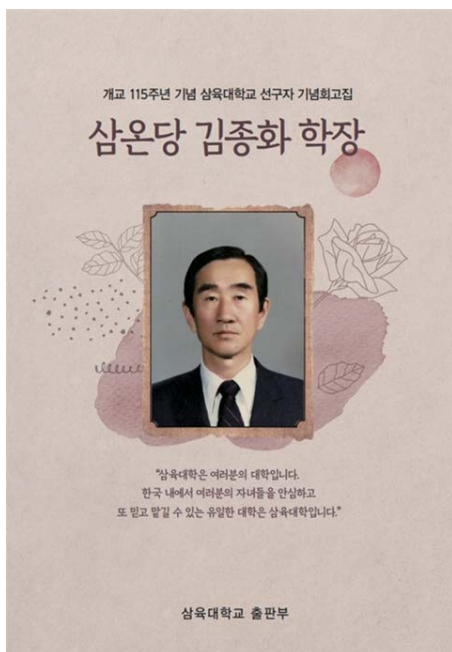
Late President Kim served as a professor, superintendent, dean of academic affairs, and president (3rd and 6th) from 1965 to 1990, contributing greatly to the development of both internal and external aspects of the school, preparing it to be raised to university status.

Dr. Johnston and Professor Haley were missionaries from the U.S., who devoted their youth to the university in the late 1950s, during which Korea was still bearing the ashes and scars of the Korean War. Throughout his

eleven years of service at the university as a theology professor, from 1958 to 1969, Dr. Johnston played a pivotal role in the advancement of the school as well as the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Korea by shepherding and producing pastors and theologians. Professor Haley served the school for 22 years, from 1959 to 1981, teaching agricultural education and taking charge of the Department of Business and Industry. One of his great achievements was founding and developing the milk processing business which established financial security for the university.

"The publication of this memoir embodies our hope for the wholehearted hard work of our foregoers who have built up each layer of the university's history to be cherished and appreciated, generation after generation," said Sahmyook University President Kim IlMok. He continued, "Their spirit of dedication is one of the major sources of pride for our university. I pray that their experiences of faithfully following the guidance of God will remain through our abundant spiritual and mental assets."

Memoir in Commemoration of the Pioneers of Sahmyook University





Sahmyook University Successfully Hosts International Conference



Elder Ted Wilson, Adventist World Church president, gives congratulatory remarks at ICSU 2021.

The International Virtual Conference of Sahmyook University, “ICSU 2021,” was held in commemoration of the university’s 115th anniversary on November 17 and 18. As host of this large-scale conference, Sahmyook University aimed for academic exchanges with its 123 sister universities around the world, this year via online platforms. The conference took place with nearly 1,100 registrants from 52 countries.

Under the theme, “Sharing Mission, Vision, and Passion with the World,” the two-day program, comprised 12 sessions in five academic fields—Religion and Theology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Healthcare, Science and Technology, and Culture and Arts. The conference

welcomed 58 experts and professionals from 14 countries who gave presentations and answered questions, including the Next Generation Sessions, where undergraduates and high school students participated featuring 15 presentations.

The success of this far-reaching international event during the COVID-19 pandemic was possible because of the continued growth of the university’s global network for the past 115 years. Specifically, at the welcome ceremony of the conference, the university received messages of congratulations and support from many significant individuals, including Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and presidents of its sister universities including Andrews University (U.S.), Loma Linda University (U.S.), Southern Adventist University (U.S.), Weimar University, (U.S.), and Avondale University (Australia).

The international conference was a chance for Sahmyook University to showcase itself as a higher education institution striving to lay the foundation for the vitalization of international research cooperation and mutual academic exchanges. The university plans to hold such international conferences on a regular basis to further expand and strengthen its global network—Sahmyook University and its sister universities are currently considering taking turns in hosting the event.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LEGAL APPEALS FOR THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS



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From the earliest stages of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, religious liberty has been a fundamental value of the church. One of the pressing causes of establishing the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was early Adventists' need for an official legal entity that could represent the church when they appealed to

the U.S. government for religious freedom. In 1864, one year after the General Conference was organized, religious freedom was linked to human rights when Adventist youth were mobilized in the army during the Civil War. The issue at that time was the non-combatant position of Adventists. A few years later, when Adventists opposed the program of the National Reform Association to pass religious legislation, including Sunday Laws, the Adventist Church also appealed to the government for the freedom of conscience.

