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Together in Mission, Get Involved

Kim YoHan, President
Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The year 2022 has held special meaning for mission in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). The 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) marked its 30th anniversary, and Mongolia Mission commemorated 30 years when mission work began after communism. In addition, the Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) celebrated 20 years. It has been through the enthusiasm, tears, prayers, and hard work of all those involved that has made it possible to fully bear and harvest the fruits from these missions.

The church has various functions. It includes worship, education, service, mission, and fellowship. Every element is important, but mission is one of the major reasons why the church exists. The first three lines from the book *The Acts of the Apostles* clearly state the purpose of the church: “The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning, it has been God’s plan that through His church shall be reflected the world His fullness and His sufficiency” (AA, 9).

Mission was re-emphasized during the General Conference (GC) Annual Council in Silver Springs, Maryland, U.S.A., Oct. 6-12, 2022. The two large banners posted at the GC auditorium clearly indicated the direction where the church should go during this quinquennial. One side read, “I Will Go, Be His Witness” and the other, “Reach the World,” During the LEAD (Leadership Education and

Development) Conference, many reports were presented on various aspects of *Mission First* activities and the progress of *I Will Go*, which touched and impressed many delegates’ hearts. But the introduction of the vast mission of unentered territories in the 10/40 Window left many challenges and assignments; and when the

presenter introduced North Korea as zero Adventists, I felt a heavy responsibility weighing on my heart for this country belonging to our division. The last statistics report for North Korea to the General Conference was just before the outbreak of the Korean War in 1959 with 26 churches and 866 members.

The number of Adventists in the world as of June 2022 reached 22,064,147. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, God has poured blessings upon the world Adventist Church and there has been a mild increase in numbers. The number added to the Adventist church in the year 2021 alone was 959,096. Meanwhile, church membership in NSD’s territory grew to 287,255 with the number of baptized members at 2,206 which fell short of the world average. This presents a great challenge.

However, we must turn our eyes not only to domestic missions but to overseas missions as well. We need to train more Adventist youth and send them as missionaries in the 1000MM and Public Campus Ministries. We should not only be known as “going missionaries” but also as “sending missionaries.” We must send our attention and interests, our offerings, and our prayers. In this sense, Seventh-day Adventists should all be missionaries. Our lives as Adventists should be mission-oriented, as well as the work of our churches. All our institutions must also not forget, remembering the mission spirit at the time of their founding.

The year-end meetings of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division were held in Paju, Korea, Nov. 1-7, 2022. Two large banners were posted in front of the auditorium: “I Will Go, Be His Witness” and “Together in Mission, Get Involved.” What this means is quite simple. We, as people receiving God’s word ahead of others, must go forward carrying the gospel. And all should unite and participate in the mission work. Children, youth, and the elderly should be united. Not only churches but Mission, Conference, and Unions should participate together in this mission work. Now, as witnesses of the Lord, we must join and walk the mission journey together. Gospel to the ends of the world... this is the time for us to join and get involved together.



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NSD Mission Statement

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



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NSD's Mission Challenges and Proposal of the PMM Project

The Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM), is a Global Mission project of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the purpose of planting new churches in its territories. From the beginning, when NSD was separated from the Asia-Pacific Division in 1997, NSD faced huge mission challenges. Within its territories only three percent were

Christian, the other 97 percent were Buddhist, Shintoists, Muslims, Shamans, atheists, and so forth. China, the biggest country in the world in terms of population, and Mongolia, a newly evangelized country at that time, became part of NSD. Moreover, North Korea where religious freedom was the most severely restricted in the world was also included in its territory. To meet these mission challenges, the NSD leadership proposed an audacious mission project, called Pioneer Mission Movement, and put it into action in 2002.

Launching of PMM and Its Initial Objectives

On Feb. 2, 2002, NSD Global Mission coordinator Lee JaiRyong presented to the Division officers “The First Seven-year Church Planting Project,” which was approved later at the NSD Midyear Committee held in Hong Kong, May 15, 2002, where this initiative was called the “Pioneer Mission Movement.”

The main purpose of this project was to plant new churches in NSD's territory by sending well-prepared pastors from regions in NSD that already had enough gospel workers—mainly from Korea to the unchurched or less-evangelized areas. In the beginning, NSD set a goal to send 100 pastors during the first seven-year period from 2003 to 2010. But that goal took 12 years to reach. By March 1, 2015, there were 102 PMM missionaries.



Above: First Batch of PMM missionaries.
Below: Lee JinHwan, PMM 1st batch dispatched to Kawasaki, Japan in 2003, baptizes his church member.

Pioneer Mission Movement 20th Anniversary – Past, Present and Future

PMM Plan and the First Group to Japan

The PMM pastors would serve for six years, spending the first year in language study and church planting for the next five years. Language learning was crucial to understanding the local culture and communicating with people in their own environment.

On Nov. 9, 2002, five pastors were dedicated for this purpose: Im KeunShik from Southwest Korean Conference; Kim KwangSung from Middlewest Korean Conference; Ko KiRim and Lee JinHwan from East Central Korean Conference; and Park JongSoo from West Central Korean Conference. Together with their families, they trod the land of Japan as the first group of PMM missionaries in March 2003. By the following year, 2004, they had planted three new churches.

Time for the In-division Mission

In 2004, there were 10 PMM missionaries—five sent to Japan and five to Taiwan. By 2005, missionaries began to go to Mongolia and mainland China. One missionary was sent to Korea in 2006. In the following years, one PMM pastor was sent to Macau and another to Hong Kong. Thus, in the first six years until 2008, there were 44 PMM missionaries sent to every NSD country—Japan, Taiwan, mainland China, Mongolia, Hong Kong, Macau, and even to Korea.

Time for the Inter-division Mission

However, from the seventh year of this movement, a fundamental change took place. The Pioneer Mission Movement crossed borders and went beyond the NSD territory for the first time since 2003.

1. Jeong HyoSoo, PMM 7th batch serving in Congo.
2. PMM Pastor Cho JangWon leads evangelistic meetings in Palu, Indonesia.
3. Shalu Church in Taiwan, which was planted by 2nd batch PMM Pastor Nah InSoo.



When Japan, the main receiving country, had ceased receiving PMM pastors from 2009, NSD started to heed the call from countries outside its territory. In 2009, one missionary was sent to Kazakhstan and another to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. From that time on, 30 pastors have been sent to 18 countries outside NSD up to now. And as of October 2022, there are 13 PMM pastors—40 percent of the total number—serving in 10 countries outside NSD. It means that the Pioneer Mission Movement is not only an in-division project but a global movement as well.

Statistics of PMM for the Last Twenty Years

From the beginning of the movement in 2003 to October 31, 2022, there have been 141 PMM pastors who have joined this movement and sent to 26 countries and special regions: Japan, Taiwan, Mongolia, mainland China, Korea, Macau, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Congo, Uganda, Philippines, Russia, Tanzania, Indonesia, India, Kosovo, Turkey, North Cyprus, Peru, Armenia, Pakistan, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, and Nepal. Through the 20 years of PMM, more than 34,000 souls have been baptized, and over 350 churches planted by PMM missionaries. A noteworthy

statistic is that more than 25 PMM pastors up to the present extended or reapplied after their six years of service. Some went back to their first mission field while others applied for another country. When we look back on the last 20 years of PMM history, we can confidently say that it was God who led this movement through the church organization’s creation of this program and the willingness of missionaries to participate.

PMM: Our Answer to God’s Calling

The Pioneer Mission Movement of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division is an answer to God’s calling: “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” Today, 31 PMM pastors are carrying out their mission faithfully in their mission fields. Though men may evaluate them by the results of their work, our God does not mark them with scores. We are sure that God has provided eternal rewards for the missionaries and their families who have dedicated their lives for the mission of God. We also believe that the God who has been leading PMM for the last 20 years will accomplish His Great Commission through this movement before He comes.

“Pioneer Mission Movement—The Most Meaningful Beginning of My Life!”



Kim SunHwan
NSD Adventist Mission Director

Left: PMM Pastor Jang ImChul in Beitun, Taiwan.
Below: PMM Pastor Jeong EuiKwon in Japan.





Dedication of Pioneer Mission Movement Missionaries

Kim HyunMin
NSD Associate Secretary

It is always an emotional and touching moment to witness missionary families dedicating their lives to the Lord in gospel ministry. That is exactly what church leaders and members witnessed on the high Sabbath during Northern Asia-Pacific Division's Yearend Meetings in November 2022.

“Once a Missionary, Always a Missionary”

This well-known phrase describes a missionary's dedication. The Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Dedication Sabbath of NSD at Seoul English Institute Church reminded us of how true this is. Sabbath School was devoted to interviews with the 1st Batch PMM Missionaries and Lee JaiRyong, the founder of this great missionary movement. Pastor Kim SunHwan, NSD Adventist Mission Director and PMM Coordinator served as the host for the program. Former PMM missionaries

shared how life changing their service in the mission field was. The testimonies also gave us insight on the impact missionary life has on the entire family, especially the children. It was a great blessing to hear beautiful testimonies from the mission field. Dr. Lee JaiRyong reminded the former and current missionaries that being a missionary is not an easy task. Nevertheless, he concluded the interview by saying that God will provide no matter what.

