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My Help Comes From the LORD

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“Lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 121:1,2). In this Psalm, the author describes the Lord as the One who protects Israel. In situations where it seems like no one is around to help, God neither slumbers nor sleeps. His eyes are always on His people, keeping them safe forever. The Psalmist claims that it is because God is awake and is keeping them safe that His people can be protected from any attacks.

Perhaps the same can be said regarding the mission environment of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). God’s remnant church faces resistance such as traditional religions, secularism, materialism, and many other obstacles to mission. The NSD territory is indeed a land with great challenges for mission. However, by taking those challenges as opportunities, NSD has been actively carrying out various mission work under the slogan, “Mission First.”

In the year 2022 alone, NSD has held events on a larger scale compared to previous years. On August 5, there was the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the 1000 Missionary Movement in the Philippines. On the 26th of that same month, the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Mongolian Mission was held. The correlation between these two anniversaries was the simultaneous

evangelistic meetings held for a week in each respective region.

Through God’s blessing, 75 new souls were reborn in the 1000 Missionary Movement Training

Center and 155 souls were baptized in Mongolia.

Particularly, Elder Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference, along with his wife, Nancy Wilson,

participated in the meetings in Mongolia by preaching the Word and serving as instructors in the health meetings. And on November 5, a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) is expected. These kinds of celebratory events demonstrate that God’s grace has been abundantly and unendingly poured out to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division despite the difficult circumstances.

For the past two years, the Mission Unusual Tokyo project has been ongoing in Japan—the division territory that requires our utmost interest and help. There is a need for united prayer as well as planning and searching for missional strategies for this project to bear fruit.

Another important mission project is for North Korea. The department of North Korean mission of NSD, along with the Korean Adventist Church Association in North America have signed an MOU. This cooperation relationship is ongoing in uniting individuals and North Korean mission entities for a more systematic approach to North Korean mission.

Though NSD is confronted with many challenges to the gospel work, we will carry on with the various projects we have implemented so far. Through a reorganization and a more enthusiastic promotion of the 1000 Missionary Movement, the pioneering endeavors of the PMM pastors, the Public Campus Ministry, North Korean mission, and the 10/40 Mission Project, we will fulfill the gospel work in line with our rapidly changing world.

While it is man who promotes these mission projects, we should never forget that it is God who carries out the work through these endeavors. We should, therefore, pray and strive earnestly that God may work and save many souls through the activities we are engaged in. Mission belongs to God, and He invites us to participate so that we may experience the joy of saving souls and experience the kingdom of heaven. Now, let us not hesitate. Rather, let us serve Him and go forward. God will pour out His blessings on our mission work.



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



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Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Mongolian Church and Conducting Simultaneous Evangelistic Meetings Nation-wide



Joanne (Park) Kim
MM Education Director

The Adventist world church has recently focused on Mongolia in celebration of the Mongolian Adventist Church's 30th anniversary of the mission work in Mongolia and the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Mongolia Mission (MM). Guests from the General Conference (GC) in the U.S., the Northern-Asia Pacific Division (NSD), the Korean Union Conference (KUC), the Philippines and Pakistan joined local Mongolian churches to commemorate these milestones.

History of the Mongolian Adventist Church

The first Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM) missionaries, Brad and Cathie Jolly, arrived in Mongolia nearly 31 years ago, to share the gospel message in a country that was just emerging from 70 years of communism. They were joined ten months later, by another AFM missionary, Joanne Park, and the three of them started the first Sabbath worship gathering. God blessed that first home church planted 30 years ago and helped it bear fruit, leading to the first Adventist baptism which took place a year later, in October, 1993. Elder Robert Folkenberg, Sr., president of the GC at that time, conducted the first baptism, two young ladies—Davakhoo and Enkhbayar. One young man, Enkhtaivan, also joined the church





by profession of faith, having already been baptized by another Christian denomination.

This small group of believers continued to grow, and in October 1997, the Mongolian Adventist Church was officially organized under the auspices of the Far Eastern Asia Division. And so, this year, with over 3,000 baptized Seventh-day Adventist members, Mongolia Mission celebrates the growth that came out of those early challenging years.

Evangelistic Meetings to Celebrate Milestones

As a celebration of the special milestones of mission work in Mongolia, the Mongolia Mission (MM) organized concurrent evangelistic meetings at four regional locations in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar Aug. 20-27, 2022, as well as 17 simultaneous meetings in provincial areas, with guest speakers from Korea, the US and elsewhere. Elder Ted Wilson, Adventist world church president, and his wife Nancy came to share a special message of health and hope with hundreds of participants at the northern Ulaanbaatar regional meetings. Dozens of volunteers from Korea helped support the evangelistic meetings with cooking classes and various cultural activities.

Cooperation with National Agencies

During the week, Elder Wilson and a delegation comprised of GC, NSD and MM leaders, met with the United States ambassador to Mongolia, Michael S. Klecheski, and his assistant for religious liberties, Christy Doherty. The ambassador hosted the meeting at his home and was very supportive of concerns regarding true religious freedom and offered his assistance in facilitating meetings with other interested parties.

Another truly providential meeting that took place came about at the last minute through God's intervention using multiple middlemen. The Honorable S. Amarsaikhan, Mongolia's deputy prime minister, made himself available for a meeting with Elder Wilson, MM President Han SukHee, and Education Director/ Gateway CEO Joanne (Park) Kim. What was not known until later was that he had excused himself to meet with us even though Parliament was in session. He was so unhurried, cordial, and welcoming that we didn't realize he had missed nearly 30 minutes of Parliament to host us. He was incredibly receptive to the tenets of the Adventist faith, as Elder Wilson shared with

During the simultaneous evangelistic series, GC president Ted Wilson and his wife Nancy came to Mongolia. They visited schools, institutions, and national agencies to call for cooperation with Mongolia Mission.



him—health, education, and service to all—that he graciously accepted Elder Wilson’s offer to pray for him, even though he is a Buddhist. When the deputy prime minister mentioned his concern for the health of the Mongolian people, Elder Wilson offered to connect his office to Loma Linda University Health, the flagship medical institution of the Adventist Church. Follow-up of this potential witnessing tool is already taking place.

Rebooting Gateway Project

The crowning moments of this special week took place on Friday and Sabbath, beginning Friday morning with the Rebooting Ceremony for the Gateway Project, and the dedication of the future School of Theology. The Gateway Project, which is a multi-prong project, consisting of Gateway International Academy, a vocational school, a wellness center, an agricultural center, and a full-service resort and recreation center, had paused for nearly three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With special prayers of blessing for the successful reboot of the project, the more than 40 guests visited the beautiful campus, 25 km (16 miles) south of Ulaanbaatar, where they enjoyed fresh air, hiking and horseback-riding. In addition to the original five institutions, Gateway welcomed the future School of Theology, with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony. President Kang SoonKi and leaders from the Korean Union Conference, which donated 400 million KRW (approximately \$300,000 USD), joined President Kim Yohan and other NSD leaders, Mongolia Mission leaders, and Elder Ted & Nancy Wilson to commemorate this special contribution. This occasion also celebrated the publication of 100,000 *Spirit of Prophecy* books, published in partnership with Sijosa, the Korean Adventist Publishing House.

Pioneer Missionaries

On the Sabbath of August 27, members from various regions of Mongolia and other countries participated in the Sabbath worship at Suut

Rebooting Ceremony for the Gateway Project and the dedication of the future School of Theology.





Left: MM leaders present a plaque of gratitude and commemoration to Cathie Hartman (right), the first missionary to Mongolia. Right: Joanne (Park) Kim, who came to Mongolia as a pioneer missionary 20 years ago, is now serving as MM Education director and Gateway CEO.

Resort, a youth training center located approximately 60 km (37 miles) north of Ulaanbaatar. In the Sabbath School program, Cathie (Jolly) Hartman, the first missionary to Mongolia, reminisced and shared the moments of being dispatched to Mongolia during the Sabbath school program. In 1991, when Mongolia gave up communism and introduced a parliamentary democracy system with a president as the head of state, she and her husband, Brad, boarded a plane to Ulaanbaatar. “Just seeing you today is a thrill and a great gift for me,” she said.

Joanne (Park) Kim also shared her testimony—in 1992, as a pioneer missionary, she stepped onto the ‘unknown land’, at the age of 21 to overcome many difficulties and persist in evangelism. “I originally planned to stay for only two years, but I served five years. Now, I am working here with my beloved family. All was possible by the grace of the Holy Spirit. God has called us. He totally guides our lives,” said Kim.