Throughout the history of the Adventist Church, some doctrines such as Sabbath keeping, and fundamental positions of the church have made it unavoidable for the church to meet social conflicts in relation to religious liberty.

It is important to note that there were only 3,500 Adventist members when the church appealed to the federal government in 1864. And in 1889, the Adventist church collected 250,000 signatures with only 26,000 members. In 1926-7, the General Conference Department of Religious Liberty secured 8 million signatures to petition against various bills when we had only 250,000 Adventist members. These simple statistics demonstrate that the Seventh-day Adventist Church, from its beginning, was involved in appealing to governments for the religious freedom of the church and its church members. And though at that time the Adventist Church membership was a small minority in the Christian world of the U.S., it played a leading role in the campaign for religious liberty.

But is it proper for Adventists or the church to appeal to the civil courts for the protection of their religious freedoms? When looking at the Apostle Paul's disapproval of lawsuits among the saints, it should

be understood that he is referring to cases of disputes between believers, not cases advocating religious freedom. The same Paul appealed to the public authorities for his civil rights to be protected. From the case of his appeal in the city of Philippi (Acts 16:37), we can reasonably infer that he would have requested a trial to protect his civil rights. Another point to be noted is that Paul intended his appeal to be publicly revealed. That's why he asked the officers to come and escort he and Silas out from the jail in front of other citizens, which may have resulted in a positive influence on mission.

When Paul went to Jerusalem after his third mission trip, he appealed his case to Caesar (Acts 25:11), the emperor of Rome. From the precise description of his last journey from Jerusalem to Rome recorded in Acts 21-28, the following four things are found: 1) The Apostle Paul tried to have the unfair punishment and wrongful accusations properly addressed instead of taking them for granted. 2) In the end, when Paul failed to be protected by the lower authorities, he finally appealed to the highest authority of the land. 3) Paul seemed to consider his legal appeal as a way of making God's promise come true in his life. 4) Paul's appeal to the authorities provided a positive effect on his mission. Therefore, justification of legal appeals to protect his or her human/civil

religious liberty rights can be supported in the Bible, especially through the precedent set by the Apostle Paul. How then can we apply this biblical principle to our real lives as Adventists?

Within a few recent years, there have been three cases that Adventists won in the Supreme Courts of their countries in relation to Sabbath accommodation: the Philippines (Jul. 2017); South Korea (Jan. 2019); and Brazil (Nov. 2020). These historic victories seem to be related to the trend of international relations to advocate the rights of minorities. There are several common factors in these three cases: 1) The Adventists who were involved in the matter of freedom of conscience decided to make legal appeals, especially up to the Supreme Court, the highest judicial step. 2) The petitioners and their related people around them made all possible preliminary efforts to resolve the problem before they went to the final court. 3) All three cases were appeals not for creating new policies or regulations for their cases, but for applying preexisting higher laws that support the freedom of

conscience for citizens, such as the Constitutions of the countries and the Memorandum between governments and educational authorities. 4) The rulings of the three cases are used as jurisprudence (exemplary case) for similar cases in each country. 5) Some statements of the Seventh-day Adventist fundamental beliefs were stipulated in all rulings as a basis of the rulings. 6) These victories were won through cooperative works of Adventists, such as church-wide prayers, active legal assistance by Adventist lawyers, and administrative support by church organizations.

It is nearly impossible, even undesirable, to defend all our religious liberties through legal appeal. However, the appeals process needs to be considered as an important way to advocate freedom of conscience after making the proper preliminary non-statutory efforts. Furthermore, if properly operated, it may give positive effects on mission throughout the entire process of appealing, even when the appeals are not accepted. And needless to say, the effects may be immeasurable when the appeals are granted.





Group photo from the prayer week at Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College



Prayers of a Missionary

Kim HyeonSeo
1000MM 56th Batch

Nov. 15, 2021, Monday

Our God in heaven, thank you for giving me today as a gift to live. Today is the starting day of the prayer week at Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College (PASC). Let all processes go according to the will of the Lord, and let all participating souls realize that God is alive. Lord, thank you for using us who are so weak, as your workers. I pray that it will be a time for both those preparing for the program and those participating to grow spiritually.

