

News & Views

General Conference 2005

We Are the Special People of God

Warm and cordial greetings to our brothers and sisters around the world! We welcome you to the *News & Views* of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) is one of the most challenging divisions. Its mission is to spread the gospel message of the soon coming of Christ to 1.5 billion people who reside in its vast territories.

The NSD is composed of countries with great challenges. In countries such as Japan and Korea, material prosperity has led many people away from taking a serious interest in the Christian message. Many obstacles in China still prevent the church from more aggressive evangelism. The church is still weak and struggling in Mongolia. The possibility of penetrating North Korea with the gospel message is still uncertain. But more challenges not only means more difficulties and responsibilities, but more opportunities and privileges, as well.

In spite of numerous challenges and obstacles, by the grace of God, the gospel work has been progressing in many remarkable ways in our territory during the last quinquennium. Tens of thousands of people have accepted Christ as their personal Savior, joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Many un-entered territories have been penetrated by the eternal gospel of the soon coming of Christ. Millions of people have been served in our hospitals and health institutions. The Church has grown by leaps and bounds in many areas. We praise God for what He has done for us and through us.

The Apostle Peter says that we are the special people of God. God has made us a peculiar people. We are a holy people of God. We are different from the rest of the world. We have a great divine mission to the world. We have the great hope of the second coming of our Lord. Brothers and sisters, we are indeed the special people of God.

As the special people of God, our mission is to proclaim the excellency of God who has saved us from the darkness of sin. When our mission is accomplished Christ will return to take us to heaven. Let us work together in the spirit of unity for His coming is much closer to us than when we first believed!

Jairyong Lee, President



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Secretariat

We have witnessed the Lord's hand leading in the work of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division during the past five years. In spite of difficult circumstances in some areas, the gospel message is being preached and precious souls are responding to His call in this vast territory of the Lord's vineyard which encompasses Japan, Korea, Mongolia, China, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan.

Since the last General Conference session we rejoice with 74,240 new fellow believers awaiting the soon return of our blessed Lord. The Lord has blessed us with growth from 483,610 to 546,061 members, between 2000 and 2004. We now have 141 new churches for a total of 1,759. During these years, 3,323 new workers have joined our workforce.



In China the church is self governing according to the Three-Self principles. Growth continues there as well with almost 340,000 members.

With 1.5 billion people living within the NSD territory and only 1% of them Christians, the challenge is great. The concept of mission pervades our membership as they accept the challenge to take the good news to those who live around us. We encourage the concept of missions beginning with our children. Our youth are invited to participate in the 1000 Missionary Movement. Young adults are challenged to become a Pioneer Mission Movement volunteer. And our senior citizens are given the opportunity to serve in their silver years. Missionaries from the Cradle to the Grave!

Stanley Ng, Secretary

Treasurer

Ever since the first Seventh-day Adventist General Conference Session was held in Battle Creek, Michigan, May 20-23, 1863, our membership has gathered together at regular intervals for convocations which include business sessions and fellowship of believers from around the world. I would like to express appreciation to our Northern Asia-Pacific Division team for their support and diligent efforts during the many months of preparation. Seventy-nine delegates, and their families, are here representing our division, as part of the global Seventh-day Adventist Church family.

As Treasurer of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, my responsibility is financial management of the Church's funds in this part of the Lord's vineyard. The major share of the budget or tithe income, and the focal point of our mission, is evangelism. A large segment is used for the employees' salaries for the furtherance of the Gospel message to Asia.



The Lord has blessed the Northern Asia-Pacific Division in a marvelous manner with an increase in tithe during the past five years from USD 44,735,039.00 to USD 55,473,638.00, which is 124 percent. General offerings have increased from USD 24,008,435.00 to USD 40,161,780.00, which is an outstanding increase of 167 percent. My vision is to see our Church members have a deeper commitment as stewards of the funds He has entrusted to us, and a committed rendering of faithful tithes and offerings to enable His work to be furthered in a greater measure, to hasten the soon return of our Lord and Master.

R. Martin Moores, NSD Treasurer

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CHUM

We find it is our responsibility to lead people to accept Jesus as their personal Savior through the proclamation of the Three Angels' Messages; further, we are to nurture, train, and equip our members to witness for Jesus and to prepare for His soon coming.



Broadcasting ministry is one of the most important means for the CHUM to share the Three Angels' Messages. Twenty-two hours of daily Chinese programming is beamed from our Guam AWR radio station. We receive an average of 600 to 800 letters from our listeners every month.

In our health ministries, the three hospitals and the scores of healthy lifestyle centers are impacting the local communities. Preventive medicine and health education are well accepted by government officials.

Natural Church Development, making healthy churches, is a main feature of CHUM. Strong and healthy local churches will raise up strong and healthy church members, well nurtured, fully equipped, to share the gospel to others as they wait for Jesus to come.

James Wu, President

JUC

Dear brothers and sisters from around the world, greetings from Japan! As we gather for this General Conference Session of 2005, we are so thankful for the pioneers who planted the seed that we are reaping today. Today we have hospitals, a college, elementary and high schools, a publishing house and a food factory because of the foresight of those who established these institutions years ago. All these institutions have blessed Japan as we share the gospel message. However, our people are our greatest asset.