Currently serving as the director of the Education department of Mongolian Mission, Kim appealed for Gateway International by saying, “This project is to prepare for the future of Mongolia. Mongolia is a young church with many children and young people. We need to educate and train them so that they can grow into strong and faithful Adventists. We need your help and prayers.”

President Han SukHee and the MM leaders presented plaques of gratitude and commemoration to pioneer missionaries Cathie (Jolly) Hartman and Joanne (Park) Kim, as well as to former MM presidents, Elders Elbert Kuhn and Kim YoHan.

Joint Baptism

The highpoint of the week was a special joint baptism at Suut Resort. Although the water was frigid, the newly baptized members glowed with happiness and the congregation sang with delight. A total of 155 souls who accepted Christ as their

personal Savior were baptized and born again as God’s children. Nearly 800 people assembled for praise, worship, and a long-delayed reunion after several years of separation due to the pandemic. It was truly a high Sabbath, a day of great joy and jubilation.

Throughout the week of meetings, activities, and worship, the efforts of God’s workers in Mongolia bore fruit as many first-time visitors



were introduced to the saving message of grace through Jesus Christ. And there continues to be a tremendous hope that the Holy Spirit will bless the seeds that were newly planted, that the ranks of God’s army will grow to join in reaping the harvest. Elder Wilson imparted some final thoughts for the Mongolian Adventist Church in his congratulatory message: “Keep focused on Christ, His righteousness, His holy word, His sanctuary service, His Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14, His health message, His Second Coming and the work He has for you to do in *Total Member Involvement*. Christ is coming soon. He wants you to be a strong witness for Him in honesty, faithfulness, simplicity of lifestyle and dress, and determined proclamation of His Bible truth. Stay

strong, keep the faith, and may God be with you as you lean on the Holy Spirit for your powerful witness to the people of Mongolia. Maranatha!”

The Mongolia Mission is so grateful for those who have contributed their time, effort and resources in celebrating with the Mongolian Adventist Church, but there is still much more to be done and there is always a great need for additional workers. “Then He said to them, ‘The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest’” (Luke 10:2).



1. NSD president Kim YoHan visits a place where the evangelistic meetings are being held and prays for the meetings and the mission team.
2. Attendees of the Sabbath worship service and programs are given *The Final Hope*, which is the missionary book of the year that the Adventist world church selected for the year 2022.
3. A member of the Korean mission team participates in activities with the Mongolian children.
4. Two NSD leaders welcome GC president Ted Wilson and his wife Nancy with flowers.





The following is a summary of Mongolia Mission President Han SukHee's appeal to the Mongolian Adventist churches and the approximately 800 guests who attended the final worship service, wrapping up the simultaneous nationwide evangelistic meetings for the 25th/30th anniversaries:

Dear Mongolian church members and visitors from here and abroad,
I love Jesus.

Because I love Jesus, I love His word.

Because I love His word, I love His church.

Because I love His church, I love His church members.

Because I love His church members, I love the mission of His church.

Because I love the mission of His church, I love Mongolia Mission.

Because I love Mongolia Mission, in obedience to God's calling, in April 2021, I came here to Mongolia where few are willing to go because it is a cold and challenging place to live. I came because I want to help fulfill God's mission.

Therefore, my loving Mongolian church members and descendants of Chinggis Khan, let us take our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is much more powerful than your great Chinggis Khan, let us raise the banner of the Three Angels' Messages and move forward in the spirit of I Will Go to share the gospel with the lost souls of this land.

A ship anchored in port may be safe, but there would be no purpose in building it.

A ship's purpose is to go forward, even against severe storms, with the dream of filling the ship with fish, even if there is a risk of rough winds.

As we conclude a very special week, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation on behalf of the Mongolian Church to: the General Conference, the Northern-Asia Pacific Division, the Korean Union Conference and the Korean church volunteers who provided tremendous support for the evangelization of Mongolia. I hope that our Lord, who exhorted that the giver is more blessed than the receiver, will pour out a bounty of blessings as promised in Deuteronomy 28, to the generous members of the Korean church both in Korea and in the United States.

Once again, I sincerely thank all the missionaries from abroad, 1000 Missionary Movement missionaries, and Pioneer Mission Movement missionaries who have worked so hard and sacrificed so much for Mongolia Mission. I hope and pray that God will continue to bless and guide you. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for your efforts.

God Makes No Mistakes – Ulaanbaatar Western Area

Choi HoYoung
NSD Assistant to the President



From August 22-25, 2022, the Nanoori Volunteer Team and I held evangelistic meetings in the western part of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Compared to other areas in Ulaanbaatar, this western part is developing slowly, and a lot of people still live in a ger, the Mongolian traditional house. In many ways, this area has been known as difficult to do mission work. But it is also an area where the vision and expectation for youth and children’s missions exists.

From the first day, our mission team faced difficulties. This is because a restaurant to be used as the place for the evangelistic meetings was rented for only three hours a day,

from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our team had to hold not only evangelistic meetings every evening, but various programs, such as Vacation Bible School, a *hanbok*-wearing class, and Korean cooking classes every afternoon and into the evening at the restaurant. As the restaurant was available only for a limited time, all the equipment, such as tables, an amplifier, a projector, and a screen, had to be reinstalled every evening. Moreover, meals had to be prepared for 100 to 150 attendees every evening at the office of the Mongolia Mission and transported to Gold Restaurant, where the evangelistic meetings were held, six km (around 3.7 miles) away from the office. However, no one could stop the dedication and hard work of the Nanoori Volunteer Team. Their service was enough to impress many attendees.

On the first day, about 60 adults and 20 children gathered, and six of them were newcomers. Day by day, the number of attendees increased. In particular, the number of children increased significantly. Forty children on the second day, 60 on the third day, and on the last day, it increased to 75 children. The problem was that the karaoke room in the restaurant, a place we used for Vacation Bible School, was too small to accommodate all the children. The sound of praise leaking from the small karaoke room overwhelmed the voices of people in the other rooms who came to enjoy singing and drinking. But by the third day, six people were preparing for baptism.

Finally, on the last day, it was time to make decisions for baptism. At the meeting, I preached



1. Children crowd into the karaoke room to participate in Vacation Bible School.
2. Pastor Choi HoYoung served as the speaker of the evangelistic meetings for Ulaanbaatar western area.
3. The Nanoori Volunteer Team prepare meals for more than 100 attendees every evening.



about “Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit.” And those who wanted to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior were invited to the front of the pulpit. Six people who had already made up their minds through Bible study and attending the meetings were expected to come forward and stand before the congregation. However, something amazing happened. More people than the already expected six came forward. There seemed to be something wrong. Our team wondered if there was a misunderstanding of baptism. There were a total of 17 people who fully understood God’s word, including children and teenagers, who decided to become His sons and daughters by their determination. Everyone was surprised by the unexpected number and gave glory to God.

God makes no mistakes. He turns the worst into the best. All we must do is hold onto God’s promise and carry out the mission that God has entrusted to us. No problem or challenge can stop us from moving forward for missions. As evangelists, our slogan is the same, “I will go.”



Most Precious Four Days of My Life – Zavkhan Church

Choi HyungJin
NSD Assistant Treasurer

(From left) Zavkhan Church pastor, Elder Choi and Elder Lee from NSD, and the translator.



When I received a phone call from Pastor Han SukHee, president of Mongolia Mission, asking me to lead out in some evangelistic meetings at Zavkhan Church for four days, I asked him, “Why do you ask me to do such a pastoral activity as a layman? I have no experience in organizing evangelistic meetings ever.” Then, he said, “You are capable of organizing evangelistic meetings and you will overcome the challenge. It will be a meaningful experience in your spiritual life.” He added, “There are souls waiting for you.” At that moment, I realized that this was a calling not from a person but from above. Even though I thought I was not ready to do it, I accepted Pastor Han’s invitation and decided to hold onto God’s guidance. I was privileged to have Elder Lee ChangHee from the maintenance team of the Northern Asia-pacific Division as a partner for this mission trip.

Zavkhan is located 1,100 km (approximately 684 miles) west from Ulaanbaatar. It took more than 20 hours from Ulaanbaatar by car. However, I was excited to see beautiful views from the road to the destination. Zavkhan Church is a small church with an average of eight attendees at the Sabbath worship. But the Zavkhan Church pastor and his wife have a



1. Elder Choi HyungJin delivers a sermon at Zavkhan Church—the first time for him to lead an evangelistic meeting.
2. One woman being baptized as the church elder’s grandson assists and waits for baptism.
3. Members of Zavkhan Church.

passion for their mission. Since they were eager to attract people to the evangelistic meetings, they conducted various activities before the evening worship services. On the first day of Aug. 20, 2022, around 15 people joined the meeting. On the second day, around 25 people came. On the third day, the number was increased to 35. On the last day, it was almost 45. Furthermore, seven people were baptized through this evangelistic series. I believe it was achieved by the grace of God and the passion of the church pastor and his wife.