True and Faithful

The worship service was full of expectations and joy as five new PMM families were dedicated for service as missionaries: Pastor Kim Sun's family to the Philippines, Pastor Ha HangRae's family to Saudi Arabia, Pastor Lee SeungJin's family to Japan, Pastor Jung SungYong's family to Indonesia, and Pastor Choi BongKil's family to the Middle East. These five families are joining the previous 141 PMM families since 2003. Kim YoHan, NSD President, gave an inspiring sermon challenging them to be true and faithful missionaries and to be equipped with a pioneering spirit as they begin the work for countless people who have not yet heard the Three Angels' Messages. Responses from the missionaries brought tears to the eyes of the congregation as the missionaries pledged to be faithful no matter the circumstances.

May the Lord continue to guide and bless their steps as they follow the command of our Lord: “Go and make disciples of all nations.” As *sending missionaries*, we will be behind them with our prayers as well.



21st batch PMM families

Pioneer Mission Movement Since 2003

 **141** Missionaries

 **26** Target Countries

 **353** Churches Planted

 **34,126** Souls Baptized

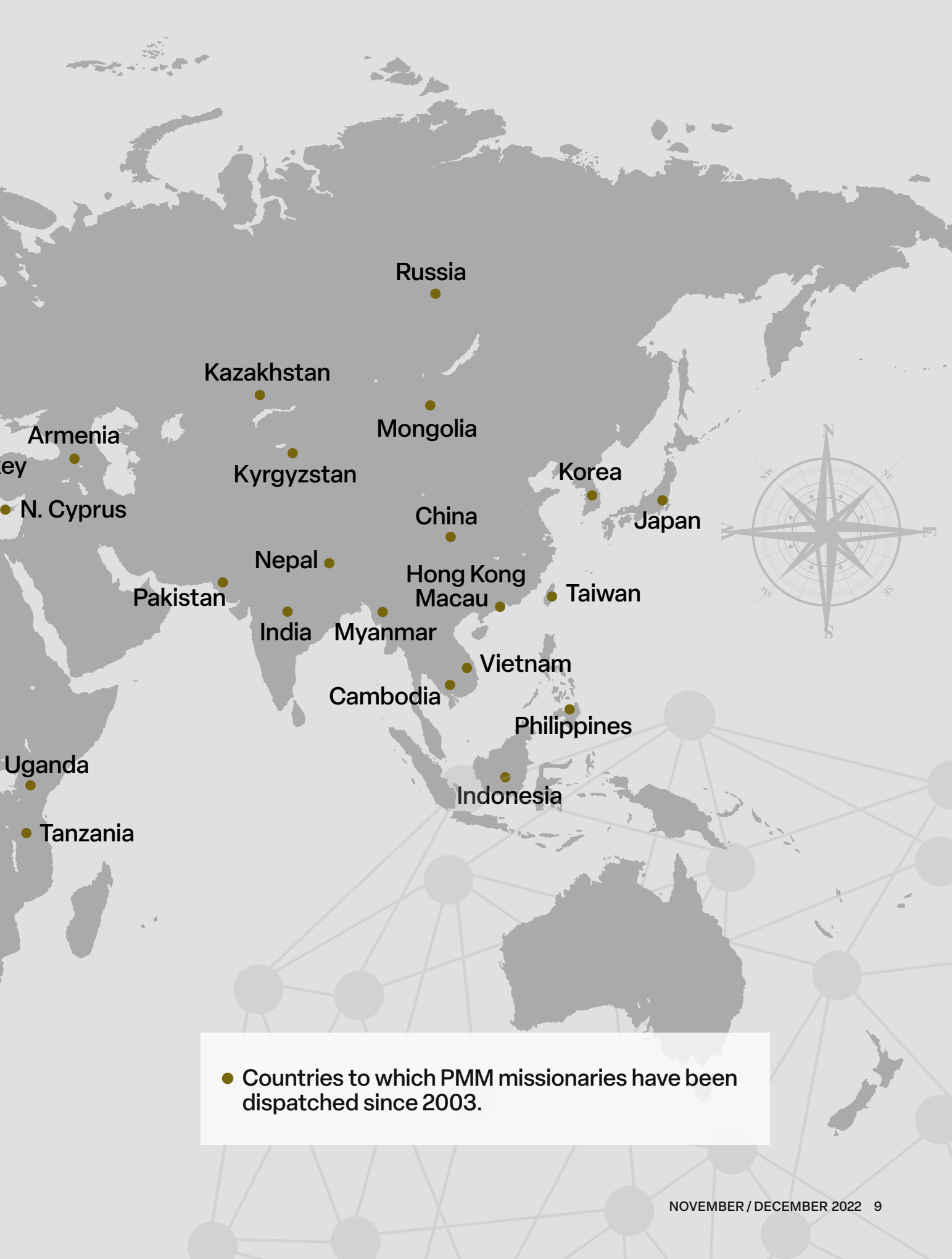
Peru

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● Countries to which PMM missionaries have been dispatched since 2003.

First Batch PMM Missionary Dispatched to Japan

Lim GeunShik

Pastor at Hwasoon Dongsan Church

I was dispatched to Japan in 2002 as one of the first batch Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionaries and served the Saga Church for six years. When the time came to leave Japan, I felt as if I was still a trainee and was just ready to get down to mission work in Japan. I felt that I could have done better if I had had more time. I tried my best to reach the Japanese people in many ways and invite them to my church during my term as a PMM missionary. Despite my ceaseless efforts, I was not able to achieve church growth as much as I had hoped.

However, I received abundant blessings while serving as a PMM missionary. Most of all, my horizons were expanded by my experience in Japan. It taught me that God has many ways to accomplish His work. Also, those six years turned out to be a spiritual blessing for my family. The missionary experience and happy memories we shared with the Saga Church congregation became an asset and pride for our family. For me, I had an opportunity to gain ideas and lessons on church growth in Japan, which has continued to help me in service for the Korean Adventist Church.

I remember my years in Japan as if it were yesterday, but Pioneer Mission Movement celebrated twenty years of successful execution



Lim GeunShik, PMM 1st batch, serving the Saga Church for six years, baptizes his church member.

in November 2022. I thank God that it has become a steadfast instrument in reaching precious souls and leading them to God's kingdom. I still see that amazing things are happening in various parts of the world through the PMM ministry. All of them have been through God's grace, mercy, and blessings. There is nothing more to explain except the power of prayers, sweat, and tears of the missionaries. I praise God for His great and marvelous works!

The Korean World Mission Association and the Korea Research Institution for Mission released statistics on the current status of Korea's world missions. The statistics show that 22,210 long-term missionaries have been dispatched to 167 countries around the world in 2021. What we can perceive from the statistics is that even with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the passion for world missions has not cooled down. It is truly an amazing and hopeful story! The Korean Adventist Church is also actively participating in world missions through PMM. The concept of world mission has its roots in the Bible. Actually, the Bible is full of stories of mission. In this sense, the Old and New Testaments are missionary books. As Jesus said, "The field is the world" (Matthew 13:38), He tells us not to draw boundaries and limits for mission. He also said to His disciples, "The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest" (Matthew 9:37).

Why did David Livingston leave his country and go to Africa before everyone in Scotland became a Christian? Why did Paul leave Palestine and go to Asia Minor and Europe before everyone in Palestine had even heard the gospel? One day, when a Jewish

lawyer asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus answered with the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is a lesson to be a neighbor to people beyond our borders. Regardless of whether they are domestic or foreign, we are responsible to preach the Good News of salvation.

Once again, congratulations on PMM’s 20th anniversary. I pray for God’s unending guidance and power for this movement. Let’s keep marching forward as missionaries!



Children of Saga Church, Japan.

Twelve Years of Missionary Life in Three Different Countries

Jung NamWoong

PMM Pastor at Xinzhuang Happiness International Church

Looking back on my 12-year ministry as a missionary, I am once again moved by the fact that I have lived by the boundless grace of God. My missionary journey started at Maranatha Church, which operated a language institute in Mongolia. When I decided to be a missionary in Mongolia, I was full of passion to give myself to God through the gospel work in that country.

Since it was my first time living abroad, everything was new to me. Soon I realized that God prepared everything for me through the senior pastor of the Maranatha Church. When I heard the story of how he started the SDA Language Institute, I was able to imagine the hardships he went through. Due to the senior pastor’s sacrifice, I was able to conduct the language institute ministry without much difficulty. What I found for six years in Mongolia was God cares so much for His children in Mongolia. My family and I also experienced the presence of God those six years. It led my family to continue to live as missionaries.

Our next destination was China. My family was able to adjust well to the new environment with the support of the senior missionary. The mission given to me was to operate an English



PMM Pastor Jung NamWoong leads evangelistic series in Mongolia.