The dedication of our workers is an inspiration to us all. We have literature evangelists who have been knocking on doors for the past 55 years. Nurses in our hospitals lovingly care for those who come to receive care, leading them to a decision to become a part of this great Adventist family.

We in Japan invite each of you to join us in sharing the good news of the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we sing praises around His throne, we will rejoice with all of those who have gone before us and those who will follow in our foot steps.

Takashi Shiashi, President

KUC

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, greetings from Korea, the Land of the Morning Calm!

On this wonderful occasion of the General Conference Session of 2005, I am happy to greet you and to share the great blessings which our Lord has given us in Korea ever since the introduction of the Three Angels' Messages in 1904. Last year we celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of Korean Seventh-day Adventist evangelism. It was wonderful to look back on the blessings of the past and to anticipate a new century of evangelism.



In Korea there are 889 churches, 1 university, 2 colleges, 7 high schools, 8 middle schools, 10 elementary schools, 6 hospitals, 35 English institutes, 3 health food companies and 1 publishing house in Korea with more than 3,500 workers who serve in these institutions.

The sincere hope of the 180,000 members of the Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church is to finish, within this century, the work our Lord has given us.

Hong Myung Kwan, President

Mongolia

Mongolia! Just the mention of the word conjures up pictures of a noble country containing a proud people. Today, many individuals in Mongolia are humbling themselves and accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The hold of Buddhism, Atheism, and Shamanism are dying as hundreds are coming to the cross of Jesus.



In the past three years, Seventh-day Adventist membership has more than doubled. We are planting churches on a continual basis. In 2005/6 we are planning to plant six new worship groups to bring our total to 26.

Mongolians love the word partnership. Mongolia Mission Field has been adopted by the Australian Union, and the churches in their Union have adopted worship groups in Mongolia. We are partnering with Global Evangelism to hold evangelistic series in each province. We are partnering with schools in Japan to begin an education system. Will you partner with us and pray for the growth taking place in Mongolia?

Dale Tunnell, Director

Global Mission - Ministerial Association -

28 Pioneer Mission Movement Missionaries

PMM is a church planting project of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). While Global Mission Pioneers are usually lay workers planting churches within their own culture, PMM Missionaries are pastors who plant churches in foreign countries within the NSD territory. PMM missionaries take one hundred hours of cross-cultural missionary training before they leave for the countries where they plant churches for five years after a year of language training. Twenty-eight pastors and their 108 family members were sent to Mongolia, Taiwan, Japan and other area in our territory for the past three years. NSD is planning to send PMM missionaries until it sends 100 missionaries and 400 missionary family members.



PMM Dedication Service

PMM Dedication Services were held for each of the three groups of PMM families. Elder Jan Paulsen, World Church President, was the guest speaker for the dedication of the first group of PMM families who went to Japan in 2003. Elders Eugene Hsu and Michael Ryan, both GC Vice Presidents spoke for the dedication services of the second and third groups of PMM families in 2004 and 2005, respectively. The third group of PMM pastors were dedicated in front of 20,000 Korean church members, and hundreds of invited guests from around the world, as they met to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church. PMM dedications were held again locally in Japan and in Taiwan as they finished the year-long language training before they were assigned to their mission fields.



Mission Day

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division office Mission Days were celebrated on March 17, 2004 and April 27, 2005, with the hope that these examples may become a motivation for the 119 institutions within the Division territory. As morning worship started, Elder R. Martin Moores, Division treasurer, read the Division Mission Statement to re-confirm the mission of the church. Dr. Jairyong Lee, Division president, emphasized the importance of mission as the reason for existence of the church. Morning worship time was extended to hear the testimonies of two missionaries. The division office resides in a eight-story office complex. Invitations were given to each business establishment asking them to join the division staff for lunch and dessert in celebration of the Mission Day. Seven individuals accepted the lunch invitation. Two local pastors were also invited to join the lunch to meet the visitors. In the afternoon, the staff was divided into ten groups for group discussion and distribution of magazines and Sow 1 Billion flyers. The next morning, all the staff who contributed in the Mission Day celebration reported and testified of the joy of sharing the love of Jesus with their neighbors.



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Stewardship Seminars

On April 12~14, 2004, a Stewardship Seminar was conducted for the employees of the Taiwan Conference, then a mission. More than forty pastors willingly attended and expanded their horizons on the principles of stewardship. Twice a year, the Korean Union Conference Stewardship Department supplies stewardship sermon outlines with manuscripts for the local pastors to preach. Two or three times a year, all the stewardship directors from each level of the organizations from the NSD, union conference and local conferences meet together to hold district stewardship revival meetings. They

Pioneer Mission Movement - Stewardship

visit the churches in the district on particular dates to conduct stewardship revival meetings. During the last five years, 13 meetings were held. The members are happy to confirm God's love and to learn the proper attitude in returning back the gifts that the Lord has given them.