Among the seven newly baptized souls, five people were family members. And it all began with a young girl about ten years old. The girl received an invitation and joined the evangelistic meetings on the first day. She was satisfied and interested in the church activities and message, so she introduced the meetings to her mother and other family members. As she urged them to join, her mother and others accepted her invitation and joined the meetings from the second day. The word of God touched their minds, and finally, five of them decided to get baptized, accepting Jesus as their Savior. I couldn't believe how they opened their minds so naturally. I think that God answered the prayer of the young girl as I saw the power of the Holy

Spirit work on their minds through the meetings.

Another newly baptized member was a church elder's grandson. The elder and his wife, now in their 80s, have been with the Zavkhan Church since its beginning, but their grandson who was living with them had never gone to the church. So, his grandparents and Elder Lee and I earnestly asked the grandson to join the church event, prompting his presence at the meetings from the first day. Moved by the elderly couple's sincere hope to lead their grandson to Jesus, Elder Lee gave special attention to the grandson and began introducing Jesus to him during the meetings. The Holy Spirit worked on his heart to mingle with us, attend the church activities and worships, and decide to become a child of God by baptism. The lifelong prayer of the church elder and his wife was finally answered! It is our hope that the grandson will grow in God and be as faithful a worker for the Zavkhan Church as his grandparents have been.

While preparing sermons, I thought that these messages had to be good and suitable for the people in Zavkhan. That's why I considered the church members' background and circumstances. But, when I recalled the meetings after they had finished, I realized that all the messages were also for me. Thankfully, church members and visitors paid attention to my messages. I still remember their bright eyes looking at me.

I can surely say that this four-day mission trip to Zavkhan was one of my life's most precious and grateful moments. Many thanks to God and my friends in the Church.





Various outreach activities, including home visits, health care, and cooking classes, were conducted during the evangelistic series.

As soon as I was asked to lead evangelistic meetings in Khutul, Mongolia, I opened Google Maps and found this city lies 130 miles northwest of Ulaanbaatar. I was fortunate that I had a very helpful assistant as my translator, Ms. Deggy. She gave me background about the mission work of the Mongolian Adventist Church as well as for the Khutul church.

Deggy and I discussed the schedule, programs, and plans for community visitation and training. My wife, Violet, would be involved in cooking classes, food preparation, and other tasks. Deggy would oversee soap class and facial lotion making. I would conduct lectures, visitation, and training.

On August 21, 2022, Violet and I flew to Mongolia and met Deggy in Ulaanbaatar. She brought her

16-year-old niece, Jagana, who would help us and translate for Violet's cooking classes. We took a nine and a half-hour train ride to Khutur and arrived by 4 a.m. the next day. The church leader, Ms. Amarjargal and her husband, waited for us at the train station and took us to the apartment they had prepared for us.

We started our daily mission work with a morning worship service. Ms. Amarjargal arranged home visits in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. We also visited city hall, an elderly center, a city court office, a fire department, and a community water supply company. In these visitations, we conducted health assessments, including blood pressure and blood sugar tests, and gave health advice according to their needs.

The church members and Violet prepared lunch which we ate together in the church. It was a wonderful fellowship time as we all gathered in the church with the young people and children. The cooking class started at 2 p.m. every day at a private restaurant that we believe God prepared for us even though the owner was not an Adventist. Participants enjoyed different recipes and food. And the owner and her worker also joined our class.

We started the evangelistic meetings by 6 p.m. with a praise and worship time led by the children and followed by church members' testimonies. The theme of the series was "True Restoration," which covered various topics, such as creation, the fall of Adam and Eve, the redemption of Jesus, and God's re-creation. We focused on the stories of God and humans. I delivered the message that the salvation of hope was given through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. To have good health and peace is not the end of the gospel, but to receive eternal life and prefer a world with God is the wonderful plan of our loving God.

Newcomers were given a warm welcome when they entered and a gift after the sermon every night. Their name and information were recorded and will be followed up by church members. Then, a soap and facial lotion making lesson was offered after the sermon. Participants enjoyed the lesson and were happy to try the different beauty products every night.

Violet and I were blessed by the wonderful fellowship with the church members, and we were encouraged by the mission spirit of the church's leader and members. Two people decided to be baptized that Sabbath. May God bless the church leaders and members in Mongolia.

All Things Work Together for Good to Those Who Love God – Khutul Church

Jacob Ko

NSD Health Ministries Director



Amazing Stories Delivered – Khovsgol Church

Kim Kwon
NSD SS/PM Director



On the evening of August 20, 2022, my wife and I arrived at Ulaanbaatar for the simultaneous evangelistic series in Mongolia that we had earnestly prayed for over a month. Along with Pastor Erdene, his wife, and two Bible workers we were expected to hold a four-day evangelistic series. It was the moment when feelings of joy and responsibility crossed.

The next day, on the way to Khovsgol Church, we visited a Korean grocery store to buy ingredients for our Korean cooking classes. It took 15 hours by Pastor Erdene's car to get to Khovsgol Church. Moreover, about 4 hours and 30 minutes we had to drive on an unpaved road. The road was so rough that in the end, I was very car sick. I had no choice but to get through the crisis by taking medicine and trying to sleep.

Khovsgol Church is a church that has been in existence for 21 years. However, due to COVID-19, the church has been closed for the past three years, and many of the church members had turned away from the church. Furthermore, the church building was damaged and left unfixed. It meant that the church had to start all over again. With the support of Mongolia Mission, thankfully, the old church was temporarily repaired for the evangelistic meetings. When I arrived, the walls were freshly painted, and 40 chairs were set up in the worship hall. Before the meetings, Pastor Erdene and I kept asking God to send us 40 souls.

While evangelistic meetings were held every evening from August 22-25, we also conducted a Vacation Bible School for two hours every noon. There were 15 children

on the first day of the school, but it ended with 50 children. We were thankful to see the hope of the church through these children. We could not manage the school without the dedication of the two Bible workers who also made the long journey from Ulaanbaatar to Khovsgol.

Before each meeting started, my wife and I held a Korean cooking class with great success. I could feel the influence of “Hallyu,” the Korean cultural wave in Mongolia. I felt happy to be able to use the Korean cooking as a tool for evangelism.

The evangelistic meetings were held from 5:30 p.m. with the theme of “Amazing Stories.” Every day, I delivered the sermons titled “Amazing Book,” “Amazing God,” “Amazing Baby,” and “Amazing Future.” I cannot forget the bright eyes of those who were listening to a stranger preach. When I appealed to the attendees for a new commitment, they answered by raising their hands and standing to show their faith in Jesus. I believe that the Lord will keep their resolutions to live and grow in Him.

After the evangelistic meetings were finished, we visited a female believer at Khovsgol Lake. Although she led a solitary life of faith, she stood firm on the belief that

God was with her. We witnessed the hope for the Adventist Church through her life.

The road back to Ulaanbaatar was a series of hardships. For 18 hours, I had no choice but to go without food, eating only one rice roll. The van kept blowing a tire and we had to replace it with a spare tire three times in freezing cold weather. Eventually, the van became unable to move on the rough road, so fellow pastors who were two-hours away drove to rescue us.

It was an arduous mission trip. And my wife and I will never forget our five days in Mongolia. Through the meetings, we were able to lead about 50 children to the church, 15 lost sheep were recovered, and 15 new seekers were found. Now, my wife and I are praying for the Lord to give faith and strength to Pastor Erdene and his wife and care for the new seekers and those who are recovering their faith. I believe that Jesus, who wanted to save all people by carrying a cross that is incomparably more difficult than mine, will never give up on them. Thank you, Lord!



1. Pastor Kim Kwon's wife (left) leads a Korean cooking class
2. Pastor Erdene and Pastor Kim Kwon and wives at the freshly-painted church building.
3. Pastor Kim Kwon delivered sermons every evening with the theme of “Amazing Stories.”
4. Vacation Bible School was conducted every noon with the help of two Bible workers.



Priscilla and Aquila Missionaries – Baganuur Church

Oh BeomSeok
NSD North Korea Mission Director



Pastor Oh BeomSeok baptizes one of three young people.