Nov. 18, 2021, Thursday

Our Father in heaven, as it is a prayer week, busy days continue, but thank you for letting me serve you with joy. Thank you for giving me lovely children and colleagues who make me smile all day long. When I ask the children what their prayer requests are during the prayer session,

they ask me to pray for their parents and their country, Pakistan. They are still young children who need help from their parents. Let their parents stay healthy and let the children understand God's love through the love they receive from their parents. They may sometimes feel difficulty in living as a Christian in Pakistan, a Muslim-majority country. Let them grow up to be the light and salt of this place.

Nov. 20, 2021, Sabbath

God, thank you for giving me a blessed Sabbath. Today is already the last day of the prayer week. Thank you for protecting the speaker for a week. And I praise Your name that 15 students were baptized today. It's so hard to express how grateful I am for their decision to accept the Lord as their own Savior and become His children. Let them learn how happy it is to live as a child of God. Lord, thank you for calling me as a missionary here. You know that I still have a long way to go. Please do not stop breaking me until I resemble You, and let me have a pure faith like a child. Please help me to serve others more.

Nov. 23, 2021, Tuesday

My Lord! Today is the last day of the memory verse booth. These children, who take their time to recite your words, are so pretty to me. How proud and pretty would it be for your eyes? They have continued to be challenged

since last week and those who have failed have sat next to me for two hours now and are keeping the words of the Lord in their hearts with all their might. Please give wisdom to your children so that they can succeed to memorize, and even if they are not successful, let the Bible verses in their hearts be a guide to their lives.

(3 hours later) My Lord! While many other children came and went, Shane did not give up and challenged to the end and finally succeeded. I'm so happy and proud as if I've succeeded. Please let Shane and I love you more today than yesterday.

Nov. 24, 2021, Wednesday

Father God in heaven, November is passing away and my last month as a missionary in Pakistan is approaching. Today, I specially pray for my partners SooAh and KyungJin. Together for 10 months, their presence has certainly been a great blessing to me. Please help them to be missionaries who give all the glory to the Lord whatever they do. And please give them courage with a warm hug. Above all, I want them to be happy. Please let them keep their memories of the year in the mission field beautifully and stay happy in you. Thank you, Lord, for taking care of them for the rest of their lives.

Dec. 4, 2021, Sabbath

Lord, have I been doing well for a year? My missionary life is already coming to an end, and I think I have a lot of regrets. Please guide me to do my best for the rest of the year to serve this place as a missionary of the Lord. Let me show more love to them and have a time without regrets. "Once a missionary, always a missionary!" I will live with these words in my mind forever. Please train me every day and let me grow more today than yesterday. Thank you very much for everything. Take care of all the souls in Pakistan and protect their eyes from various temptations and hardships. Please make PASC to grow spiritually as the years go by, and give all our families here, including pastors, the ability and wisdom to make Pakistan the kingdom of the Lord.

I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.



The calling of God

Kim HyunMo
1000MM 56th Batch

I have always believed that the Lord called me. And even now, my belief remains unchanged. The reason why I believe so is that when I look back on my life, I see God's indescribable guidance which has led me. Following His calling, I have served for about a year as a missionary at the Tagio Adventist School in Cambodia. But now, I have decided to extend my service in my mission field because the Lord most certainly called me to do that—not just a vague call, but with a perfect response to my prayer.

As the time approached for the end of my ministry, my love for students and young children deepened, and I began to look back on my days here. Looking back, I felt uncomfortable because I remembered when I did not consider Jesus in my ministry. And



then I started to wonder what it would be like to spend another year here as a missionary.

No matter what the choice, I had a belief that the Lord would always be with me and lead me. But I wanted to know a better way in His eyes, so I started praying to the Lord. For the first time in my life, I prayed to God with certain conditions.

Around 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 18, 2021, I began to pray, “God, please help me. I believe you’ll be with me wherever I go, but please show me your way. I dare to give you this condition. From this moment that I kneel down before You, if people around me send me the word ‘extension’ seven times through online messengers or email, I will understand that You want me to extend my missionary period here in Cambodia.”