Stewardship Summit



Forty-eight people, presidents, secretaries, treasurers, stewardship directors from all levels of denominational organizations in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, and special invitees, including Theology Department deans within the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, were invited to the NSD Stewardship Summit which was held May 7 to 11, 2004 in Jeju Island. Dr. Ben Maxson, then GC Stewardship Director, and Jean-Luc Lezeau, GC Associate Stewardship Director, were the speakers for the summit. It was an opportunity for the church leaders to renew their understanding of stewardship. The Stewardship Summit was composed of seminars, lectures, group discussions and reports. In the group discussions, various practical ideas on stewardship were discussed.

Year of World Evangelism

The General Conference designated the year 2004 as the Year of World Evangelism. In the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, 654 pastors participated, conducting 770 evangelistic meetings. At least 191,191 people attended, which resulted in the baptism of 4,045 precious souls.



Church Planting

There is a saying that states, "A good offense is the best defense." The Global Mission Office of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division reports that for the last five years, 270 church planting projects were carried out and 522 young and old members served as Global Mission Pioneers to plant churches in un-churched areas. Currently, ongoing church planting projects number 240, with 451 active Global Mission Pioneers working in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.



Retired Minister's Special Gifts to the PMM

Elder Suzuki Sigeharu is a retired minister in Japan. When he and his wife met the PMM pastors who came to Japan to plant churches, he immediately fell in love with the missionary zeal of the PMM pastors from Korea. He donated two cars for the first group of PMM pastors, five cars from his families' private savings for the second group of PMM pastors. When he reached the point when he had no more money to help the missionaries, his story was heard by many, and some began to give him money so that he could also donate cars to the third group of PMM pastors in Japan. Elder Suzuki, a former Kamikaze pilot, is raising funds for the PMM support.



Kwon JohngHaeng, Associate Ministerial Director



*Kwon JohngHaeng
Associate Ministerial Director*



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1000 Missionary 10th Anniversary

January 24-26, 2003 marked another meaningful milestone in the existence of the 1000 Missionary Movement as it celebrated its 10th Anniversary. The theme for the celebration was "A Celebration With a Mission." The 1000MM started 10 years ago with the twin mottos "Here Am I, Lord, Send Me" and "Once a Missionary, Always a Missionary." Answering God's call to service, these young people receive training before being sent to the field. So far, more than 3,100 young people have been sent to many countries around world. They have built more than 320 churches, and have won almost 30,000 precious souls for the Lord.

AMiCUS

The first AMiCUS (Adventist Ministry to College and University Students) festival sponsored by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Youth Department, was held August 22-26, 2004.

Five hundred students from five countries (24 delegates from Hong Kong, 17 from Japan, 4 from Mongolia, 34 from Taiwan, and the rest from Korea) in the territory of the NSD, participated in this event at Nak San Preya Hotel, Yang Yang City, Korea.



The speaker for this event was Pastor Joshua Shin (NSD Youth Director). He delivered a message entitled, "I Will Die Free", emphasizing the importance of dedicating and surrendering our lives to the Lord, encouraging the students to be faithful soldiers of Jesus Christ even to the point of death. Through this AMiCUS festival, Pastor Shin hopes the church will recognize these young people as leaders in the gospel work.

Youth Alive

Three hundred forty-eight teens and young adults, most of whom are living in Hong Kong high-rise buildings, joined 30 friendship groups led by 89 teens and adult facilitators, during a historic *Youth Alive* summer camp overlooking the South China Sea at the Hong Kong Adventist College campus in Clearwater Bay from July 5-11, 2004.



Youth Alive reduces high risk behaviors through building friendships that emphasize small group activities where everyone is a winner. Interactive games and health education curricula are designed by the General Conference Health Ministries, Youth Ministries, Education, and Family Ministries departments. A team of 19 conference, union, division and General Conference leaders from these departments collaborated in this event which took two years of preparation. NSD Youth Director, Joshua Shin, gave four hours of lecture on Personal Development to the participants. The Golden Angels singing group from the NSD participated in this program by sharing their talents and spending time with the participants.

Youth Camp

The KUC (Korean Union Conference) Adventist Youth Department held a joint camp meeting at Kosung World Jamboree site from July 26-29, 2004 in celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Six thousand young people from all over Korea participated and were united as one in the Word of God. They dedicated themselves to the Lord through prayer and song. "For the Lord! To the World!" was the theme of this camp meeting. Invited speakers were Dr. Jairyong Lee, President of Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and Pastor Gidson Ondap, former Youth Director of South Philippine Union Conference. Pastor Joshua Shin, NSD Youth Director, served as translator.



Forty-eight new souls were brought to the Lord through baptism at the end of the meeting. The participants returned to their respective areas with new insights for sharing the gospel with people around them. For the Lord! To the World!

Youth Dept. Activities

The Japan Union Conference (JUC) Youth Department held a 'Church Building Project 2004' in Sarawak, East Malaysia, from March 14 to 30, 2004, for the 17th time since 1988. In Sarawak,

small village with 24 Adventist families had no church in their village.



As the church members had to walk more than an hour to church every Sabbath to attend the church service at Krokong SDA Church, they have requested the Sarawak Mission to build a church in their village. Upon learning of their desire, the JUC Youth decided to support them by building a church. All building costs (US \$9,000) were donated by JUC Welfare funds and Hiroshima Saniku Academy. Twenty Japanese youth participated in the project. Moreover, two Japanese young people and one local villager were baptized. Youth members received a rewarding experience of faith and fellowship. One of the young adults said, "Since we trust in the same Biblical God, we can be absolutely sure that we'll meet again in Heaven."