Priscilla and Aquila, a Korean lay missionary group for the North Korea mission, went to Mongolia on July 5, 2022, as the first team of the simultaneous evangelistic series to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the mission work in Mongolia. Pastor Oh BeomSeok, director of the North Korea mission for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, and Pastor Shin KwangCheol, director of North Korea mission for the Korean Union Conference, led the missionaries. Their mission field, Baganuur, is a small city with a population of 30,000, situated 130 km east from Ulaanbaatar. In preparation for this evangelistic effort, 13 Priscilla and Aquila missionaries prayed for over two months, sending gifts and supplies before the missionaries arrived in Mongolia.

Baganuur Church has currently no church pastor, and two of the church members, Mr. and Mrs. Maagi are taking care of the church, which meant the Priscilla and Aquila missionaries were a great support for the church. The mission team capitalized on the global popularity of South Korea's culture known as the *Korean Wave* to enhance interest in the evangelistic meetings. Through this means, they ran a Korean language class, Korean cooking classes, and a *Hanbok*-wearing event. Also, they offered foot massage, taught how to play the ocarina, and gave away medical supplies. Some elders with carpenter skills repaired old toilets in the village and shabby parts of the church.

The attendance was mostly children, teenagers, and young people in their 20s. The average age of the missionaries was 64. It was worried that the generation gap would be an obstacle to communicating with each other, but the age did not matter in delivering the gospel. As time went by, more people came to the church.

Pastor Oh delivered a series of sermons dealing with essential subjects, such as death and salvation, hope of the Second Coming, creation and the Sabbath, and truth and the church. Since



Priscilla and Aquila missionaries.

Cultural programs, such as *hanbok*-wearing and ocarina classes, were well received by attendees of the evangelistic meetings at Baganuur Church.



he had studied the cultural background of Mongolia, he delivered his message in an easy format and it was well-accepted among attendees. A total of 53 people attended the meetings, and three young people became children of God by baptism.

Priscilla and Aquila missionaries have promised to visit the church every year for support and to hold evangelistic meetings. God will be glorified through the beautiful union of Priscilla and Aquila and Baganuur Church, and He will make an amazing history in Baganuur.



A New Beginning – Selenge Church

Kim YongHun
NSD Media Center Manager



From Aug. 22-25, 2022, I served as the speaker of the evangelistic meetings at Selenge Church in Mongolia. The church began its gospel work 20 years ago. However, the church doors had been closed for the past three years due to the pandemic. It was inevitable that the church lost a few members during that time.

When Mongolia Mission (MM) decided to recently reopen the church, Pastor Ariunbold volunteered to serve the church. He had previously worked as a pastor but had been in construction work for the last eight years. Even though he and his family had lived comfortably in Ulaanbaatar, they wanted to dedicate themselves to the gospel work once again. So, when he expressed his hope to MM, they sent him to Selenge, his wife's hometown.

To reopen the church, Pastor Ariunbold and his wife needed to remodel the church building and the house for themselves. Mongolia Mission supported the church with the funds, and Pastor Ariunbold used his construction experience to renovate the buildings.

The remodeling work was underway when I arrived at the Selenge Church for evangelistic meetings. As the pastor's house was not completed, he had to stay at

temporary accommodations. It was not easy to prepare for the meetings under such circumstances. Furthermore, he had been away from the pulpit for eight years, and it was stressful for him to translate my sermons into English. However, we were assured that the evangelistic meetings would be a good starting point to reopen Selenge Church and to invite all the church members, visitors, and those who no longer attended. Ariunbold and his wife did their best to prepare for the meetings. Thankfully, two pastors and their families from nearby churches came to help. Their support was crucial in running the event successfully.

Under the theme of “We Believe in God,” I shared the fundamental beliefs of the Adventist Church, including the Bible, salvation, death and eternal life, the Sabbath, and baptism. I demonstrated these topics with many examples so that attendees could easily accept the messages. Moreover, Pastor Ariunbold and I spent about three hours together every day to talk, prepare sermons, and pray for winning souls. Despite the concerns of speaking in the pulpit, Pastor Ariunbold translated my sermons well. Later, he testified that he was sure the Holy Spirit was with him.

In addition to the worship services, Pathfinder programs were offered to children and young people during the day. Also, cosmetic-making classes and health lectures enabled attendees to spend an enjoyable and beneficial time at the church, opening their hearts to the worship services and sermons.

During the evangelistic meetings, the team did their best to find lost sheep and seekers. One day, while walking around the nearby neighborhood, they accidentally met a former church member. When she learned that the team was from the Selenge Church, she started crying and said that she had been praying for the church to reopen. Both the woman and Pastor Ariunbold felt God’s guidance.

It was a blessing from heaven that three lost sheep restored their faith and fourteen new seekers joined through the evangelistic meetings. To minister to these people and the church members, Pastor Ariunbold is developing a long-term plan so that the church will never close again. His plans include running a farm to maintain the economic stability of the church. Please pray for the Selenge Church to become a lighthouse that shines in the Selenge area until the Second Coming of Jesus.



1. Pastor Kim YongHun preaches a sermon and Pastor Ariunbold at Selenge Church translates.
2. Pastor Kim and his wife go out for house visitations.





1. Raquel Arrais helps lead the evangelistic meetings in Ulaanbaatar's eastern area.
2. The ECKC women's group prepares meals for attendees.
3. Members and visitors of three churches in Ulaanbaatar eastern area gather for the evangelistic meetings.

There is an Answer – Ulaanbaatar Eastern Area

Raquel Arrais

NSD Children's/Family/Women's Ministries Director

From Aug. 22-26, 2022, Jonas Arrais, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and I visited Mongolia to lead evangelistic meetings in Ulaanbaatar's eastern area. It was part of the simultaneous evangelistic series held in 21 cities across the country. This movement called for men, women, and children to get involved and do something to show Jesus to their friends and neighbors. The Ulaanbaatar eastern area covers three churches—Immanuel, Tsaiz and Nalaikh—that worked together in a beautiful way under the leadership of Pastor Bold Batsukh preparing for this special evangelistic series.

The outreach was a *Total Member Involvement* event, including the participation of many church members who helped during the meetings to provide health assessment, exercise, and an impeccable reception to make the visitors feel at home.

More than 130 people attended the meetings every day. Good music, healthy food, many smiles, and Bible messages from Jonas and I under the theme of "There is an Answer" brought joy and many decisions for baptism.

One of the highlights during the meetings was the East Central Korean Conference women's group who came to prepare delicious meals for all the attendees. The food they prepared brought many smiles to the faces of the visitors and a sense that there was a place at the table for all. They helped with visitation, prayers, cooking, and special gifts for all the participants every night. This group of precious committed and dedicated women certainly made a difference during the evangelistic meetings.

There was no better way to celebrate the end of the evangelistic campaign than baptizing souls. On the last Sabbath morning, Aug. 27, there were 30 precious people from the Ulaanbaatar eastern area who were baptized.

Gratitude and praises to God for His presence with .us, and to Pastor Bold and his amazing team for the success of this week. To God be the glory.



Mongolian children participate in the photo taking event wearing Hanboks.



Above: Attendees eagerly join the quiz after Pastor Byun's message.

Below: MiBeum Evangelism Team and Pastor Byun wear Mongolian clothes given as a gift from Zunmod Church.

Evangelism Festival

– Zuunmod Church

Byun SeongJun
NSD Communication Director

Zuunmod Church had been closed for 10 years due to regulations concerning the building. But after Mongolia Mission (MM) invested a significant sum of money for the church and after its remodeling, the church was able to open its doors two years ago. Since the assignment of Pastor Ulziit Purewjargal, the church services resumed with 3-4 families and an average of 15 members.

It was in this atmosphere of revival that I was invited to be the speaker at Zuunmod Church during the Mongolia-wide evangelistic meetings of MM August 22-27, 2022—members have been preparing for this series through many prayers.

In preparation, I visited the church a month prior to the event to plan for the evangelistic meetings with the members as well as to make door-to-door visitations to invite seekers. In addition, two evangelists were selected to make door-to-door visitations and conduct Bible studies every day for

a month to prepare the seekers for the evangelistic series.

Above all, the participation of the MiBeum Evangelism Team from Southwest Korean Conference, under the leadership of Bae YoungHee, was a big help to the evangelistic meetings. The members had been praying, discussing, and making various preparations for several months. They purchased *hanboks*, the traditional Korean costume, for offering Korean cultural programs as well as preparing for the photo taking event wearing the costume. Various vegetables were also purchased in advance and dried for the Korean healthy cooking classes. In addition, they also prepared for medical mission activities by purchasing and preparing many medical supplies and devices at their own expense.