Pastor Jung NamWoong serving in Taiwan as his third mission field.



institute to meet souls and deliver the gospel of God to them. In China, the mission couldn't have operated without the help of local people. Again, I experienced God's amazing grace because He sent someone whenever I needed help. God moved the hearts of some talented local people who were fluent in both Korean and English to support my ministry. Moreover, some of my friends I met in Mongolia came over to China to help me deliver the gospel. When leaving Mongolia, I had not expected to meet those fellow believers somewhere else. But God's ways were beyond my expectations. I trained them and taught them to make disciples, then they could go to any part of the world by God's guidance.

Taiwan, my third mission field, is the country where the economy has already developed and the local religions are firmly established. Unlike China or Mongolia, I have experienced how difficult it is to win the people's hearts. And I found out how precious it was for a soul to be baptized and to

become a church member. And when such precious souls disappeared from the church without a word, my heart was broken. I realized that discipleship training was the most important part of the mission work in Taiwan. As it was challenging to conduct discipleship training in a foreign language, I tried to make better use of good discipleship training materials. Also, many young Taiwanese have a great interest in Korean culture and are eager to learn Korean. So, it has been effective to use this trend for mission work. My church has provided programs that allow people to experience the Korean culture.

I have served as a missionary for more than 12 years. Sometimes my teenage children say, "I don't know why we should keep living as foreigners. It is too hard to adapt to a new environment and to learn a new language." Sometimes I wonder if it is good for my children to live this way. I pray that one day my children will realize that the difficulties and troubles they have gone through in the mission field will serve as a firm foundation for their lives. I'm sure that even if it doesn't happen in the way I expect, their hard work in the mission field caused by their parents' choices will be recognized by God in heaven. As a parent, I still experience God's hand intervening in my children's lives.

I am grateful that there are many people who always pray for us and support us. I want to say that they have been a great strength for our ministry.



Pastor Jung NamWoong and his wife Shim EunJeong.

Vietnam Churches Gain Momentum from PMM Pastor's Mission Projects

Kim JungTae
PMM Pastor in Vietnam



Free lunch box is one of the mission projects operated by PMM Pastor Kim JungTae in Vietnam.

Xin chào các bạn. Hello, everyone. I'm Pastor Kim JungTae, a PMM missionary in Vietnam. I currently serve Ho Chi Minh International Adventist Church, and at the same time, I serve as the Ministerial Association secretary of Vietnam Mission.

My family started missionary work in Vietnam in March 2019. We started the Ho Chi Minh International Church three weeks after we arrived. Our church held the organization service in January 2021. Since then, The Ho Chi Minh International Church has grown with the second highest tithe by the grace of God. Although there were many difficulties after more than two years of the pandemic, The Ho Chi Minh International Church has been supporting mission projects for the Vietnamese Adventist Church and helping with the missionary work among foreigners in Vietnam.

Here in Vietnam, due to strong government controls, it is not easy for foreigners to engage in direct mission

work for the local populations. All religious activities require permission under the control of the government. When I try to take part in events of the Vietnam Mission, sometimes I am not allowed to participate. However, despite these many restrictions and limitations, God is invigorating the mission work in Vietnam through my ministry. These are ten projects I currently operate with the Vietnam Mission:

1. Stipend support project for Bible workers: This project supports the salaries of 37 of the 214 ministers.
2. Mission funding project for home churches: This project helps the missionary work for six churches by providing monthly expenses.
3. Church construction project: This project supports church remodeling and church construction.
4. Scholarship support project for seminary students and Bible workers: This project supports scholarships and living expenses for theology students.
5. Ministry education project: This project exists to educate more than 200 pastors every year.
6. Literature evangelism project: This project works to translate and publish Ellen White's writings and Bible teaching materials. Also, through this project, 1,000 copies of Vietnamese Bibles are distributed every year.
7. Relief activities project: This project provides food and living funds to vulnerable families due to typhoon devastation and the coronavirus. In addition, we provide a free lunch box for the local community every Thursday morning.
8. The goat project: This project provides a pair of goats for families suffering from financial difficulties. Through this project, the family receives financial help, and the church is able to strengthen its missionary abilities through their tithes and offerings.

Beneficiaries of the Goat Project.



Members of Hmong Church in Dien Bien, Vietnam.



9. Children scholarship project: This project provides scholarships for students—\$30 per month to 30 children from vulnerable families until high school graduation.
10. 10/40 mission project: This project is to support missionary funding to the three churches in northern Vietnam for four years, through the support of the Middlewest Korean Conference.

There have been many fruits through these projects, On the Sabbath of May 28, 2022, there was a united baptismal ceremony in Lam Dong province—140 new members were born again in the name of Jesus Christ. Also, in the Dien Bien province, located on the Laos border in northwest Vietnam, 22 souls were baptized in May 2020 through the dedication of

two Bible workers who graduated from the Christian Bible College in Ho Chi Minh City.

More aggressive missionary projects for the future of Vietnam will proceed. Prophet Schools for Teenagers and Bible Schools for adults will soon be operating. Through these projects, it is expected that the identity of the Adventist Church in Vietnam will be strengthened.

I thank God for making all these projects possible. I also would like to thank the Northern Asia-Pacific Division for opening the way for missionary work in Vietnam and helping us through prayers and financial support.

Vietnam became a communist country in 1975. After 20 years of war, the Adventist Church had suffered a lot in missionary work. However, God prepared lay ministers. Through them, He kept the church and expanded the territory of the gospel beyond limitations.

Vietnam is a young and developing country with a population of 100 million and an average age of 32. We sincerely pray that Vietnam will become a bridgehead for Southeast Asian missions. We ask for more sincere prayers and support.



PMM Pastor Kim JungTae started the Ho Chi Minh International Church in 2019 and the church has grown with the second highest tithes.

A Missionary in Nepal Strives to Give Hope from God

Kim HaeSeong
PMM Pastor in Kathmandu, Nepal

It is through the wonderful grace of God I can serve as a missionary in Nepal. Waking up in the morning, I start my day listening to the sounds of frogs, ducks, and chickens. How amazing it is to be surrounded by the sounds of nature. I didn't imagine this life before I came to Nepal.

It has been almost a year since I came to Nepal which is certainly a beautiful country in many ways, but there are still several things that I am not used to. Most of all, it is no exaggeration to say Kathmandu, where I live, is notorious for its high air pollution. When I step out of the house, the stench of fumes from old cars stings my nostrils. It's hard not to go around the city of Kathmandu without wearing a mask. In addition, the water supply system in Kathmandu is limited. People have to use groundwater, which often causes upset stomachs or diarrhea. It is normal





Left: Gathaghar Church in Nepal.
Below: Adventist Church located in a rural area of Hetauda.



for the electricity supply to be cut off once a day. But there is also a positive side to living in Nepal. One of the good things is the delicious Nepalese food, especially, if you are a vegetarian. It can be easy to find vegetarian dishes in any restaurant you visit and they will be delicious.

Nepalese work from Sunday to Friday, and Saturday is a public holiday “according to the traditional Vedic calendar.” This rule applies to all organizations, schools, and even churches across the country. Therefore, all Christian denominations hold worship every Saturday, which means Nepal is the only country in Asia where Adventists do not have difficulty keeping the Sabbath on Saturday.

In Nepal, 75 percent of the land is mountainous, and eight of the world’s highest peaks are located in this country. The way from my house to the church is a rough road. The nearest church takes four or five hours, and the other church takes 24 hours or more to visit by car.

I am currently planning to build a church here in Kathmandu, and I am also helping Adventist young people to learn skills and become self-reliant by participating in the operation of a vocational training center.

Nepal is a Hindu country and missionary work is officially banned. Currently, there are about 40 Adventist churches, but most of them are located in rural areas. So, I am promoting the establishment of the Kathmandu Central Church. When this 6-story building is completed, it will also be used as the office building for the Adventist Church organization in Nepal, as well as a center of influence. This building will become a mission center where Nepalese Adventists can grow their faith with great pride in the future.

In Nepal, it is most crucial to train young people and support them in finding a job. If you visit rural areas, you will often see young people sitting on the side of the street or staying at home because they have nothing to do all

day. It’s not easy to find a job for young Nepalese who are not properly educated and have no skills. Even if young people without specific skills can find a job, in most cases their income does not meet the minimum cost of living. It is difficult for Adventist youth living in rural areas to have an opportunity to receive vocational training.

Our vocational training center gives hope to a lot of Adventist youth. We teach them the Korean language for free. If they pass the exam after learning the language, they are given a chance to work in Korea. When they return home with enough savings, they can start a new business in Nepal.

For Nepalese women who are economically vulnerable, the training center provides a class for soap art and knitting. They sell what they make while learning. We help them make a living by selling these products.

We also operate a “Motorcycle Repair Course.” After completing this course, they will be able to get a job without difficulty, and they can open a repair shop after saving money.