Pathfinders

More than 500 Adventurers, Pathfinders and staff members under the leadership of the Youth and Children's Ministries Director of the Taiwan Mission, Joseph Ma, gathered February 1-4, 2004 for the annual camporee held in southern Taiwan's Pingdong County. The theme for this camporee was, "The Temple in Our Hearts." The emphasis was helping everyone who participated to make Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior. Many government officials were present for the opening ceremony. After seeing the excellent marching performances of the clubs, they invited the Chingshan Church Pathfinder Club to march in the opening ceremony of a county-wide cultural celebration the following day.



Every morning and afternoon, special honor classes were held. Each Pathfinder had the option to choose which to attend. In addition to all the activities, the Taiwan Mission also displayed a replica of the Tabernacle. The Taiwan Mission President, Elder Bob Folkenberg Jr., described and explained to the participants the structure and meaning of the Tabernacle.

Adventist church members in the Northern Asia-Pacific region are not satisfied with only sending out missionaries who are already young adults. Now, they are training children to have a "mind for mission." The Children's Missionary Movement, voted in Hong Kong in June by Church Children's Ministries Directors from the region, aims to develop a "missionary consciousness" in children and train them to be missionaries. The goal is to prepare 10,000 children to develop a sense for mission, which includes their saving a certain amount of their allowances for a missionary fund until 2010. "By then, they can use this missionary fund to do missionary work." The Children's Missionary Movement participants are encouraged to attend a camp every year, and to participate in training courses, seminars and short-term mission projects. A Children's Missionary Movement magazine, to be published quarterly, will also be sent to those involved. Through the Children's Missionary Movement, the Children's Ministries Departments in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division territories hope that they will be able to produce many future missionaries, future leaders for the church, who will partake in the work of proclaiming the Three Angels' Messages.

Children's Ministries



Golden Angels

In December 19, 2004, the Golden Angels singing group held their One-Year Anniversary Music Concert entitled, "Champion Of Love," in the Sahmyook University Auditorium, Seoul, Korea. On Sunday evening, the special event inspired more than 2,000 people, including church members who participated, to celebrate and support the great mission of this musical group.

The seven-member Golden Angels singing group was formed on January 1, 2004 to support the work of the Pioneer Mission Movement pastors in their evangelistic work. This team was organized to spread the Three Angels' Messages through their musical talents to the 1.5 billion population who live in eight different nations in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Appreciation to the members of the first group and the dedication of the second group of Golden Angels was given at the end of the concert. Now, the newly selected second group of Golden Angels will continue the mission of the previous group.



Yoon, SungSoo (John)
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Shin, Dong-Hee (Joshua)
Youth Director



Family/Women's Ministries - Shepherdess



“God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground” (Genesis 1:27, 28, NIV).

Women Can Do Anything In The Lord!

With this motto, WM have been working hard and Awakening the people to use their potential power for God and His churches. Women (including men) have awakened and arisen through WM seminars and activities, especially during the “International Women’s Day of Prayer (the first Sabbath of March) and Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day (the second Sabbath of June). Many churches have special programs for women by women on these days.



Churches Began to Open Their Eyes to Women

Traditionally, it was not acceptable for women to speak from the pulpit, especially for church services. But times have changed. Women are now given opportunities to preach. Through various women’s education and training programs, the church now recognizes and embraces women for service. Churches should use women’s wisdom and vibrant energy to enhance their work.



Evangelism by Women

There were Evangelistic meetings held by women in Korea, Taiwan, China and Mongolia. Women were able to win many souls through their activities when they dedicated themselves to the Lord and used their God-given talents.



Women’s Ministries Leadership Certification Program Initiated

We have trained women to produce more effective and qualified leaders during the Bi-Division Women’s Convention which was held January 14-19, 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Approximately 500 women gathered for the Women’s Leadership Seminar. They had a wonderful time and were inspired by the reports from each Union. Women were encouraged to work more actively for the Lord.



The Korean Union Conference and the Japan Union Conference have begun Women’s Leadership Training Seminars with 357 KUC women who have received training and 37 JUC women who started GCWM Level 1 training in September, 2004.

The Second Bi-Division Women’s Convention

The second Bi-Division Women’s Convention was held on January 14-19, 2004 in the Federal Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. About 490 delegates, representing 13 unions, attended this convention. The delegates came from various parts of Asia: Bangladesh, China, Guam/Micronesia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, and also the United States. There were 114 delegates from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, 23 from the CHUM, 20 from the JUC, and 71 from the KUC.



Women Pastors’ and Elders’ Convention

Another significant convention was the first Women Pastors and Elders’ Convention which was held in Beijing, China, June 1-4, 2004. There are not many women pastors and elders in our Division. Only around 90 in total. So it was a small convention with only 53 in attendance, but it was a meaningful meeting and a historical event in our church history. Historically, women pastors and elders have not been well treated in many ways in this part of the world.