On August 21, when the evangelism members landed at the airport in Ulaanbaatar, they immediately headed to the store to purchase more materials to start their ministry right away. On August 22, at 10 a.m., the first day of the

evangelistic meetings, the team members began their medical mission work, and seekers started coming to the church. Through various treatment activities such as massage, magnet therapy, orthodontic treatment, and cupping therapy, news of the volunteers' services began to spread throughout the village. As a result, more and more people began to attend the culinary service and cultural experience program in the afternoon. By supper time, all participants had the chance to try Korean cuisine. On the first evening, around 40 people participated in the evening worship service.

I spoke about the true meaning of life and the experience of salvation through Christ and appealed to the participants to know more about Christ. More and more people continued to attend the daily medical service, cultural experience programs, cooking classes, and children's programs. On the second day, there were about 50 people, 60 on the third day, and around 70 people attended the program on the fourth day. At the evening worship services, I covered the core teachings of the Adventist Church, such as the origin of sin, creation and evolution, salvation in Christ, the Decalogue and the Sabbath, health principles, the abstinence from swine flesh, tobacco, and alcohol, and the Adventist health message. Through the correct answers for the quizzes which were given after the messages, it was evident that everyone listened carefully to the messages.

On the fourth night of the meetings, I made an appeal to the people to "invite Christ as their personal savior and to be reborn as God's sons and daughters through baptism." As a result, 26 precious souls showed their decision to be baptized. On Sabbath, the final day of the series, a baptismal ceremony was held at MM's Suut Resort, which is located two hours away from the church—18 precious souls were baptized and born again as God's children.

It can be said that this series was an evangelism festival that went beyond simple evangelistic meetings. The faces of all church members, newcomers, and the volunteers were full of smiles and joy. Sometimes many volunteers felt the limitations of their physical strength through long hours of service. However, through their precious sacrificial service, many souls determined to be born again for Jesus Christ.

Pastor Purewjargal and MM are planning to purchase the land at the entrance of the church to expand the church compound. Further plans to be involved in mission work with the newly increased membership are being made as well. Your prayers for Zuunmod church are appreciated.



1. MiBeum Evangelism Team interacts with the children.
2. Members of Zunmod Church at the baptismal ceremony.
3. People wait for the medical service.
4. Pastor Puje and church members lead praise time.





1. Pastor Kim NakHyung preaches.
2. Members of the SEKC Adventist Women's Association support the meetings.
3. A Mongolian family in traditional Korean costume.

You Are the One – Ulaanbaatar Southern Area

Kim Nakhyung

NSD Stewardship Ministries Director



On Aug. 22-27, 2022, four churches in the southern part of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, united to hold evangelistic meetings at Yarmac Church. For this event, Pastor Kim NakHyung, Stewardship Ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division was invited as a speaker.

To support these evangelistic meetings, seven members of the Adventist Women's Association from the Southeast Korean Conference flew to Mongolia to open a "Korean Traditional Culture School," to attract people in the neighborhood. At the school, participants were able to enjoy various classes, such as making Kimchi and other Korean foods, making Korean traditional masks, and wearing the *Hanbok*. On the last day of the series, a mini concert was held with Mongolians and Koreans performing together, enabling attendees to share in friendship and be touched by God's love.

Pastor Kim preached every evening to members of the four churches and those interested. He proclaimed, "You are the one who will accept the gospel of God, realize Jesus' sacrificial love, and be a member of the family in Heaven." Every day he appealed to attendees to be baptized, and when the series finished, 11 souls were reborn through baptism.

For a follow-up to these evangelistic meetings, the women's association delivered a donation fund for supporting four churches to conduct discipleship training. Also, 40 Mongolian Bibles were given to the churches and to those who are expected to be baptized at the end of this year.

Inauguration Ceremony of the New NSD President

On July 26, 2022, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held an inauguration ceremony for its new president at the auditorium of the NSD office. Pastor Kim YoHan, who was elected at the Executive Committee of the Seventh-day Adventist Church during the 61st General Conference Session, on June 8, 2022, started his term, and Pastor Kim SiYoung retired after 44 years of ministry. The officers and directors of NSD, Korean Union Conference (KUC), and the five local conferences in Korea, leaders, and directors from institutions under NSD, the families of the outgoing and incoming presidents, and other guests attended the ceremony.

In his inaugural address, Pastor Kim YoHan cited Matthew 18:19-20, he said, “We must celebrate God’s providence through worship, reflect His love through practical ministry, deliver the word of God in our everyday life. We should have a sense of belonging in God’s family. And we should be trained as His disciples to preach the gospel.” He urged all attendees to be actively involved in this gospel work.

Pastor Kim SiYoung expressed his gratitude to God, his colleagues who had worked with him, and Adventist church members and family members who had supported his ministry through prayers for more than 40 years. He donated a collection of letters that he



1. NSD’s new president Kim YoHan gives his inaugural address.
2. In his retirement speech, Pastor Kim SiYoung shows a collection of letters from 1000MM missionaries that he donated to the NSD museum.

received from missionaries when he served as director of the 1000 Missionary Movement Training Center to the NSD museum. “I hope the mission spirit of these missionaries, their earnest prayers and passions will be remembered by all of us,” said Pastor Kim.

Pastor Ted Wilson, Adventist world church president, delivered a video message to the two presidents and attendees. He said, “Thank you Pastor and Mrs. Kim SiYoung for the amazing and wonderful commitment that you have had in helping people to know the Three Angels’ Messages.” Also, he offered a special prayer, asking God to bless the leadership of the new president. KUC President Kang SoonKi presented a plaque of appreciation to Pastor Kim SiYoung for his dedication to the work of God.





2022 TWC Family Retreat

Wen Chuan Wu
TWC Church Pastor

Taiwan Conference (TWC) held a family retreat for church workers Aug. 7-10, 2022, at Yoho Resort in Pingtung, Taiwan. It has been six years since the last retreat due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other reasons. A total of 220 people with spouses and children signed up including pastors, staff members, and Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) pastors serving in Taiwan. This retreat aimed to achieve physical and mental relaxation through beautiful nature, to promote friendship among staff and pastoral families, to share spiritual experiences with one another, and to be ready for better service to God.

At the opening ceremony, TWC president Tom Sun gave welcome remarks to participants, followed by greetings from Pastor Steven Wu, field secretary of the Taiwan Branch of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). Participants then enjoyed a meet-and-greet time with games, poetry reading, and dinner.

The next morning, Aug. 8, James Wu, director of TWC Health Ministry and CEO of Sanyu Health Education Center, shared God's word with participants in the morning worship. Then, they divided into groups and joined the training sessions on evangelism led by four pastors and spouses. During the sessions,

participants received lessons, were inspired by the experiences of others, gave answers to questions, and gained a better understanding of evangelism. During the group training sessions, the children were led by Joyce Chen, director of TWC Children's/Family/Women's Ministries, and teenagers enjoyed seaside activities led by Harrison Wan, director of TWC Youth Ministries.

On Aug. 9, after the morning devotional by Jacob Ko, director of NSD Health Ministries, participants visited the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium in Pingtung. The exhibitions allowed them to learn the geographical features of Taiwan, its ecological environment, and the rich biodiversity of marine life while discovering God's amazing creation.

In the afternoon, participants were divided into ten groups by the mission district they were from to participate in various competitive and recreational games at the beach. Despite the unstable weather, nothing could stop their striving for the best, a time to exercise the spirit of God's teaching about unity and cooperation. Regardless of





Jacob Ko, NSD Health Ministries director (above), and Steven Wu, field secretary of the NSD Taiwan Branch (below).

getting wet in the rain and covered with sand, they worked hard, laughed, and enjoyed the time together.

On that same day, the talent night program brought participants joy and excitement. Special music was played by PMM families for violin, cello, flute, ocarina, and other musical instruments. Vocal music, a play, and games also immersed all participants in an exciting party.

At the closing ceremony on Aug. 10, TWC president Tom Sun gave an encouraging message to all participants. Citing the book of Acts, he urged them to be filled with the Holy Spirit and carry out God’s commission to proclaim the gospel. “When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples, they were no longer ignorant, separate, discordant, conflicted, nor were their hopes in worldly greatness. They were ‘of one heart and one soul’ (Acts 4:32). Their purpose was to advance God’s kingdom. They became like their Lord in mind and character, and ‘they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13),” said Pastor Sun.