Nepal is really a good country for missions. Hinduism, which most Nepalese believe in, is polytheistic, and Nepalese people are born with faith in their hearts. By hearing the powerful message of Christianity, they discover the true God, rejoice, and experience a great conversion. Nevertheless, so far, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has not grown due to the political situation in Nepal and the Adventist Church’s lack of capacity to spread the gospel.

I believe it is God’s providence and grace to send me as a Pioneer Mission Movement missionary to Nepal. I am here in Nepal to help people find the light of hope and live a new life in Jesus. I am praying and working for it. I hope that God’s grace and your prayers will enable the mission work in Nepal to be fulfilled.



2022 AHCA Presidents' Council in Tokyo



Jacob Ko
NSD Health Ministries Director

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Presidents' Council of the Adventist HealthCare Association (AHCA) was held Oct. 4-6, 2022. About 30 Adventist hospital administrators, medical doctors, and department heads, representing 11 member hospitals from NSD and one associate member, participated in the council.

AHCA is an organization based on the biblical principles of health and healthcare as amplified by Ellen G. White in her writings. The main goal of AHCA is to help the healthcare institutions provide excellent service and to fulfill the mission of being an integral part of the proclamation of the everlasting gospel to the world in the context of the Three Angels' Messages.

The group meeting in Japan consisted of 11 full members and one associate member: Adventist Medical Center, Eden Adventist Hospital, Hong Kong Adventist Hospitals (Stubbs Road and Tsuen Wan), Kobe Adventist Hospital, Sahmyook Adventist Dental Hospital, Sahmyook Medical Centers (Busan and Seoul), Taiwan Adventist Hospital, Tokyo Adventist Hospital, Yeosu Sanitarium Hospital, and the associate member, Penang Adventist Hospital.

NSD has held the AHCA Presidents' Council every year. But due to COVID-19, the annual meeting was held online for the past two years of 2020 and 2021. Dr. Toshihiro Nishino, president of Tokyo Adventist Hospital, and Dr. Huang Hui-Ting, president of Taiwan Adventist Hospital were re-elected as AHCA president and secretary in 2021. In October 2022, AHCA decided to have the Presidents' Council onsite in Tokyo, Japan. Although the pandemic is still ongoing, God heard our prayers and protected AHCA delegates attending the meetings in Tokyo without difficulties or spreading the virus during the meetings.

There was an agenda item that had been approved from AHCA Extraordinary Presidents' Council in March 2022. That was to agree to a supporting fund for Mongolia Adventist AMOS Dental Clinic to purchase a medical device. There was a request from Mongolia Mission president about the critical need of a panoramic X-ray machine for improving service quality for the AMOS Dental Clinic. AHCA was willing to support the health care mission in Mongolia, one of NSD's countries. Providing this fund is the first step, and staff training and technology sharing will follow

in the near future. AHCA officers and members are planning to visit the AMOS Dental Clinic in 2023.

AHCA invited Lyndon Edwards, Chief Operating Officer of Loma Linda University Health Hospitals, to give special lectures regarding the vision and quality of service of Loma Linda University Hospitals. He also talked about how Loma Linda met the great challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic in their region. He told impressive stories of doctors, nurses, and staff and their services to COVID patients. Attendees learned how Loma Linda focuses on the medical ministry mission and the goals of comprehensive health ministries. They not only pursue the highest health care service standards but also patients' spiritual care as Jesus did.

One of the highlights of the meetings were the reports from each hospital. They gave thanks and glory to God for the blessings and honor they have received. They shared their burdens and challenges in the past and how they pray and support each other. Most of the



A group of AHCA members at Tokyo Adventist Hospital Church.

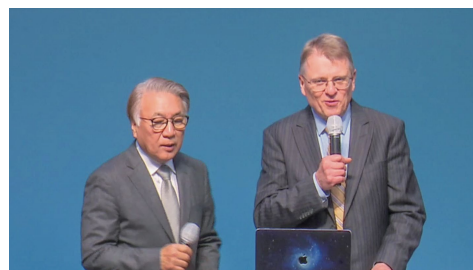
reports focused on the health mission and spiritual work in their hospitals as well as in their communities. All the delegates were blessed in the AHCA gathering through this fellowship.

Sahmyook University Church Holds a Seminar on the Adventist Church's Standpoint on Salvation

On Oct. 12-15, 2022, Sahmyook University Church held a theology seminar under the theme of "The Adventist Church's Standpoint on Salvation: Perfectionism, Grace of God, and Investigative Judgment."

Dr. Darius Jankiewicz, a former professor of systematic theology at Andrews Theological Seminary and ministerial secretary of the South Pacific Division, was the lecturer. As a theologian with sophisticated theological insight into soteriology, he provided a comprehensive understanding of Adventist soteriology through the four-day seminar. The seminar topics included: "The Problem of Christian Perfectionism," "God's Grace," "How Can We Increase Our Spiritual Temperature?" "Repository of God's Grace," and "Theological Necessity of the Investigative Judgment."

Pastor Kim EunBae, a senior pastor at the Sahmyook University Church and a theology professor at Sahmyook University, explained why the church held this seminar: "By shedding light on the Adventist Church's understanding on gospel through the Bible and the history of Christianity, we tried to present our standpoint on such subjects as salvation, justification, sanctification, perfection, and the investigational judgment. It served as an opportunity to reflect once again on the meaning of the gospel that the Adventist Church believes in."



Darius Jankiewicz (right), the ministerial secretary of the South Pacific Division, gives a lecture at a theology seminar.

Mongolia Mission Women's Ministries Leadership Certification Program Graduation



Raquel Arrais
NSD Women's
Ministries Director

The grateful hearts of Seventh-day Adventist women in Mongolia are full of a sense of achievement and, yes, of satisfaction because they have completed the four levels of training for the General Conference Women's Ministries Leadership Certification. On Oct. 22, 2022, 112 women who received the certification of continuing education from Andrews University at Ulaanbaatar Central Church in Mongolia. Since this was the first time our sisters in Mongolia received the certificate from Andrews University, it was a celebration filled with joy.

Under the leadership of Ooyo Batsukh, Mongolia Mission (MM) Women's Ministries director, the graduation program was a time for celebration, gratitude, inspiration, and new commitments to serve Jesus as a chosen vessel. "I was dreaming of this day, when I could see our sisters receiving this achievement as a recognition of their dedication and service to the Adventist church in Mongolia," said Batsukh.

Messages from Raquel Arrais, Women's Ministries Director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, challenged the women to be leaders of the Adventist

Church in Mongolia and to maximize their God-given gifts. MM President Han SukHee encouraged the women with practical insights from the lives of Mary and Martha, inviting women to keep their intimacy with God as their priority as leaders.

The commitment service at the end of the ceremony challenged the graduates to "go" and be the light wherever God has called them.

After the graduation a special meal was served with the purpose to end the evening with our sisters around the table, eating and celebrating together what God has done. "It is wonderful to see women working together for a common goal. This graduation was a joint effort of many teachers, pastors' spouses, and young women who dedicated their time to train, equip and challenge the women to lead more effectively. We thank them from our hearts for their commitment," said Raquel Arrais.

As Ellen White reminds us:

"There is a higher purpose for woman, a grander destiny. She should develop and cultivate her powers, for God can employ them in the great work of saving souls from eternal ruin" (*Evangelism*, 465).





Women in Mongolia receive the certification of continuing education from Andrews University.

Women’s Ministries develops the curriculum for leadership training and works with Andrews University in maintaining accreditation to provide graduates with valid certificates of continuing education credits in tertiary education. Andrews University of Berrien Springs, Mich., USA, is the flagship educational institution of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The General Conference Women’s Ministries Leadership Certification training is a life-changing experience for women who complete the courses, and it has been a life-changing experience for the women in the NSD territory as well.

2022 Pathfinder Bible Experience in Korea

The nationwide Pathfinder Bible Experience was held on Sep. 25, 2022, at Hankook Sahmyook High School in Korea, hosted by the Youth Ministries department of the Korean Union Conference (KUC) and organized by the Youth Ministries department of the West Central Korean Conference. This year’s competition covered the book of John with 114 participants from 24 clubs that had passed regional preliminaries.

The tournament was held face-to-face for the first time in three years due to the pandemic, which brought hot enthusiasm from Pathfinders, teachers, family members, pastors and church members of the clubs who joined in cheering during the event.

Dressed neatly in their Pathfinder uniforms and seated by clubs, the participants wrote the answers to the questions asked through a video. Difficult questions were discussed and collaborated with team members. Any objection to the correct answer was reviewed through a supervisor. As a result of the final scoring, 15 teams received grade 1, six teams grade 2, and three teams grade 3.

The Pathfinder Bible Experience is the official Pathfinder Bible study program of the North American Division. It allows Pathfinders to deepen their understanding of God’s word from an early age by studying and memorizing the Bible, and to build a personal relationship with Jesus. KUC introduced it in 2015 and has been running it every year since.