However, during this Convention, they were very much encouraged by the Word of God through the preaching of Pastor Clarissa Wooley, associate pastor of the Beaverton Church, in Oregon, USA. They discussed difficulties and problems in their fields as women pastors and elders.

Need of Professional Women's Cooperation

These women are professionals who work in various areas inside and outside of the Church. The KUC Women's Ministries Department encouraged these women to arise and organize a Professional Adventist Women's Association of Korea. On June 10, 2004, this Association held a dedication service at Sahmyook University. The first International Professional Adventist Women's Convention will be held August 19-23, 2005.



General Conference WM Scholarship Recipients

It has been a great blessing to receive the GCWM scholarship for NSD women during these past years. Hopefully, these recipients will be the future women leaders. We are praying that the Lord will continue to bless these NSD young women, so that they will remain faithful women servants of God. Past recipients of these scholarships are already serving as pastors and denominational office workers. The following have received scholarships during the past two years:



Kim Jehwa



Klm SunKyoung



Yoon SoEun



Wong Suet-Ling



Yip ChuiLing



Cai Juan Jian



Chung Nga Cheng



Kim JinSil



Wai Lan Ivy Wong



Yu Rey Heo

Family Ministries



Family Ministries also has a great mission to strengthen Adventist homes and non-Christian homes in the Division. To make healthy families and churches, there is a great need to have qualified and active FM leaders in our Division. The NSD originally planned to train FM leaders and started Family Ministry Education in 2003. Since then, this program is held every year in August at the Korean Sahmyook University for Union/Conference/Church leaders. Ronald and Karen Flowers, GCFM Directors, have been supportive of this project.



International Shepherdess



A Shepherdess International Convention was held September 9-14, 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. To continue to develop and nurture pastors' wives, each Union plans to hold a "Shepherdess College" each year.

The Shepherdess Coordinators meeting and Shepherdess Spiritual Revival meetings were hosted at the the KUC on August 26 and September 5-8, 2004 respectively. Wives of pastors were inspired by the impressive preaching of Sharon Cress. Around 700 shepherdesses attended this meeting. Other Shepherdess meetings were held in each Union.



Young-Ja Lee (Nam), Women's Ministries Director



Young-Ja Lee (Nam)
Women's Ministries Director

Kim, YoungSook (Kwon)
Personal Assistant



REACHING THE SOUL, DEVELOPING THE MIND

With more than 5,800 students, Sahmyook University in Seoul, Korea, is the largest Adventist institution of higher learning in the world. Known throughout South Korea and other parts of the world as a premier university, it is lauded for its excellence in academic studies, research, and community service. Its graduates have spanned the globe, serving with distinction in government, business, and various professions.

Assume you are visiting this institution for the first time. You have heard of the academic excellence and the professional heights of Sahmyook University. You were told about the unforgettable hallmarks of the university---the immortal, the invisible, and the glorious moments that bring glory to the gospel of Jesus Christ. But, having arrived on the final Admissions Day at the opening of the school year, you are shocked to discover that non-Adventists make up about 70 percent of the enrollment of about 5,800 students. What in the world is an Adventist institution doing with such a lopsided enrollment trend? Aren't the university officials aware of the denominational policy that our schools should restrict non-Adventist enrollment to about 30 percent?



“Yes, we are aware of the policy,” says a smiling university president, Dr. Suh, Kwang Soo. “But you must wait to see the end of the school year, when the statistics make a turnaround, with 70 percent of students becoming Adventists.” Between the shock of the opening report and the joy of the closing one is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon a dedicated faculty and Adventist student core, who spend the year reaching out to the non-Adventist students with the good news of redemptive joy. In 2004 alone, the university baptized 900 students.

Sahmyook is a sample of what Christian education can do. Integration of faith and learning transmits not only the finest in academics, but also the very reason for human existence.

Reaching Out

Reaching out with the Good News remains the fervent hope and the fondest aspiration of everyone in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division's six colleges and universities, 17 secondary schools, and 22 elementary and primary schools and five kindergartens. Although the task is not always easy, our 1,117 teachers daily seek to influence their more than 20,511 students. Consider Japan Missionary College, near Tokyo. A college with a rich history and a highly respected tradition, it had its ebb and flow through tumultuous eras of internal turmoil, anti-Christian moments, war, and finally a long period of peace and prosperity. But prosperity itself is a peril to the philosophy of Christian education. Does one need God when everything can seemingly be obtained without any supernatural help? Yet, Japan Missionary College continues to serve the community with a mission and an unsurpassed vision. In 2003, it baptized only four students, but its graduates have taken the Adventist value system throughout the communities they serve: nurses convey the Divine healing touch to needy patients, teachers convey the meaning of life to children, and pastors touch many souls in a society that embraces electronics, technology, and humanistic postmodernism. The college campus marked the centennial of the Adventist Church in Japan by dedicating a new building. “To make people whole is really their aim,” says Yoshibumi Takahashi, president of Japan Missionary College.