All participants thanked God for leading the TWC family retreat filled with enjoyable, helpful, and inspirational moments. It is expected that the blessings of the gospel will spread to every corner of Taiwan through this time together.

Touch Point Ministry in Online Space



Bethel Taglos
Adventist Volunteer Service
Missionary in Hiroshima, Japan



During the pandemic, while waiting for the border of Japan to open, God opened a door for me to do an online ministry called, “Touch Point Ministry.” Through this ministry our team shares how God’s love changed our lives. We desire to impart the assurance and hope of God’s great love for people. This ministry hopes to bring a picture of a loving God to those who are failing, sinning, hurting, feeling empty, and those who think they are too bad for God. The primary content of the ministry is Christ-centered personal insights about God’s love through short videos, blogs, and recorded sermons. The content also includes a Sabbath School lesson video with a free PowerPoint presentation. We have opened accounts on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Podcast, and a website.

As we reached out to the online audience, we received feedback from people that the content of Touch Point Ministry gave them a better understanding of God’s love in the most difficult and darkest times of their lives. A Filipino group located in the Middle East embraced the message of God’s love and requested daily Bible studies from our team. The online statistics showed that around 30-50 people download the presentation from the TPM website every week.

There are many people on social media who are hurting, hopeless, depressed, and discouraged. These people desperately need to know that there is hope for them in God’s love. Social media ministry is not about being viral, nor about the number of followers, views, likes, and shares, but it is all about being present to give hope, encouragement, and devotion to souls who are lost and searching for meaning and leading them to God. The online world needs the hope and assurance we have from the love of God displayed at the cross. May our social media presence give renewed hope to those who seek out God through this ministry.

Digital Evangelism Center Opens in Japan



Toshio Shibata
JUC Communication Director



Staff and Committee members of JUC Digital Evangelism.

Digital evangelism, one of the key initiatives of the Adventist world church, recently began in Japan. On April 4, 2022, the Digital Evangelism Center opened in Tachikawa, Tokyo with office space and a studio. At the opening service, Pastor Yutaka Inada, president of the Japan Union Conference (JUC), delivered a sermon. He spoke about how the Seventh-day Adventist Church has historically used media for evangelism.

In Japan, online distribution of Sabbath worship service, which was carried out by only 10 local churches nationwide before the COVID-19 pandemic, is now available in more than 40 churches. However, most of the online services target church members who cannot attend church due to the risk of virus infection. In many cases, online services have not yet reached the point of attracting people as a tool for evangelism. That's why JUC's Digital Evangelism Center plans to focus more on reaching those who have not been exposed to Christianity and the Bible.

The center will recruit, train, and support digital missionaries. It will create original content, while sharing various programs that are already available. One of their responsibilities will be to make the Japanese version of *Heroes*, the Bible trivia game created by the General Conference.

Please pray that this new initiative of JUC will play an important role in sharing the gospel with the unreached people of Japan.

Japan Union Conference Launches Curriculum for Pastors' Spouses

Since July 2021, Japan Union Conference (JUC) has offered a monthly online meeting dedicated to pastors' spouses. The monthly zoom meetings bring participants together for prayer, fellowship, information exchange, as well as learning and growing.

On July 23 and 24, 2022, Raquel Arrais, director of the Ministerial Spouses Association for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division was invited to launch the curriculum for pastors' spouses in Japan, which was developed by the General Conference Ministerial Association, to help spouses be more equipped for their ministries.

A questionnaire was sent to the pastors' spouses in advance, asking them to choose the topics they need

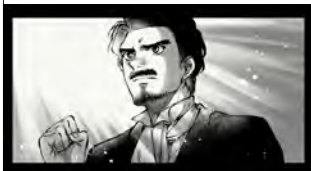
the most from the level one track. Seven chosen topics were translated, and four topics were covered during the meetings—self-awareness as a pastor's spouse, the role of a pastor's spouse, managing conflict at home and church, and communication keys. The curriculum is divided into three levels with the purpose to provide spiritual insights into a spouse's part in church ministry. Special attention is given to God's calling, parenting, spiritual gifts, spiritual life, mental care, and the legacy of a godly spouse.

Japan is currently in the midst of the seventh COVID-19 wave, therefore in-person meetings have been limited, but it was a blessing to be able to

All Japan Online Campmeeting 2022

Toshio Shibata
JUC Communication Director

The Japan Union Conference held its second All Japan Online Campmeeting on June 24-26, 2022, with the theme of “Jesus Is Coming! Get Involved!” Last year, this online campmeeting was held in November, because the meeting celebrated the 125th anniversary of Elder W.C. Grainger, the first official missionary to Japan, November 19, 1896. This year, JUC decided to hold the event in June to commemorate Teruhiko Okohira because it was in June of 1894, that Teruhiko



An animation film about Teruhiko Okohira was played in the online campmeeting.

Okohira, who was studying at Healdsburg College in California (now Pacific Union College) tearfully appealed for devotion to the mission to Japan in a Friday vespers. Responding to that appeal was Elder Grainger’s wife, Elizabeth. Shortly after, Elder Grainger, who was absent at the vespers meeting, also willingly accepted it.

The online campmeeting consisted of various programs, including an opening ceremony, Sabbath School, divine worship, and a pastoral ordination service. Also, attendees benefited from seminars and a time of virtual fellowship. The meeting was livestreamed on the JUC YouTube channel to allow people to participate individually or with their families. Also, many attendees came to their local churches to join the online meetings together. It is estimated that around 4,000 people attended the divine worship. I pray that church members in Japan have been inspired to be disciples of Jesus Christ through this campmeeting.



Above: The pastoral ordination service of JUC was held during the campmeeting.
Below: Students of Hiroshima Adventist Academy attend the event.

meet online, praying, learning and strengthening together through friendship during this special time we are living in. The ministerial spouses received encouragement to continue to serve the Lord where they are.

The attendance has been a reason to thank God: 33 on that Saturday, 26 on Sunday. Also, it was gratifying to see pastors’ spouses in their 20s and 30s translating the seminars and helping with the question and answer time. The curriculum has 20 topics in total and JUC plans to provide more opportunities for the pastors’ spouses to develop their spiritual gifts into ministry as the curriculum is implemented every year.





I Will Go: 2022 Mongolia Mission's Ministerial Family Retreat



Chun EunKyung
MM Ministerial Spouses
Association Director

The Mongolia Mission's Ministerial Association and the Ministerial Spouses Association held a four-day ministerial family retreat and training session on July 28-31, 2022, at the Suut Resort outside Ulaanbaatar. About 120 people enjoyed fellowship at the meeting that they had missed for more than two years due to COVID-19.

Dr. Jonas Arrais, ministerial secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and Mrs. Raquel Arrais, director of the NSD Ministerial Spouses Association, were the key speakers and spent four days with the participants, praising together, praying together, worshipping together, studying together, counselling together, eating together, laughing together, and dedicating together with the pastors' families in all programs.

Every morning and evening, Jonas and Raquel Arrais shared their experiences and testimonies as ministerial partners in their married lives through the book they wrote, *Joys and Challenges of the Pastoral Family*. Ministers and spouses had separate training sessions. The lectures introduced necessary qualities and practical lessons for the participants and were well received.

Pastor Han SukHee, president of Mongolia Mission, shared God's message in the opening service asking the challenging question: "Which one is first, church or family?" And in the Sabbath worship, He preached a sermon titled "YES in Jesus," highlighting that there will be no impossible when we trust all of God's promises.

Ministerial Spouses of Mongolia Mission.





While fathers and mothers were busy in their breakout training seminars, children enjoyed a variety of activities according to their age groups, including sports, games, oil painting, creating dramas, making cookies with mommy, etc. Every evening, all family members enjoyed family-based fun activities.

Feedback from the ministers, spouses, and children was very positive and satisfactory. Pastoral families hope to have more chances for family gatherings in the near future with the purpose to be better equipped for ministry.

Testimony from the NSD Ministerial Secretary

“Encountering the Mongolia Mission pastors was such a meaningful experience for me. We spent precious time together in prayer, discussing relevant topics that are impacting their ministry, and understanding better the challenges that they are facing in their local congregations.

It was a great privilege and opportunity for me to share some practical resources, training seminar presentations, and motivating them to be more efficient in ministry. It was inspiring to see their desire and openness to grow in knowledge and wisdom. It was also encouraging to sense their commitment to the mission and desire to be more effective in pastoral ministry.