The contest examines Bible knowledge of team members on a specific scope of the Bible and is a team-based program. Participants are not ranked because it is a Bible study, not a competition. There are preliminaries in regions or local conferences. Based on



the highest score, a team that achieves 90% or more of the team’s score will receive a Grade 1, 80% or more will receive a Grade 2, and those with less than 79% will receive a Grade 3. Participants have a sense of accomplishment when they receive a grade and are given pins for participating in the program.



At the dedication service, Pastor Kim HyunTae, director of KUC Youth Ministries said, “The more important thing than getting a Grade 1 is to study the Bible. We must always live a life of obedience to God who comes through the word. God will appreciate your heart and will use it greatly for the gospel work in the future.”

Next year, Pathfinders in Korea will be challenged again with the books of Joshua and Judges.

2022 NSD Adventist Chaplaincy Advisory



Jonas Arrais
NSD Ministerial Secretary



On Nov. 8-12, 2022, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held the 2022 Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) Advisory in Korea. The event was enriched by the presence of Dr. Ivan Omana, the General Conference (GC) ACM director, and the former GC ACM director Dr. Mario Ceballos. They presented helpful instructions and practical seminars with the purpose of aligning procedures and practices among chaplain directors in the NSD territory. The chaplaincy directors were blessed by the program and the information received.

On November 8, Pastor Choi YunHo, the National Service Organization director for the Korean Union Conference (KUC), organized a special meeting with

Colonel Seo WooJung, chief of the Military Chaplain Department of Korean Ministry of National Defense along with Lieutenant Colonel Kim KwangSeok, and Armed Forces Capital Hospital Chaplain Lee DongHo.

As representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we had the opportunity to explain how the Church operates globally and the status of active military chaplains around the world. We asked for cooperation and support to consider Adventist chaplains to serve in the Korean military and to allow Korean Adventist soldiers to serve as unarmed combatants.

Colonel Seo expressed his gratitude to the Adventist Church for its cooperation through various educational programs. He also presented the conditions for the Adventist Church's entry into the Korean military chaplaincy and reaffirmed mutual friendship and support in the future.

On November 10, pastor Huh ChangSoo, the Korean Union Conference ACM director, organized a special training for the military and health institution chaplains. They received specific instructions related to the ministries they represent.

We thank God for the NSD chaplains and their dedicated ministry and commitment to the church mission.



A special training for the military and health institution chaplains.

Global Adventist Internet Network held in Romania



Byun SeongJun
NSD Communication Director

The Global Adventist Internet Network (GAIN) conference was held in Bucharest, Romania, from Oct. 14-17, 2022. With the theme “Move Forward.” The Trans-European Division (TED) and Inter-European Division (EUD) co-hosted this event to discuss and introduce newly developed digital media technologies for the gospel ministries. About 180 people from Europe, North America, Asia, and Africa participated in various seminars and workshops to learn about content creation, communication, storytelling, and production.

Byun SeongJun and Kim YongHun, director and associate director of the Communication department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), attended the meeting. On Oct. 16, during his presentation, Pastor Byun introduced NSD’s mission challenges and shared the division’s digital evangelism initiative. “We need to effectively use the newly developing digital media technologies through a digital transformation so that we can preach the gospel to all people to hasten the Second Coming of Jesus Christ,” he said. Participants especially showed interest in the GAIN Asia conference, which will be held on Jeju Island, Korea, Sept. 13-16, 2023.

Communication leaders of Europe called participants from Ukraine to the stage to join the prayer for the war to end soon for their country. Pastor Byun was the one to offer prayer for the delegates from Ukraine. He prayed that God, the Lord of hosts, will intervene in this terrible situation and grant His grace upon these two countries to end the war. He also prayed for God’s

protection from harm and dangers over our churches, church members, and institutions in Ukraine .

On the fourth day of the meeting, GAIN participants visited the Parliament of Romania, the Romanian Union Conference office, and the Romanian Hope Channel studio inside the Union headquarters. The leaders and staff members of the Romanian Union prepared a



The Romanian Hope Channel studio.

special time to welcome the GAIN participants and a brief tour of the studio. Hope Channel Romania plays a vital role in sharing the gospel message in Romania and Europe through TV and radio broadcasts.

Through this conference, GAIN participants were able to learn and discuss new and innovative ways for effective online evangelism through digital media, the internet and social networking services.





Women in KUC are given a certificate for KUC Women's Leadership School.



KUC Women's Leadership School: Equipping and Inspiring Women to Lead

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) Women's Ministries held the second Women's Leadership School at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Leadership Training Center on Jeju Island Oct. 3-6, 2022. This special training provided tools, strategies, and discussion time for participants to improve their leadership skills to enable them to serve the church more effectively in their local congregations.

The attendees included women leaders of the Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) led by Choi Lisa, Women's Ministries local church leaders, Family Ministries directors, Sabbath School coordinators, church head elders, and local church special ministries coordinators within KUC.

The KUC Women's Ministries department believes that every woman is called to minister. Each woman can impact her family, neighbors, friends, and coworkers. The purpose of this training was to equip them to minister within their circle of influence, especially in their local churches and communities.

For three days, 43 women leaders recommended by each local conference under KUC gathered to learn through the helpful seminars from Raquel Arrais, NSD Women's Ministries director, Kim SiYoung, former NSD president, Lee HakBong, retired pastor and former president of Yeosu Sanitarium & Hospital, Yun ChoengSil, KUC Women's Ministries director, Yoon JaeSung, director of

the NSD Leadership Training Center, and Lee SunMi, senior pastor at Bongduri Church.

A key concept in this leadership school was "connection." The organizers provided many opportunities for the women to listen, pray, learn, sing, walk together, and connect with each other. "This connection fosters friendships, strengthens love and respect, and builds up a sisterhood support system that is a blessing as they lead and contribute to the church mission," said Yoon CheongSil.

Women in KUC are a dynamic force for mission. They are taking their places and using all their gifts in ministries to reach out to other women, leading where God has placed them.



Health Promotion Sabbath at Chinese Churches in Japan

Jacob Ko

NSD Health Ministries Director

Two of the Chinese Churches in Japan held health promotion Sabbaths, led by Jacob Ko, Health Ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. The first event was held on Sept. 30 to Oct. 1, 2022, at the Tokyo Adventist Chinese Church, which is served by Pastor Mark Yu, a Pioneer Mission Movement pastor in Japan. Dr. Ko gave a lecture about risk factors and a healthy life both in physical and spiritual ways and the importance of using freedom of choice in our daily lives.

The Sabbath sermon dealt with the opportunity of restoration from a sickly mortal life back to a perfect eternal life through Jesus Christ. It was emphasized that the original redemption plan was made before creation, before life began, and before any good work from humans. Attendees were touched by Dr. Ko's message that God's love and mercy for the human race is not according to our works or merits but according to His will of love.

Before the lunch, blood pressure and blood glucose assessments were provided to church members and visitors. A lecture about interpreting health assessments was given in the afternoon. Body mass indices, waist circumference, blood pressure, and blood glucose were also discussed, and Dr. Ko emphasized the importance of self-health assessments. Attendees learned how to calculate their healthy weight as one of the self-assessment tools. The health promotion Sabbath ended with small group sharing and praying.

The second health promotion Sabbath was held at Nagoya Adventist Chinese Church on Oct. 7-8, 2022. This church is a recent Chinese worship group with a church member offering her apartment for the Sabbath worship. It is a group that shows potential for developing into a regular Chinese church in Nagoya. After realizing the background of this worship group, Dr. Ko decided to offer a program more focused on the growth of faith and spiritual health.



Jacob Ko, NSD Health Ministries director, gives health counseling to one of the members of Nagoya Adventist Chinese Church.

The Sabbath worship sermon mentioned the origin of humans and the Giver of life. Attendees learned that God does not give according to our works and merits but freely offers His love and mercy to us. More importantly, what He wants to give us is not from this earth. Dr. Ko explained that "Jesus is our only Savior and only hope who said, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6).

During lunch, participants were given lessons on a healthy diet and nutrition. One church member showed interest in the daily diet and nutrient requirements. Dr. Ko shared the basic daily calories calculation by different nutrients through web resource analysis about food and nutrients.

Both health promotion Sabbaths were wonderful and blessed to not only the church members and visitors but to the organizer. May your prayers include the Chinese mission work in Japan.

Jacob Ko with the members of Tokyo Adventist Chinese Church.





2022 NSD Communication Advisory

Byun SeongJun
NSD Communication Director

On Aug. 30, 2022, the Communication department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held a 2022 NSD Communication Advisory at the NSD headquarters in Paju, Korea, by inviting General Conference Communication director Williams Costa Jr. and all the Communication directors of each Union, Conference, and Mission. A division advisory meeting is supposed to be held every five years, but this time, it was held after six years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Williams Costa Jr., the re-elected GC Communication director, introduced new directions, projects, and initiatives of GC Communication to the advisory participants. He stressed that the communication department needs to engage in corporate communication and actively participate in direct mission activities. For this reason, the GC Communication department made a new slogan, "Communication for Mission." To achieve this goal, there are seven categories: Adventist News Network, Global Adventist Internet Network, Service and Support, Communication and Integration, Public Relations, Adventist Communication Training, Evangelism, and Care.