I put these conditions to my Lord like Gideon’s fleece prayer. But I had to receive a definite sign and not by accident, so that I wouldn’t take the will of the Lord as a mistake. So, I decided to use the complete number seven from the Bible. What’s amazing is that as soon as I

finished this prayer, I got a message from my partner: “Hyunmo, I just got a call from missionary DongHyuk (principal of the school), and he asked us to pray about the ‘extension.’” My heart began to beat fast. *What if it really fills up to seven?*

In fact, even after praying like this, I was afraid that this prayer would really be answered, and I thought it was a sham prayer. So, this prayer was naturally forgotten in my memory. The days passed and on Nov. 6, after the Sabbath School activities, I suddenly started to think about my extension once again. And I recalled the prayer I gave to the Lord. I opened all my text messages right away and started searching for the word “extension” in chats with everyone. I searched almost all the chat rooms, but I couldn’t find the word “extension,” and only the last two chat rooms remained.

I first saw a chat room with my partner at 3:01 p.m. on Oct. 18 (the text message I received right after my prayer), once at 3:01 p.m. on Oct. 24, once at 7:50 p.m. on Oct. 24, and once at 4 p.m. on Nov. 4—a

total of four times. Then, I checked the remaining chat room with my missionary colleague. There was a message at 3:41 p.m. on Oct. 25, one at 5:49 p.m. Nov. 3, and one more at 12:29 p.m., Nov. 5— three messages making the total messages with the word “extension” exactly seven.

I was mystified for a moment. I counted again two or three times, wondering if I counted wrong. The more I counted, the clearer the number seven. *Is it a coincidence?* My mind was filled with many thoughts, but I calmed myself down and began to arrange my thoughts again. *I prayed to God, and that prayer was perfectly answered.* It was the calling of God.

I have always had the belief that the Lord had called me, but this time, he called me through a clear response to my prayer. My God is alive and listens to my prayers without missing any of them, and still leads my life. Our Lord, who listens to the prayers of the weak like me, remembers, and responds. God, who is truly good, called all of us. And it is really important as a Christian to have faith in His calling. When His calling begins to fade in our lives, we lose direction and motivation. It is most important to trust God every moment of our lives and not to miss His calling.

How can I be arrogant when I remember the grace of the Lord who calls me? How can I not be generous to others when I remember His love? Praise the Lord who is with me, and I pray earnestly that I will continue to serve Him for the rest of my life.



Kim HyunMo (right) and his friends in Tagio Adventist School in Cambodia.



at first, but now I can also give them hugs and express my love to them. I felt something warm in my heart as I saw people who showed me true love even though I didn't do anything for them. And I realized that God also loves me unconditionally. I knew love was a gift from God to humans and giving and receiving that gift was what God wanted for us. I was also happy to receive, but I learned that it is better to give and share with others and see them happy. Now I do my best to express my love and pray for others. In the past, I didn't pray often, and even if I prayed, I only said things like, "Please do this and do that for me." But now, I pray for my loved ones. I pray for these people to meet God, realize His everlasting love, and be saved.

These days I pray that I will continue to live as a missionary after my service here is completed. As a person who believes in God, I am trying to find God first and become a better person even when I have a hard time. I'm still small and weak, but through the missionary experience, I learned for sure that He has a great plan for me.

I hope I can have a stronger faith and share the love of God more for the rest of my time. I pray that you are also filled with God's love today and share the joy with other people.

Missionary Kim YooHyeon shares God's love by providing a piano class.



The Joy of Exchanging

Kim YooHyeon
1000MM 56th Batch

Hello, I'm Kim YooHyeon and I am currently serving as a 1000 Missionary Movement missionary in an Islamic country. It seemed like a year would not go by, but as I see that winter has already come, I look back on the first day I came here and the past days in the mission field.

I am serving as a piano class teacher here. My class opens every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. at my home where I provide piano and theory classes for children. At the end of the class, I give stickers to the children who do little jobs such as cleaning the piano, greeting the teacher, washing hands, and helping friends. Looking at the children who like to receive those stickers and count how many they have collected, I can't stop smiling.

Every day I realize that being a missionary has been a good decision in my life. Before coming to this place, I often failed to find peace in my mind. I was sensitive to small things, had short patience, and lived like I was chased by something. And I was worried about what I could do with my faith that was like a small bean. However, when I came to my mission field, I was able to meet and communicate with various people and do what I had to do on my own. Looking at myself changing little by little, I gained confidence that I could do it, and I was able to stand with peace.