A New Division, a Challenging Task

One reason for organizing the Northern Asia-Pacific Division in 1997 out of the previous Far Eastern Division and the Asia-Pacific Division, was the challenging tasks that face the church in the new millennium. The vast country of China, with more a population of more than one billion, the increasingly secularized societies in almost every country of this new division, the growing challenges and opportunities for evangelism, make it necessary for the church to be prepared when the doors of the un-entered territories swing open. This means having ready a core of trained, committed workers to meet the spiritual needs of billions of people. Here's where the mission of Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) and Taiwan Ad-



ventist College (TAC) come in. HKAC has had some difficult times in recent years and only this past year obtained affiliation with Walla Walla College in the U.S.A. With new facilities and an energetic staff and faculty, the college is taking seriously its responsibility to train the future ministerial and teacher force for Chinese work.



Taiwan Adventist College faced its greatest challenge this past year from one of the century's worst earthquakes. The administration building was seriously damaged, and the New Start Health program's facility and the new academy building were destroyed. Heavy losses indeed, but this did not discourage the students or staff. The educational program is proceeding without interruption, and the new construction and repair made the campus ready to continue its mission.

The enrollment in both the academy and college has steadily increased over the past five years to the point where they have had difficulty finding Adventist Chinese faculty and staff members to meet the demand. Of the 80 faculty and staff members, 52 are Seventh-day Adventists. Yet despite the difficulties, they are offering a quality Adventist program in seven major fields.

Spiritual Development

The 2001 Annual Council's spiritual-development focus has affected education in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. With the help of faculty and student groups, each school and college has developed a measurable master plan for spiritual development on its campus. The renewed emphasis on outreach has resulted in students taking part in community-service activities, volunteer mission projects in other countries, and sharing their faith and values within the academic community.



For example, Japan Missionary College shares the Christian values of compassion and caring for the poor through the Asia Living Together organization. Students and faculty have worked among the lepers in Nepal and street children in Mongolia, and have carried out other projects in the Philippines and Indonesia. Although such ministries may not immediately produce baptisms, they transmit Christian values and create an enormous interest in Adventism. What's more, the Adventist students who participate in such mission outreach programs emerge with a new vision of "proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord."

Teachers and students of Adventist elementary schools in Japan pooled their human and financial resources to help establish the first Adventist kindergarten and elementary school in Mongolia. The initial donation in 2005 amounted to \$13,500.00. Just a mustard seed! But by God's grace, who knows what that small seed will do for God's glory and the service of the community in Mongolia? After all, Adventist education is evangelism.



So what is Christian education accomplishing in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division? It is climbing the heights of academic excellence in education, reaching the unreached with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and transmitting Adventist values to a world that is indifferent to Christianity or immersed in technology and humanism. It is giving new life and hope to thousands of children who come to the safe haven and the perpetually flowing fountain of eternal wisdom at our schools.



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Health - Personal Ministries - Sabbath School

“Go Make Disciples!”

Five hundred men and women gathered in small groups on a hillside for camp meeting. Some had walked three days. The featured speaker finally arrived. He spoke for less than one minute. It was over. His short message was shocking, revolutionary, and earth-shaking.

Jesus simply asked His five hundred friends to go make disciples. He then gave them authority to baptize and teach new disciples to follow His advice. Two thousand years later, His friends in China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan are following His advice in the Northern Asia-Pacific world, filled with a chopstick-using community of 1.5 billion people.

Sumo Wrestlers & Jockeys’ Delight

In April, 2005, Dr. Hayashi, Northern Asia-Pacific Bloc president of the newly-formed International Commission For The Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, was asked by the coach of Japan’s champion Sumo wrestlers, to help his gigantic athletes stop smoking. Within a couple days of this invitation, two thousand miles away, Dr. Santos and Aaron Liu, executive health experts working for *Adventist Health Hong Kong*, were invited by the commissioner of Hong Kong’s Jockey Association to help their tiny athletes stop smoking. Soon they will be able to testify that Jesus’ disciple-makers have miraculous power and authority to “set the captives free.”



Adventist “Dr. Schweitzer” in Afghanistan & China

On March 24, 2002, the Los Angeles Times quoted Dr. Sayed Alef Shah Ghanzanfar, a former lecturer at Harvard University who is one of Dr. Gordon Hadley’s many admirers. “He doesn’t care about politics, like Albert Schweitzer; he is dedicated to the human cause.” So, when millionaire mogul, Sir Run Run Shaw of Hong Kong, gave China the money to build a top class hospital in Hangzhou, he specified that Loma Linda University was to set up the protocols and quality control mechanisms. Adventist retiree, Dr. Gordon Hadley, was assigned the task. In March, 2005, eleven years after the hospital be-



gan operating, Dr. John McGhee interviewed the current president, Dr. Koh, and discovered that Sir Run Run Shaw hospital is considered to be one of the top ten hospitals in all of China.

Suicide Prevention

One in five teenagers in Korea and Hong Kong seriously considers committing suicide. Over thirty thousand adults will commit suicide in Japan during 2005. Of these, adult men, ages 45 - 60, have the highest suicide rate, world wide. China has recently identified suicide prevention as a high priority concern.



In March 2004, Loma Linda University sent a psychiatrist specializing in clinical depression, Dr. William H. McGhee, to Hangzhou, China where he spoke on national TV. Are you surprised that world-class medical experts look to Loma Linda University’s medical missionaries as people of compassion, courage, and capability to “heal the sick” as Jesus commanded?