Of these seven categories, Costa emphasized the importance of the Adventist News Network (ANN). This is to gather news and videos from each division every

month and share them with the world church leaders and members.

The second emphasis was on the Global Adventist Internet Network (GAIN) conference. The GC Communication department has been holding an annual

meeting of GAIN in various locations around the globe. But from the following year, the GAIN meeting will be held in each continent of North America, South America, Asia, Europe, Africa, and Oceania. This means that the GAIN meeting will be customized according to local needs.

The central focus of the NSD Communication Advisory was "digital evangelism." Due to the influence of secularism, postmodernism, and social distancing measures, the need for digital evangelism is more emphasized by the General Conference. Plenty of the people in our division territories are connected to the digital world through the internet and various devices, and people are accessing various digital media content. Therefore, it is important to help people find our church through these contents and platforms. Also, it is strongly encouraged that our church will find a way to adopt digital transformation in various aspects of our services so that people can easily access the message of truth and our local churches.

Through the NSD Communication Advisory, the delegates and participants of the meeting were able to learn and discover the current situation of communication ministries of the GC and each territory, and they decided to dedicate more time and energy to developing ways for gospel ministry.

Williams Costa Jr., GC
Communication director



Sahmyook University Establishes Networks of Adventist Universities Worldwide

Sahmyook University officially launched the International Society for Academic Advancement (ISAA) to revitalize academic exchanges and cooperative networks among 120 Adventist universities worldwide.

Planning for ISSA began in October 2021 when Sahmyook University held the “ICSU (International Virtual Conference of Sahmyook University) 2021,” commemorating the university’s 115th anniversary. Based on the participation of more than 120 Adventist universities worldwide, the conference, composed of five divisions and 12 sessions, successfully concluded with 1,032 professors, researchers, and students from 54 countries.

Sahmyook University promoted the establishment of an international society to build an active global network. The academic organization and articles of the association were prepared, and the website was established. Sister universities worldwide sent their support and intentions to participate, leading to the official establishment of the society.

President Kim IlMok was elected as the first ISAA president, and Ko WonBae, dean of Sahmyook University College of Science and Technology, and Kim SeongWoon, dean of the Sahmyook University College

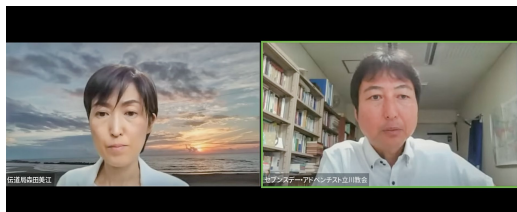


of Culture and Arts, were elected as auditors. ISAA will be officially registered as an international conference with the National Research Foundation of Korea.

ISAA will hold academic sessions in six areas: 1) Religion and Theology, 2) Humanities and Social Sciences, 3) Health and Medical Care, 4) Science and Technology, 5) Culture and Arts, 6) Faith and Studies. The university plans to expand and share its mission and experience as a higher education institution through this endeavor.

Family Talk - JUC’s Monthly Seminar

Raquel Arrais
NSD Family Ministries Director



On September 10, 2022, Family Talk, a monthly seminar hosted by Japan Union Conference (JUC), invited Dr. Hiroshi Tabuchi, a psychotherapist and counselor, to share advice on how to enhance self-esteem in the family since families today are facing countless negative influences. By way of framing the discussion, *The Great Controversy* book was used as a study tool for families to discuss their roles as spouses and parents in the time of the end. The participants were encouraged to think about how they can live each day in a world filled with many voices and distractions as they wait for Jesus to come.

Mie Morita, JUC Family Ministries director, said about the session: “It was good to see families involved in a discussion about how to live, serve, and prepare their families for the return of Jesus.”

JUC started Family Talk in March 2022 to help Adventists understand their families in a deeper way and follow God’s plan for their families. Counseling professionals are invited as guest speakers covering various topics relative to families today.

“Tell the World” was the theme of the 13th ASI (Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries) General Session and Convention of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Sep. 22-25, 2022. ASI is a global group of Adventist laymen with chapters in the NSD territory who come together to share Christ in their respective work environments and to financially support church missions. The purpose of the General Session is primarily to elect its leaders who will lead the coming session for the next three years, and to motivate ASI members to actively participate in this ministry.

Postponed Session

The last session was held in 2017 in Thailand with the next session scheduled for 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic caused a two-year postponement. Finally, in September 2022 ASI met in the Philippines where restrictions had been lifted enough for most NSD members to gather.

Reduced Congregation Caused by COVID-19

At first it was unclear if the session could be held because the pandemic was still lurking, and the ASI chapters from NSD’s countries had been reduced in the last two years. But by the grace of God, more than 50 members gathered at the SDA Language Center in the

Philippines—five delegates from Mongolia with the rest from Korea. While some delegates from Japan and Taiwan had planned to participate online, technical problems prevented this. And though this session was smaller compared to previous ones, it still served to revive and re-motivate various programs and activities.

Lectures by Kenneth Swansi and Kim YoHan

The two main speakers for the convention were Dr. Kenneth Swansi, dean of the Graduate School of AIAS and Business Department chairperson, and Dr. Kim YoHan, NSD president. Dr. Swansi spoke about how Adventist businesspeople need to influence those who are engaged in their businesses. He also emphasized stewardship and ASI members prioritizing God in their lives. Dr. Kim expressed a sincere appreciation to ASI leaders and members for their dedication to God’s mission. He said lay leaders are investing their precious time and resources for this association without anticipating any rewards. Dr. Kim also highlighted the importance of the role of lay members for the progress of God’s mission, especially ASI’s role in supporting Church ministries.

ASI Officers and Leaders Re-elected

Elder Song JongHyun, the current NSD ASI president was recommended by the nominating committee and re-elected, voted and accepted by the constituent body. Elder Song then made a recommendation for the other officers and directors to be re-elected, as well as acceptance of the audits. Elder Song said that he humbly accepted the decision of the body though he felt the burden of God’s calling to make up for the two years lost from the pandemic. All leaders accepted the electoral decisions.

Standing on the Starting Line

This NSD ASI General Session took on the meaning as if standing at the starting line of the race again. Its leaders and all participating members reaffirmed the special mission that God has given to them and encouraged one another to do their best to complete the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. All ASI members who attended the Convention were ready to answer the call of God by saying, “Lord! Here we are. We will go.” Jesus is coming soon. Maranatha!

13th NSD ASI General Session and Convention

Kim SunHwan
NSD ASI Coordinator





ADRA Board Visits Project Implementation

Enkhmandakh Bold
 ADRA Mongolia
 PR/Marketing Officer

ADRA Mongolia organized a four-day monitoring visit for ADRA board members as part of its leadership training activity and visited the Sustainable Agriculture, Food and Economics Resilience II (SAFER-2) project from Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, 2022, in Bayan-Ulgii, Mongolia.

Board members present included Joel Tompkins, treasurer of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division; Angelina Pagarigan, treasurer of Mongolia Mission (MM); Nyamsuren Myagmar, MM ministerial secretary; Bayarmaa Sengedash, a businesswoman; and Windell Maranan, country director/board secretary of ADRA Mongolia, accompanied by Enkhmandakh Bold, ADRA public relations and marketing officer.

The visiting team observed the overall interaction of the SAFER-2 project staff with the beneficiaries and other stakeholders, and how the project activities are being implemented at the grassroots level. The visiting team also made a courtesy call to the Honorable Bauyrzhan D., governor of Bayan-Ulgii province, and discussed in detail the impact of the SAFER-2 projects in the communities.

Furthermore, the governor expressed his sincere appreciation of how the initiatives of ADRA Mongolia have contributed to the development of the province in the last 11 years. At the end of the meeting, Governor Bauyrzhan D. gave appreciation for ADRA through the leadership of Director Windell Maranan and the entire ADRA Mongolia team.

“We are grateful for ADRA Mongolia through the SAFER-2 Project and its successful implementation to develop our agriculture sector and increase the quality of our vegetable products. Experts say that our province can even supply 40 percent of its vegetable products domestically,” said Governor Bauyrzhan D.

A debriefing meeting was conducted in the ADRA Mongolia field office at the conclusion of the board’s visit to discuss findings and recommendations. The SAFER-2 project team also thanked board members for their valuable time spent in Bayan-Ulgii and their constructive feedback.

Above: Windell Maranan, country director ADRA Mongolia, is awarded appreciation plaque from the governor of Bayan-Ulgii province.

Below: The ADRA Mongolia board members visits beneficiaries of the SAFER-2 project.



Ted Wilson Visits ADRA Mongolia

Enkhmandakh Bold

ADRA Mongolia
PR/Marketing Officer



Ted and Nancy Wilson with the ADRA Mongolia team and other church leaders.