While meeting people here, I saw, felt, and learned what God's love is. Children often hug me and give me words of love. It was awkward to me

Stories from Beitun Church

Kwon SoonBeom
Pastor at Beitun Church



When the COVID-19 situation in Taiwan worsened in the past four months, Beitun church members were grateful for a chance to get outside and enjoy God's nature. The church members and missionaries of Beitun Church visited a retreat in Hsinchu, a city in northern Taiwan, Oct. 29-30, 2021.

Tom Sung, president of Taiwan Conference, opened the retreat with his encouraging message. And young church members gave testimonies how they have been keeping their faith alive with their non-Christian families—touching the hearts of participants. Thankfully, God granted us beautiful weather on that day, so we were able to enjoy happy and blissful moments. We couldn't help but praise God's grace on Beitun Church.

Beitun Church has offered a Korean cooking class for the National Taichung University of Science and Technology students once a month. At the recent cooking class held on Nov. 21, 2021, around 60 students gathered at the church to attend the class. Also, since 2018, Public Campus Mission missionaries and I, the church pastor, have offered a Korean language class. Students have come in and out of the church frequently, becoming familiar with the church. During weekdays, the church building is always open for young people as a place to hang out. I hope their steps toward the church will continue and they will realize the love of Jesus in the near future.



A Korean cooking class hosted by Beitun Church



4th PCM Dedication Ceremony

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held its dedication ceremony for six young people in the fourth batch of the Public Campus Ministries (PCM) on Nov. 6, 2021, at Paju International Church. The PCM missionaries have volunteered to serve for one year in Taiwan.

NSD President Kim SiYoung delivered the inspirational message and presented letters of appointment to the missionaries encouraging and strengthening them with a mission spirit. Jeong KwanYu, a representative of the fourth batch, gave the dedication speech: "I am determined to serve God with pure principles, and I will devote myself to the Lord by purifying the temple of the heart and putting Christ in the heart. I look forward to seeking and praying and asking how the Lord will use us." NSD Executive Secretary Richard Sabuin gave the dedication prayer for the missionaries. And afterward families and guests joined in with blessings and encouragements.

The names of the fourth PCM missionaries and their university majors are as follows: Park YoungJae (Theology), Jang SeongMin (Chinese), Jeong KwanYu (Semiconductor Equipment Design), Kim HaYeon (Earlychildhood Education), An HaYoung (Nursing), and Lee JiHyeon (Nursing). All six will be dispatched to Taiwan. Before they leave for their mission field, Pastor Choi HoYoung, NSD Youth and PCM Ministries director, and Pastor Kim HyunTae, Youth Ministries director of the Korean Union Conference, will provide intensive training at the NSD Leadership Training Center on Jeju Island. Then in February 2022, the missionaries will be dispatched to their assigned mission fields and serve with Pioneer Mission Movement pastors in Taiwan. They will strive to enhance campus mission through various activities, such as Korean language class, Bible class, and cultural programs.

Established under the Youth Ministries department of the General Conference, PCM serves non-Adventist colleges and universities with the purpose of providing activities on campus for Adventist college students.

Among the 1,270 colleges and universities in Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Mongolia, 447 Adventists are students in 48 non-Adventist universities. For example, in Korea, the Adventist Collegians with Tidings (ACT) club activities are represented by PCM. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division has also started a more specialized campus movement that dispatches student missionaries abroad, allowing them to dedicate one year to God. Since the first commissioning for PCM missionaries in 2019, there have been 39 young people from seven countries participating in this movement to Taiwan and Mongolia. And as of November 2021, there were 51 precious college students baptized by the grace of God and through missionaries' efforts to preach the gospel.

Young people may have life-changing experiences on university campuses. Some of them leave church and the Christian faith while they are in college. Others may have an opportunity to grow their faith through activities such as campus mission. Furthermore, through the overseas PCM missionary movement, some of these Adventist youth could prepare to become leaders of the Adventist Church. We look forward to seeing flowers of campus missions blooming through various PCM activities all around the NSD territories.



Choi HoYoung
NSD PCM Ministries Director



(Front row) Fourth batch of PCM missionaries.
(Second Row) NSD and KUC church leaders.

20th PMM Dedication Service

Kim YoHan
NSD Adventist Mission Director

The Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) exists for the purpose of planting churches in countries that are less evangelized. This year's PMM missionary dedication service was held on Nov. 9, 2021, at Paju International Church, sending out two missionary families in the 20th batch—Pastor Cho KiHyeong will be dispatched to the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) Training Center in the Philippines to serve as the associate director, and Pastor Kang ByungJoo to Shinchu Church in Taiwan. At the dedication service, the two pastors and their families vowed to devote themselves to God's work in their mission fields.