Former Boxing Champion, Mongolia

Dr. John McGhee’s sparing partner represented Mongolian boxers at the Mexico City Olympics. He also represents over 700 Mongolian disciple-makers who are the fastest growing Adventist Church in the world, averaging 32% per year for the past five years. Such a sustained growth phenomena is possible for three reasons:



1. Mongolian Church members are constantly planting churches;
2. Every member is part of a “home group” where un-churched friends enjoy making friends;
3. Eighty per cent of the Adventists are using their Go One Million kits to help their neighbors “knock out” Satan’s control of their lives through alcoholism, spousal abuse, and poverty.

Youth Alive

The Mongolian Church paved the way in 2003, when one-half of the young Adventists in Mongolia attended the first *Youth Alive* camp in Northern Asia-Pacific Division’s history. The following year, 348 teens and young adults in Hong Kong, enjoyed a *Youth Alive* summer camp overlooking the South China Sea where 90% of the participants surged for-

Go1Million - Sow1Billion - Bible Schools



ward to accept Jesus' love and forgiveness.

According to Dr. Kathleen Kuntaraf, world coordinator, *Youth Alive*, produced by Health, Youth, Education, and Family Life experts, high risk behaviors

are reduced through building friendships that emphasize small group activities where everyone is a winner.

The campers told me: "I made many new friends;" "I learned to smile more;" "I learned to hold God's hand while reaching out to friends with the other one;" "I learned that sex was made by God for married lovers;" "My life has changed."

Sow One Billion(S1B) & Go One Million(G1M)



Tadashi Yamaji, editor of the Japan Publishing House, displays a copy of the only contemporary version of the Bible in Japanese, as well as 14 newspapers in which the Bible and "Sow One Billion" Bible study invitations were advertised. Other "Sow One Billion" postcards and a poster hang from the bookshelf. Twenty-five million

copies were distributed in eighteen months. Additionally, six thousand copies of this Bible, translated by Adventists, were sold.

In the Northern Asia-Pacific region, over 50 million Bible study invitations have been distributed and are being followed up by 107,000 disciple-makers using their kits - that's one out of every five Adventists in the NSD.

Four Generations of Church Planters

I can't tell you their names or where they live. But I can verify that those four men on the balcony represent 83 years of Adventist volunteer pastoral leader-



John McGhee
Director



Song, Hope
Personal Assistant



ship. The great grandfather, grandfather, father, and son are standing from left to right. You are looking at the newly built church which the extended family just completed, pastored by the son.

Wet Foot Club, Mongolia

Ever wondered why it seems that only ordained pastors baptize new believers? Consider joining the "Wet Foot Club" in Mongolia and experience the adrenalin rush that pastors live for - baptizing a new friend by the authority of Christ. These clubs are exclusively for disciple-makers. Here you see Elder Dale Tunnell, director of the Mongolian Mission, assisting a volunteer church planter, as they baptize her new friend.



Hope

Hope was homesick and seasick. This was to be her last outing with her classmates. She had decided to leave. The sturdy outrigger was in the open ocean. No one saw the rogue wave looming above, until it broke, twisting the craft like a corkscrew.

Hope felt herself being sucked down. She couldn't swim. With nothing to lose, Hope bargained, "God, if you save me, I will finish my Seminary studies here in the Philippines and go anywhere in the world that you send me."

The ear pressure was excruciating. She desperately needed air. Unbelievably, Hope felt strong, gentle pressure, pushing her up until she burst out of the water, taking a gulp of air.

Hope kept her promise and pastored churches in Washington DC and in Beijing. Today, Hope works as my assistant while in the planning stages of planting a new church, she is also currently pursuing her doctorate in Ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in the Philippines.

Communication - Publishing - Public Relations and

On Sabbath morning November 16, 2002, more than 1,000 people gathered in the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to celebrate 100 years of Seventh-day Adventist work among the Chinese people. Pastor Jan Paulsen, president of the Adventist World Church reminded those present that it is important to remember the past, for the people of the past are what have brought us to the present with the Lord's leading.



The Korean Church also celebrated their 100-Year Anniversary. They began a year-long celebration with a series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor Doug Batchelor at Sahmyook University, November 7-15, 2003. The celebrations culminated with a weekend-long festival November 5 & 6, 2004. Around 20,000 members gathered in the Seoul Olympic Stadium. Dr. Michael Ryan, vice president of the Adventist World Church, delivered the sermon with a challenge to look at the whole world in terms of evangelism. The events were broadcast via satellite.



Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital in Hangzhou, China celebrated 10 years of partnership between the provincial government, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and Loma Linda University. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Sir Run Run by Loma Linda University President, B. Lyn Behrens. Provincial dignitaries voiced their appreciation to the General Conference and Loma Linda University. Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital was presented with a miniature replica of the Loma Linda University statues of the Good Samaritan.



The General Conference delegation consisting of, Pastor Matthew A. Bediako, Secretary of the World Church and Pastor William G. Johnsson, Editor of the Adventist Review were honored guests. The Northern Asia-Pacific Division was represented by Dr. Jairyong Lee, President, Pastor Glenn Mitchell, Communication Director, and Dr. James Wu, Chinese Union Mission President.