It is my prayer that God continues to bless the church in Mongolia, its pastors, and members, as we prepare for the soon return of Jesus. May God’s promise of Jeremiah 3:15 be fulfilled in the lives of our pastors in Mongolia, “And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” – Jonas Arrais, NSD Ministerial Secretary



Raquel and Jonas Arrais

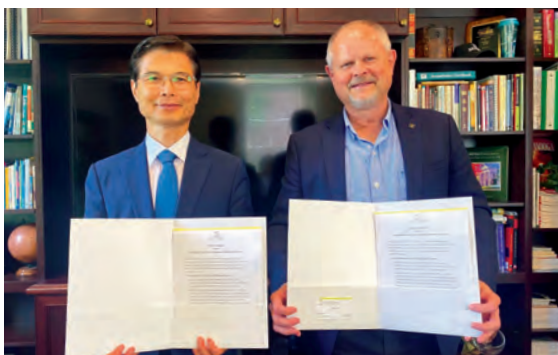
Sahmyook University Renews MOU with Southern Adventist University in USA

On June 15, 2022, Kim IlMok, president of Sahmyook University, visited with Robert Young, vice president of Southern Adventist University to renew the existing memorandum of understanding (MOU). Southern Adventist University is one of Sahmyook’s sister universities located in Collegedale, Tenn., USA. It is Sahmyook University’s desire to continue to strengthen its capabilities for internationalization through cooperation with sister universities in the U.S.

First, the two universities agreed upon continuing with the current exchange student program, which has been in operation since the first agreement in 2008. The program selects students who qualify for language proficiency and academic performance and sends them to participate in a year-long exchange student program. The TOEFL ITP score administered by Sahmyook University continues to be recognized, while the existing 25 percent tuition waiver has been expanded to 40 percent through the renewed MOU.

Furthermore, the latest version of the agreement stipulates the running of a short-term language program every summer for freshmen with outstanding academic achievements, as well as continuing the faculty exchange program for academic exchanges.

“Based on close cooperation with our sister universities, we will continue to support our students as they work to enhance their global capabilities,” said President Kim.



What False Prophets Say to Us



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Since the assassination of the former prime minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe, on July 8, 2022, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification* (FFWPU), has once again attracted attention. The FFWPU was founded in South Korea almost 70 years ago and has been described as a cult. I watched the press conference held on July 11 by FFWPU, and I believe the content of the conference was filled with lies. You see, I was once a member of FFWPU and bolted in 1990. It seems that the constitution of FFWPU has not changed at all.

The man who sat beside the president of FFWPU in the conference was my former boss. I was sorry that he has remained in darkness of this cult for more than 30 years. The longer people believe something, the more difficult it is for them to leave by themselves, unless someone offers a helping hand. I pray that the people who are deceived through cults will be able to break from the power they hold.

Why Are Japanese Deceived?

Although FFWPU has spread around the world, there are many believers in Japan. Why are these people deceived by the cult that came out of South Korea? It is because most Japanese do not know the truth of the Bible. Without knowing the truth, it is impossible to discern the fake.

The Bible repeatedly warns about false prophets. “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves” (Matthew 7:15). Mass communication reports all kinds of news about this, and a cadre of attorneys and press agents hold conferences to expose the dangers. However, it is impossible to solve the problem by these actions alone because the root of the problem lies with the battle for souls. Those who have the best chance to solve the problem, to set people free, and to rescue them, are Christians from our churches who have the Bible, the word of God.

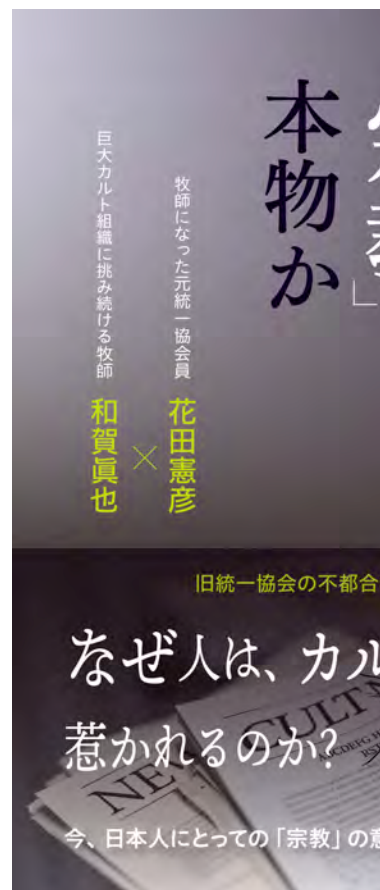
The Key to Solve the Problem

I recall my youthful period when I entered the cult. In those days, I wanted to be set free from the emptiness of life, and to know the truth. However, I had never met Christians who taught me, “There is meaning in your life,” or “You have an important mission charged by heaven.”

Unfortunately, those who visited me were members of FFWPU. It can be a reality that Christians do not necessarily go out to witness for Christ but stay in their churches, although the Great Commission was given to churches. Cults continue to bereave worthy souls. We should examine ourselves whether as Christians we have defaulted on our mission as a witness of Christ.

We, Adventists, need to act. However, the necessary action is not to make a statement as churches, nor to deliver an attack and disapprove of a cult, nor to inquire into politicians’ responsibilities. What we need to do is preach the word of God and proclaim the Three Angels’ Messages to the world, and to those who search out cults to fill their emptiness. That alone is the key to solving the problem!

* *The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification was established in 1996 by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, formerly known as the Unification Church, which Moon started in the 1950s out of Korea. The church identified Mr. Moon as the Messiah who will implant God’s heart of love in his followers and complete Jesus’ works. By the 1970s, it was identified as a cult. In 1994, on the 40th anniversary of the founding church, Moon announced the formation of the International Federation for World peace. Moon died Sept. 3, 2012. (Sources: <https://familyfed.org>, [Britannica.com/biog](https://www.britannica.com/biog))*



Pastor Hanada recently wrote a book, titled, *Is The Religion True?* with Pastor Shinya Waga.



Sahmyook Adventist Youth Hold 2022 Summer Discipleship Training

Beginning on June 21, Sahmyook Adventist Youth (SAY) held the 2022 Summer Intensive Discipleship Training for one month. This training course is held twice a year, during summer and winter vacations, with the aim of establishing a vision of domestic and international mission and cultivating student missionaries for campus missions.

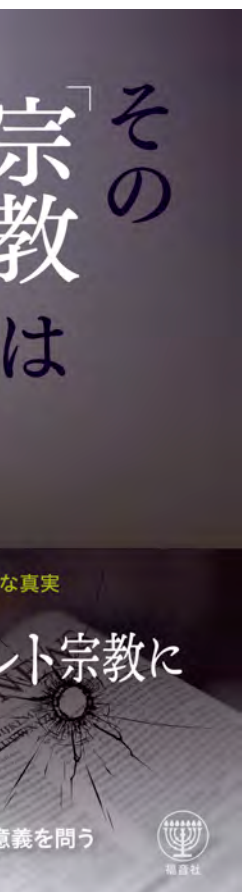
Led by 12 pastors, this summer's program hosted a total of 65 participants—22 participants in the "Mentor Course," 27 participants in the "Disciple Course," and 16 participants in the "Shepherd Course." The 65 participants spent one week on preparation, two weeks on discipleship training, one week on field training, and the last week on retreat and feedback.

The training provided a program tailored for the purpose of the courses, consisting of the *Basic Class* for each of three courses (18 hours), *Training in the Word*, *Worship Training*, *Prayer Training*, *Gift Ministry Training*, *Love & Faith*, *Reading & Spirituality*, *Personal Spirituality Training*, and *Special Lectures* by seniors.

For the field training, which offered an opportunity for participants to practice what they learned, the participants volunteered at the Summer Bible School at the local children's center run by Yeosu Central Church.

During the last week of the program, SAY members held a report session and a retreat to share their various experiences in the program and the mission field, as well as to discuss the mission strategy for the upcoming fall semester.

Pastor Soh SeongHyeon, director of the SAY Discipleship Training, said, "this one-month discipleship training and outreach activity will be the foundation for campus mission during this upcoming semester. We ask for the prayers and support of fellow believers for the spiritual revival to take place on this campus."



Overseas Employment Project of Sahmyook University Expands to Union of Two Universities



K-Move School, Sahmyook University's overseas employment training course, has expanded to two more universities in Korea. The aim of the expansion is to form a consortium with Daejin University and Duksung Women's University to establish a base for overseas employment from the northeast region of the Seoul metropolitan area, producing more than 100 overseas workers per year.