Elder Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, visited the country office of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, together with his wife Nancy. He was accompanied by Pastor Kim YoHan, newly elected president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Pastor Han SukHee, president of Mongolia Mission (MM), together with MM Executive Secretary Nyamdavaa Dovchuren, MM Treasurer Angelina Pagarigan, and other church leaders on August 22, 2022.

The visit coincided with the 30th anniversary celebration of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Mongolia after the fall of communism in 1991.

During the visit, the Adventist church leaders acquainted themselves with the work and ministry of ADRA Mongolia through a comprehensive presentation led by the agency's Country Director, Windell M. Maranan. He shared the core area of operations which is concentrated through the promotion of organic agriculture in the country after the central government recognized ADRA Mongolia's pioneering role of improving the sector and by contributing 89.2% of organic agri-products through one of its projects.

Also, the country director shared current country operations which are aligned with ADRA Mongolia's general purpose of serving humanity so that all may live as God intended by ensuring that all means of work is done with justice, compassion and love based on the biblical mandate found in Micah 6:8.

“Today we visited the ADRA Mongolia headquarters to hear about the excellent community projects they have. Praise God for the wonderful ways they have of helping people physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually as Jesus did and through His power. I am personally touched and encouraged by learning and seeing the wonderful work of the church through the ministry of ADRA Mongolia here in Mongolia. On a personal note, please let me and my wife be part of the excellent work that the team is doing on the ground as I pray and give a humble monetary contribution to be used to further the amazing work that you all do,” said Elder Wilson as he appreciated the team and the leadership and praised God for His blessings on the agency's work and ministry.

ADRA Mongolia is one of the 130 country offices operating globally under the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) which is the official humanitarian and development agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church established in 1956. It is mandated to demonstrate God's love and extend His ministry of compassion.



Shema English Bible Recitation School Helps Children Stay Connected to God's Word

Lee EunSup
Pastor at Seonggeo Church

*S*hema is one of the prayers in the Bible and is still recited by Jewish people every morning and evening. Shema English Bible Recitation School, named after the famous prayer, is a Bible recitation program for elementary school students and preschoolers to memorize English Bible verses with the help and motivation from parents and children's teachers at church.

In March 2021, Pastor Lee JinHyun, Children's Ministries director of Middlewest Korean Conference, asked me to make a program to help children stay connected to God's word during the pandemic. That was the beginning of developing this program. I expected that this program could not only grow children's spirituality but could be used as a mission tool to attract their parents who look for a way to improve their children's English.

In Shema English Bible Recitation School, all registered members are invited to a chat room in KakaoTalk, the most popular mobile messaging app in Korea. In the chat room, they are required to follow directions for reading aloud one or two memory verses 10 times in the morning and evening. The audio files of the memory verses recorded by an English native speaker are provided to let participants follow the English speaker. Participants report to teachers at Shema English Bible Recitation School for making sure they successfully carry out their daily tasks. And once a week, participants need to submit a video of themselves memorizing Bible verses. English lessons and lectures intended for motivating participants are shared via the school's YouTube channel every two weeks.

More than 100 children and adults participate in Shema English Bible Recitation School every session. The fifth session is now running with about 100 participants.



Creation Exploration for Children



Thirty-five children and their parents joined "Creation Exploration" from Sept. 25-28, 2022, on Jeju Island. The purpose of this program, developed by the Children's Ministries of the West Central Korean Conference, is to help children explore God's magnificent creation of the world in nature through lessons and activities.

Walking along rugged roads together and enjoying the natural scenery, participants discovered the love of God. Observing various plants and stones and looking at the sun and moon, they paid close attention to how God speaks to them through nature. It was a rare opportunity to contemplate God's love in His work of creation in nature, especially for children who easily get caught up in social media and electronic games.

The program organizers encouraged children not only to understand the biblical Creation but to grow as messengers of God's love with a strong faith. Participants gave positive feedback regarding the program, saying that it was a precious time for learning, sharing, and fellowship with others.

Unity in Diversity: SWKC's First Multicultural Family Camp Meeting



On Oct. 8-9, 2022, the Family Ministries of Southwest Korean Conference (SWKC) held the first Multicultural Family Camp Meeting at Jungheung Resort in Naju, Korea. Ninety-three participants from families of various nationalities—the United States, the Philippines, Vietnam, India, Mongolia, Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Korea—brought much enthusiasm and joy to the meetings. What was even more exciting is that 22 of the participants were visitors who came as guests of church members from the various districts.

Under the theme “Unity in Diversity: The Family of God,” families were warmly welcomed for the first session, “Love at Home,” presented by Raquel Arrais, Family Ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Seminars

on how to keep families engaged in the Word of God, conflict management, communication skills, and rebuilding the family altar, encouraged the participants to recommit their families to Jesus.

The inspiring morning and evening devotionals with practical lessons and beautiful examples from nature were delivered by Pastor Yun ChongSil, director of Family Ministries for the Korean Union Conference. She challenged each participant to live with gratitude despite the difficulties and trials often faced by families today.

At the end of the meetings, one person was baptized nearby in a beautiful lake. Four additional persons accepted the invitation to know more about Jesus and plan for baptism in the near future.

The Multicultural Family Camp Meeting was a wonderful chance to strengthen families by empowering them for discipleship, service, and mission.



Fostering Spiritual Immunity

We are living in times where individualism overflows, self-centeredness is prevalent, and many things have no clear boundaries of right or wrong. In such times, how can children learn to grow as Christians?

The Children’s Ministries department of the Southeast Korean Conference decided to start a ministry that teaches children to improve spiritual health by building good habits at home, school, church, and community. A daily planner titled “Fostering Spiritual Immunity” has been prepared as a main tool for this ministry. A list of attributes for spirituality, such as having family worship, writing sermon notes, writing a gratitude journal, reciting Bible verses, are provided in the

planner. Children are encouraged to do at least three things a day. While children do these things repeatedly, it is expected that they will eventually become habits. The planner helps them to check their daily progress.

So far, 140 children have joined this project to grow as spiritually healthy Christians. It is hoped that this project will help more children develop their spiritual gifts in preparation to serve the Adventist Church and its mission.



Public Campus Ministries Missionary Dedication Ceremony

Choi HoYoung
NSD Youth Ministries Director

We are currently living in a challenging era for missions. However, the Public Campus Ministries (PCM) missionary movement's future is bright. This ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was established to inspire Adventist students to be disciples of Jesus and empower them to share the everlasting gospel to secular university campuses. Their mission is to transform colleges, churches, communities, and the world at large. The motto of PCM is: "Follow Jesus, Embrace His Mission, Change the World."

On January 13, 2019, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) dispatched nine PCM missionaries to China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan for the first time. The next year, 14 missionaries were dispatched to Taiwan and Mongolia, and the third and fourth groups followed in 2021 and 2022. Currently, nine Adventist college students are serving as PCM missionaries in Taiwan. Since 2019, there have been 42 missionaries from eight countries sent out to secular universities in the NSD territories.

In 2023, this movement will be in its 5th year and is maintaining the momentum of the overseas campus mission movement. On Sabbath, Nov. 5, 2022, NSD held its dedication ceremony for the fifth batch of PCM missionaries

at the SDA Language Institute Church in Seoul, Korea. There were supposed to be two Korean PCM missionaries at the ceremony but one of them, Bang YoungIn, was unable to attend on that day. But the other missionary, Cho DaNyeong did not stand alone during the ceremony. She was joined by Youth Ministries directors and the newly appointed Pioneer Mission Movement missionaries. Cho is studying nursing at Sahmyook University, attending Byeollae Church and has been engaged in youth activities. She heard about the PCM missionary movement and decided to dedicate a year to the Lord. Bang YoungIn is majoring in Chinese language at Hanbat University in Daejeon and attends Yuseong Church. His church pastor who served as a PMM missionary for six years in Taiwan recommended him to be a PCM missionary.

The NSD Youth Ministries department continues to recruit PCM missionaries with three more young people awaiting interviews. We strongly believe that God has been leading this movement, and we also believe that He will call and use the young people who are best suited to the mission field.

Missionary Cho DaNyeong expressed her resolution as follows: "Standing in front of the people at the dedication service, I realized that I am leaving for my mission field

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soon to work for God. Rather than trying to do something by myself and focusing on achieving results, I will do my best to follow God's will."

Missionary Bang YoungIn said, "It will be my first time staying abroad for a long time, also my first time to leave the country for other purposes than traveling, so I am a little worried about whether I can do well. However, I believe God will lead me and I will try to be a missionary who spends every moment with God and grateful to Him, so that I can live in His love."

As mentioned in the PCM manual, the primary mission fields of PCM missionaries are the 3Cs: Church, Campus, and Community. It is essential for missionaries to cooperate with local churches. Some of the missionaries in Taiwan attend language classes at universities, organize Korean language learning clubs on campus, and receive positive responses from those interested in Korean culture. Sometimes missionaries deliver "lunch boxes with love" or hold a prayer meeting on campus. Then, PCM missionaries invite those who are interested in Christianity or Korean culture to a local church. The local church opens the hearts of students through various activities such as Korean cooking classes and multiple cultural experiences such as K-dramas, K-pop, and games.