Prior to these celebrations, the General Conference and Northern Asia-Pacific Division group visited various government agencies in Beijing and Shanghai. In Beijing, over 1,000 members were present on Sabbath morning while Pastor Bediako presented the sermon. The second Sabbath's worship, with over 1,300 present, was held in Shanghai.



Another celebration that brought great rejoicing took place on Sabbath, December 11, 2004, when the church in Taiwan gathered to commemorate reaching Conference status. For 52 years, Taiwan has been a Mission. Under the leadership of Dr. Robert Folkenberg, Jr., the objective was finally reached. During the first Conference session held December 21-23, 2004, Pastor John Ash III was elected president. Pastor Ash began his service in Asia 34 years ago when he and his wife, Connie, began Chinese language study in Taichung, Taiwan, the current site of the Conference headquarters.



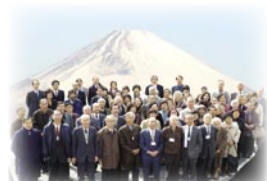
The Tokyo Adventist Hospital celebrated 75 years of service to the community in May, 2004. The hospital received the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001 Certificate in 2002. In January 2004, they are also to be commended for receiving the Quality Management System ISO 9001:2000 certificate.

The publishing work in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division continues to move strongly forward. On June 24-27, 2004, the Korean Literature Evan-

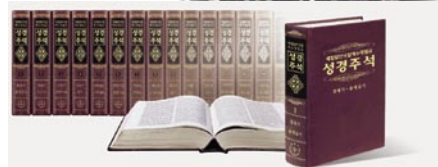


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gologists gathered at Namwon, Korea for a retreat. Two hundred-fifty LE's shared testimonies and songs as well as listened to inspirational presentations. Then on February 10-13, 2005 intrepid ninty Japanese LE's gathered in Hakone for their retreat. Hakone is a mountainous area within sight of Mt. Fuji.



Milestones for the publishing work in the NSD include the publication of the Conflict of the Ages series in Japanese, and the completion of translation of the Bible Commentary series in Korean. The publication of the Japanese Bible Society's new Bible version with over 1,000 color pictures, has been a great success.



On August 30 & 31, 2004, the Chinese Union Mission hosted an International Religious Liberty Association congress in Taipei, Taiwan. Two hundred delegates from many different faiths attended. City Mayor, Dr. Yin-jeou Ma, opened the session reminding all of the importance of religious freedom.



ADRA Mongolia director, Llewellyn Juby, was honored on March 7, 2005 by Mongolian President Bagabandi, who presented Juby with the Friendship Award in recognition of ADRA's contribution to Mongolian society. For the past 10 years, ADRA has been working with the Mongolian people to develop sustainable infrastructures and to bring relief in times of drought.

Following the horrific blast at Ryongcheon Train Station in North Korea on April 22, 2004, ADRA South Korea appealed to church members for support. They were able to ship 26,000 items of clothing to assist the 8,000 people who were left homeless by the blast.



Up to 10,000 farmers in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), will be able to keep their crops and livestock alive through the harsh winter due to implementing a system of biogas plants and greenhouses that the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), in partnership with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) are promoting.



On November 19, 2003, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Executive Committee established the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Geoscience Research Institute. This new institute located on the campus of Sahn-yook University, functions under the leadership of Dr. Choi, Chong Geol newly appointed director.

Pastor John Banks, Associate General Conference Communication Director, spent five days with Pastor John Ash III, Chinese Union Mission Communication Director during the latter part of July, 2004, evaluating the media capabilities of Chinese Union Mission. The Taiwan Adventist College is planning to offer a major in Communications to prepare workers for this special field of ministry. After visiting the media center in Hong Kong and Taiwan Pastor Banks encouraged the CHUM to build on the solid foundation that they have invested in the College.



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Fellowship following worship the Beijing Church



Current meeting place of the Shanghai Church



Beijing Church Board Members with visitors



Former Shanghai Sanitarium, currently an army hospital



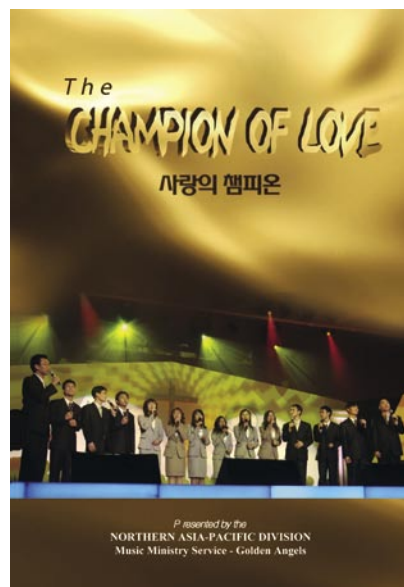
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Former Shanghai Sanitarium Church



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The "Champion of Love" DVD has just been released in time to become the gift to be given to the delegates attending the 2005 General Conference Session. This is the first DVD the Golden Angels have produced. It will be available to those attending Golden Angels concerts.

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