This comprehensive overseas employment training project is a program tailored to the needs of overseas companies. It offers language and job training, as well as employment counseling and placement, and even various information for settlement after employment. Sahmyook University has been selected to run this project for five consecutive years since 2018, successfully supporting as many as 80 students to be employed in companies in the U.S.

In particular, the University Alliance Project is a newly launched program where Sahmyook University, the operator of the program, will join hands with Daejin University and Duksung Women's University to form an alliance and pursue various activities and projects together.

Starting from August 2022, the University Alliance Project team will run the following four main courses for about 80

graduates and/or graduates-to-be: 1. e-Biz Course (25 Sahmyook University students); 2. Design Course (20 Sahmyook University students); 3. Global Business Course (20 Daejin University students); and 4. Trade, Logistics, and Accounting Course (15 Duksung Women's University students).

Through 600 to 640 hours of intensive training, including job training, business English training, and education on culture, safety and legal affairs, the program aims to equip students with capabilities that meet local demands in the U.S. Outside of campus, the program will fully leverage networks such as local alumni organizations in the U.S. and overseas employment agencies to focus on searching for and securing employment opportunities. Furthermore, the program will operate a follow-up to help students with local adaptation and settlement after employment.

The program launches another preparatory course for students in all academic years. This course offers students general education on overseas employment, including occupational categories for overseas employment, business manners, business English, etc.

"We will fully utilize each of three universities' educational resources and capabilities to make up for the limitations of domestic employment and foster students with global competitiveness," said Ahn KiHun, director of Sahmyook University's Career Support Center.





Taiwan NEWSTART Health Promotion Association

Kun Lee

Health Missionary at Sanyu Health Center

In Taiwan, there is a group of people who gather together to hike or do outdoor activities monthly. Besides these activities, they have a week-long health study camp every season. They review and learn how to practice healthy lifestyle principles, “Nutrition, Exercise, Pure Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Rest and Trust in God” for a happy and healthy life.

They are the members of the “NEWSTART* Health Promotion Association.” It started as a small group and now there are about two hundred members. They are eagerly learning health principles and practicing a holistic healthy lifestyle in their everyday lives.

The members are those who have been participating in the “NEWSTART Lifestyle Lesson” of the Taiwan Adventist Hospital since 1997. Most members of this association are not members of the Adventist church. But they want to learn how to practice the Adventist healthy lifestyle.

Since the beginning, Taipei church and Sung Shan church, have taken on the responsibility to support this NEWSTART Health Promotion Association. They have organized many outings in nature, hiking, and visits to scenic spots. During these outdoor activities, they sing praises, pray, and eat healthy foods together. The members share their testimonies from their

experiences in practicing the healthy lifestyle. They gain friendships and encouragement from these gatherings.

The most important program of the association is the one-week health study camp at the NEWSTART Education Center located at Taiwan Adventist College. Doctor Wang, who is the NEWSTART lecturer of the program, shares updated medical knowledge for a healthy lifestyle. Adventist health missionaries, Mary Huang and Kun Lee, explain vegetarian nutrition and demonstrate healthy vegetarian cooking. During the program, the members receive health assessments such as blood pressure, blood glucose, body weight, and blood tests. Most of them experience holistic health recovery.

In order to bridge members to the Adventist Church, NEWSTART Health Promotion Association organizes some of the health seminars and events at Adventist churches. The members do not feel as strangers when entering the church, instead, they are familiar and comfortable with the environment of the church. Some of them have even become Adventist church members.

The COVID-19 pandemic has hindered the activities of the association for more than two years. Recently, they have planned for a health study camp in September and November in 2022. We hope and pray that through searching for the Adventist healthy lifestyle, more members can meet God, who is our Creator and the Founder of the holistic healthy lifestyle.

** NEWSTART, which originated at Weimar Institute in California, is an acronym for Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunshine, Temperance, Air, Rest, and Trust in God, and its principles are a distinguishing feature of the Adventist Church.*

Sahmyook University Establishes Mission Base for Chinese International Students



On July 16, 2022, the Chinese Church at Sahmyook University opened a Cultural Center for Chinese International Students at the Saemun Church in Dongdaemun-gu, Seoul, Korea. The center will be used as a base for mission work for Chinese international students. The center began by hosting 12 Chinese students, all of whom are current Sahmyook University students and have been appointed as the Foreigner Student Missionary (FSM) last May. The FSM is a system that selects international students enrolled in Sahmyook University as missionaries who are expected to get involved in campus missions. While studying in Korea, the FSMs preach the gospel to non-believing international students from their countries, and upon their graduation, they are appointed as SU-Herald to continue their mission work as they return to their home countries.

The reason that the Chinese Church launched this base for mission outside the university campus was

to fully leverage the locational advantage of Saemun Church. Within a radius of 1 km (approximately 0.6 mile) around the church lie three universities: Kyunghee University, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, and the University of Seoul. Hosting a number of Chinese students, these three universities are considered rich grounds for winning souls.

Currently, there are 40,000 Chinese students living in Korea. As these students accept the gospel, they can return to China and help evangelize their country. At present, mission work is restricted within China, particularly by foreigners, which makes the role of the Chinese students even more crucial.

Since the beginning of July, the newly appointed FSMs have met with international students every Sabbath afternoon at the Saemun Church. The missionaries have given gifts including wet wipes and foam cleansers, each with a QR code that can be scanned with smartphones to present the Adventist message. They hope to make friends with those international students and to introduce Jesus.

Sahmyook University Appoints Foreigner Student Missionaries

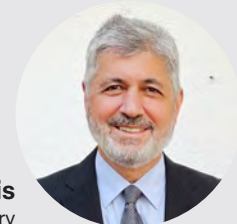


The Sahmyook University World Mission Center has appointed 25 students from China, India, and Mongolia as Foreigner Student Missionaries (FSM). FSM is a program that appoints foreign students, who are studying at Sahmyook University to devote themselves to the campus mission. FSMs spread the gospel to non-believing students from their respective countries, and are appointed as an SU Herald who will serve as a missionary when they return to their home country.

Kang HaSik, director of the World Mission Center, said, “Our center will continue to instill mission spirit into the hearts of foreign students and train them as missionaries.” He added, “We will spare no effort in supporting them to grow to be workers of God to spread the gospel on this campus and around the world.”

Sahmyook University’s Charity Shop, which is operated by a group of volunteers, handed out scholarships up to 1,000,000 KRW (about \$730 USD) to each of the 25 FSMs to support their mission work.

Jesus is Coming! Get Involved!



Jonas Arrais
NSD Ministerial Secretary

The most important question any Christian can ask is this: “Am I ready for Jesus to come?” What does ready mean in terms of God’s message to believers? What is required to make someone ready for Jesus’ coming?

To be ready, of course, requires initial salvation. Do I know Jesus Christ as my personal Savior? “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life” (John 5:24). Salvation is an ongoing process, and the final result of salvation is redemption. Jesus promises to come again and lead us to heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). But between these two great events—salvation and redemption—there is also a need for sanctification and a life of service.

God’s plan for our lives while we are waiting and preparing for His return, is that we should live a life of sanctification and service. We are reminded of this truth in Jesus’ prophetic sermon in Matthew 24 and 25, where He teaches us not only about the signs that will take place before His return, but also about what comprises a true spiritual life in preparation for His Second Coming.

We are familiar with the spiritual lessons of the parables of the ten virgins and the talents. One teaches us about the work of the Holy Spirit in us, and the other teaches what the Holy Spirit would like to do through us—one is about a life of sanctification and the other one a life of service.

The reality is that many Christians today are looking for sanctification, but are not yet living a life of service. They are not using their spiritual gifts. Maybe this is why many Christians are paralyzed in their spiritual life. Perhaps this is one of the reasons some churches are not growing. Some church members are stuck in their comfort zones, searching only for their own nurturing or sanctification, but not practicing a life of service. Unfortunately, they are missing a very important element in their spiritual preparation for heaven.

“Jesus is Coming! Get Involved!” was the theme for the 2022 General Conference Session in St. Louis, Mo., USA. It was an invitation for every Seventh-day Adventist member to get involved in mission to *Reach the World*. It was an appeal for *Total Member Involvement*, and *I will Go*. It was a call to each one of us to use our spiritual gifts to help others know Jesus as their personal Savior.

Remember that your talent is your mission. Wherever you live, work, and study, you can be a blessing in someone’s life. May the great hope we have in our heart inspire and challenge each one of us to be more motivated in leading someone to the foot of the cross. And may we see Jesus coming again very soon!



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