During the service, NSD President Kim SiYoung delivered a sermon from the book of Exodus. "You have to leave a safe, comfortable, and familiar place and put yourself in a new environment where language and culture are different. But please keep in mind that God first called you, not that you chose the path of a missionary. He will be ahead of you as He led the Israelites advancing toward Canaan," said Elder Kim.

In his encouraging message, Pastor Kang SoonKi, president of the Korean Union Conference (KUC), asked the missionaries to remember the word of God in Matthew 28, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." He appealed to the missionaries to remain faithful always and go forward with the power of the Holy Spirit.



20th batch PMM families

On behalf of the missionaries, Pastor Cho KiHyeong read his words of dedication: "When I decided to apply as a missionary for 1000MM a long time ago, Satan constantly made me see my sins and shortcomings. Nevertheless, I applied as a missionary, and that choice led me to become a pastor. This time, when I decided to become a PMM missionary, Satan once again led me to consider myself inappropriate for the position. However, I've taken courage to be a missionary again. When I applied for a missionary for the first time, I tried to save myself. Now I'm going to my mission fields to save others."

The dedication service ended with a dedicatory prayer offered by a group of church leaders from NSD and KUC. The missionaries will be sent to their mission field after completing the three-day training session for PMM missionaries.



NSD President Kim SiYoung delivers a sermon and Adventist Mission Director Kim YoHan translates.



Pastor Cho KiHyeong reads his words of dedication on behalf of the missionaries.



Goat Project to Deliver Hope



Kon Sa K' with one of her goats and one of her children.

In 2006, Kon Sa K' Thao had to get married by her parents' decision when she was only 17 years old, still school age. She had no choice about the decision due to many situations in her family. However, her marriage was unhappy. She had three children through her marriage, but her husband did not take care of his family. To make matters worse, she suffered greatly from her husband's violence.

When her husband drank and threatened her, she had to flee to her neighbor's house in fear. There was no particular reason for the husband's violence. He hit her because he felt offended. He hit her in drinking. And he hit her because he was annoyed.

In 2011, she couldn't stand it and divorced her husband. But her life continued to be difficult with her three children. Comparing to her friends, she lamented about her unlucky life. She tried to do her best to raise her children, but she was so distressed because she felt like she was showing her children the worst parent. And she was aware that she had to get over these difficulties with her three children.

So, she decided to rely more upon God and give all her burdens to Him. Since 2019, she has been serving as a teacher in the children's department at the Da Mur Adventist Church. Considering her faithful service in the church, it was not surprising that she was selected as a recipient of the goat project. In June 2021, she received a pair of goats. She thanked God for His grace, saying, "Two goats are the new hope of my family."

She thought her life was full of misfortune and pain, but now she is delighted that God has given her hope, and she is confident that the two goats given her through the project will be an opportunity to stand stronger with her three children.



Kim JungTae
PMM Pastor in Vietnam

Adventist Child Scholarship Project in Vietnam

Mbon Ha Suyl lives in the mountainous region of Lam Dong in southern Vietnam with his parents, older sister, and younger brother. Mbon's father is 74 years old, and his health condition is not good enough to earn money for his family. His mother suffers from mental health problems, which also makes it difficult for her to work. For these reasons, the family has earned a living intermittently with support from the government, churches, and neighbors.

Despite these difficult circumstances, Mbon Ha Suyl and his family lead a faithful life. After being recommended by Da K'ngang Adventist Church, he has been selected as a recipient of the Adventist Child Scholarship Project and has been receiving \$30 USD every month since September 2021.

Mbon Ha Suyl said, "With the scholarship, I pay tuition and buy school supplies. I thank God for this precious opportunity."

About 80 percent of Adventists in Vietnam live in rural and mountainous areas, and many of them are struggling financially. Moreover, their situation has worsened as COVID-19 has prevented them from normal economic activities.

For the future of the Adventist Church in Vietnam, we are currently sponsoring 18 people through the Adventist Child Scholarship Project to help them receive proper education. We ask for your prayers and support for a hopeful life for the children of Adventist Vietnamese families.



Family of Mbon Ha Suyl

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