PCM Missionary Bang YoungIn (middle) and Youth Ministries directors (from left, Kim SeongMin of SEKC, Kim HyunTae of KUC, Hong ByungKil of ECKC, and Choi HoYoung of NSD)

These activities open the doors to people who are from Buddhist and Taoist cultures. In this way, they let go of their prejudices about the church one by one. Above all, as the Holy Spirit works on their minds, missionaries can suggest Bible study.

We hope more of our young people from all around the world will join this wonderful movement on campuses in the NSD territories in the future.

Receive the Teachings of God

Kim HyunMo
1000MM 56th Batch

It has been a year and a half since I was sent to my mission field in Cambodia. Just as I have started to understand how to work in my mission field I am leaving. I can say these have been such beautiful days in my life, because I definitely met God, obeyed God, and grew up in God. I saw the beauty of God and experienced his longsuffering and steadfast love.

Also, when I found children growing up in Christ, giving their hearts to Christ, and their faces becoming brighter, I couldn't help remembering the Bible verse,



“So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase” (1 Cor. 3:7).

After I was originally dispatched to Cambodia, I extended my missionary term six months. I asked God in prayer, “Lord, do you want me to stay here longer than a year or go back to Korea right after finishing my term?” Since then, I have been certain that God CALLED me, and I found my life with showers of His blessings. My most grateful thing was facing problems with my own character. I was able to see how wicked, dirty, selfish, impatient, arrogant, and weak I am. Above all, I realized that there was no love in my heart. I cried out to God, asking His forgiveness and deliverance. I prayed for the power of God to work in my life. As expected, I suffered from climate, food, and cultural differences. But I tried to hold onto God who is above everything, leading our lives and who finally brings us victory.

While serving as an English teacher and a supervisor of a boy’s dorm, I met a Chinese boy named Carl. This 15-year-old boy loved God and was on the verge of baptism. But he wanted to get baptized only when he considered himself ready, which meant when he was perfect in his thoughts. I was worried because I knew it is impossible for our actions and deeds to be perfect according to the Bible. Thankfully, God sent him Elder Ha YongPan, who is the director of the Continental Mission Movement and fluent in Chinese. Elder Ha kept on teaching and telling him, “Baptism is taking a first step of being a child of God, which means we don’t have to be perfect.” After contemplating the value of baptism and the meaning of becoming a child of God, he decided to get baptized.

Carl wanted to get baptized in a natural setting like Jesus did. So, we went out from the place we lived, and we took some time to find a place with crystal-clear water surrounded by high cliffs. It was beautiful and calm, and the sun was shining. God prepared everything in advance.

After we sang a couple of hymns and the baptismal vows were read, Elder Ha led him into the water and baptized him.

As he was raised up from the water, the young man wept and I, who was filming the ceremony, cried also. Attendees were supposed to sing hymns together as soon as he raised up out of the water, but we were not able to do so because we were all crying together. My heart was deeply touched, and I questioned myself, “What is the joy of becoming a child of God? What about me? Am I happy for being a child of God to the point of crying like my student Carl?” The value of becoming a child of God does not come just from the facts we learn. We must also be

joyful with our souls. I learned this from a 15-year-old boy. I can say that his baptism will stay in my mind forever.

I bet there are few missionaries who think they did pretty good jobs in their mission fields. Like many others, I have faced my weaknesses every single second. Our job is asking God to cover us with His righteousness. I kept asking myself, “Why am I messing up everything? Why am I so weak?” One day I met a senior missionary who told me

“Hey, Hyunmo. No worries. We, who have been living here as missionaries more than 10 years still make mistakes every day!” It was such a comfort to me. But you know what? The most comforting thing to me was the fact that our God never makes mistakes. Praise God who calls us His children and lets us work for His kingdom.

All these lessons were taught to me by the Holy Spirit for one and a half years in my mission field. Even though my missionary’s journey is finished in Cambodia, I will always be a missionary.

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you” (John 14:26).



Kim HyunMo (far left) and students in Tagio Adventist School in Cambodia.

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The time was the year 2020. By the grace of God, I became part of the family of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) as the 55th batch. As everyone knows, 2020 was a tough year. About two weeks after the training began, the Taal Volcano erupted and the entire campus of the 1000MM Training Center was in trouble. Eventually, we had to leave the campus and were trained in a different place. After that, the difficulties of the volcano seemed to calm down, but soon there was the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to COVID, we were not able to be dispatched at the right time, and the missionaries' paths seemed to be blocked. Unexpected things made campus family life difficult as well. The three-month training was constantly extended, and the minds and bodies of the missionaries were slowly exhausted.

My mind was full of questions: Why now? Why did our batch end up in this situation? I wanted to know what was God's will. Why did You send me here? This question arose even before I went to the mission field. I had imagined a wonderful missionary life, but the reality was I hadn't taken a step forward as a missionary yet.

About seven months after the training started, missionaries began to be dispatched. My mission field was a village called Saimsim, in the Philippines. This place, which seemed to be far away from the influence of the pandemic, was also not safe, and news of the pandemic came to the peaceful village. I heard that there was a person with COVID in a family where my partners and I had visited. We were very worried because it was only two days before that we had eaten and talked with them.



The 55th batch of 1000MM missionaries.

Not a Coincidence

Park GaYoung
1000MM 55th Batch

We decided to avoid meeting people during the quarantine period because we didn't want this virus to spread and cause people trouble because of us. However, people came to think that we were avoiding them because we were afraid of them, and they felt hurt. And we were also heartbroken because of the misunderstanding.

Disappointment and loss of trust with each other all resulted from this bad situation. Satan took advantage of this opportunity to torment my heart. I was afraid that people would lose faith in missionaries and

leave the church. I was afraid that our hasty decision and notification would hurt people and they would no longer wonder about Jesus. Why did God allow this? Where on earth is our Jesus when Satan is sweeping our bodies and minds? What does God want to do through me? Where is my God?

A year of missionary life changed so much for me. Most importantly, I learned to recognize clearly where my God is. He stands before me, behind me, and beside me with his infinite love and care. He was

everywhere I fumbled. And I believe He is still with me.

“...I am with you always, even to the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20).

In the continuing trials and tribulations, we, our fellow missionaries, learned to rely on God. We learned to wait for His promise when we couldn't see the path. We learned how to encourage our friends. We learned how to love each other. Volcanic eruption and the pandemic, all of this was never a coincidence. It is just a seed that contains God's purpose and will. As a result of this sinful world, God strengthened us and grew us up as missionaries. He was right next to us. To me we were the happiest, prettiest, and most beautiful batch. None of our missionaries gave up but stayed until the end and were eventually sent to serve as His faithful servants.

I feel most grateful that I was sent to this mission field. There were people there whom God truly loves. Our minds, which were hurt by the interference of Satan, filled with the love of God. I was a stranger to them,

but they loved me, and regarded me as their family. I learned to be humble in front of God, to be warm-hearted, and to love. God showed me what kind of love He wants me to have as a missionary through these people. We, who were strangers due to sin, met here and put God in the middle of us and we became a family. This was the song that we used to sing all together:

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the
Family of God,
I've been washed in the
fountain, cleansed by His Blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we
travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family,
The Family of God.*

*You will notice we say, "brother
and sister" 'round here,
It's because we're a family and
these are so near;
When one has a heartache, we
all share the tears,
And rejoice in each victory in
this family so dear.*

- Family of God

I also have my family here today. Everyone I love is my heavenly family because the Lord God is with us. There were many difficult situations because of the pandemic, but the reason why we gathered there as His missionaries was because our Almighty God surrounded us with love in front of us, behind us, and beside us. It's been a while since I went as a missionary; I am still weak, and a lost sinner, but I have learned to find my God through the opportunity provided by the 1000MM, so I will never give up and move on to future missions that the Lord will show me. There is no coincidence in God. It is clearly God's will that we all gathered there at that moment. Dear Adventist family, I sincerely hope that we stand as a family of God on the day He comes. May God bless you all.



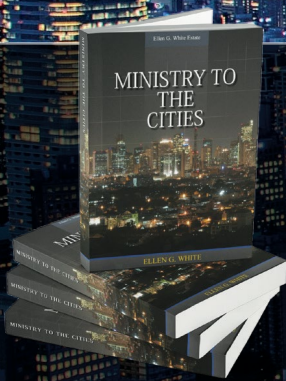
Members of the Adventist church in Saimsim, Philippines.

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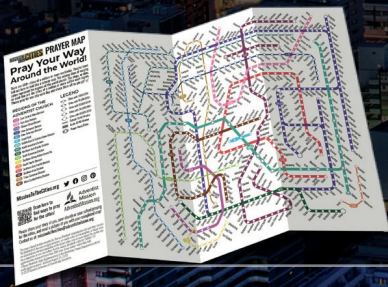


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