Our mission is colossal. We are to preach the gospel “to every nation, tribe, tongue and people.” (Rev 14:6) Obstacles, difficulties and mission challenges emerge before us. How can we overcome these obstacles and successfully accomplish the gospel commission?

The latter rain will strengthen God’s people. It promises to be the most powerful spiritual weapon God has ever granted His children. Obstacles will shatter. God’s remnant will be empowered to rapidly spread the gospel message to the entire world. Yes, we are told “We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it” (Ev, 701).

In order to receive this celestial power we need to be united with one accord. Let us remember that when the disciples were fully united “putting away all differences, all desire for the supremacy” (AA, 37), the Holy Spirit came upon them and filled them with a great power they needed to spread the gospel message to every corner of the earth. Unity is a prerequisite for the latter rain.

Unity is essential to the accomplishment of our mission, but so often lies beyond our reach. The disciples faced the same problem. They argued amongst themselves regarding who was the greatest. (Luke 9:46) Jesus, out of great concern for them, earnestly prayed for them and for us. “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you” (John 17: 20-21). So, I want to leave you with three thoughts:

Unity is possible once we humble ourselves. As long as we consider ourselves more important or better than others unity is destroyed and division the consequence. With this church loses its power and subsequently its passion to reach out to people with the gospel message. When we humble ourselves He will lift us up above all. (Jam 4:10) True unity is a result of the humble heart of God’s people.

Unity is possible when we are united in Christ. If a man is the center of the church, he will try to exercise kingly power. Under such circumstances, true unity is unattainable. Therefore, Christ’s love and compassion, kindness, understanding, patience, to mention a few, should be promoted and practiced among our people. Christ is indeed the head of the church and if we are all united with Him we will be united in Him. There is no true unity outside of Christ.

Unity is possible when we respect each other. We are different: in educational and cultural background, our ways of thinking and working, our value systems and opinions, etc. Unless the views we hold clearly violate biblical principles, we must learn to respect the views and values others hold as much as we cherish our own. Our mottos should be the spirit of the Golden Rule, “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them” (Matt 7:12).

When we are united and press together in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, we will without doubt accomplish the great mission the Lord has entrusted to His followers. “It should be understood that perfect unity among laborers is necessary to the successful accomplishment of the work of God” (9T, 196).

NSD Mission Statement
The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to communicate to all peoples in its territory the everlasting gospel of God's love in the context of the Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14:6-12, and as revealed in the life, death, resurrection, and high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord and to unite with His remnant church; and to nurture believers as disciples in preparation for His soon return, and to equip and empower them for service.
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Almost 85% of the Adventist membership in Mongolia consists of young people, so a strong youth ministry is vital. On August 22, 2009 Pastor HaShik Kang and his family arrived in Mongolia after a lengthy delay due to visa challenges. The PMM pastor is the new MMF Youth Ministries director. Following are a few of the highlights in the newly established Youth department.

Music Contest
Over the last few months, the Youth department organized several activities and programs. In August, as previously reported in the November/December 2009 issue of the News & Views, we held our first interchurch gospel singing contest. Eight churches joined the Eternal Sound contest. Talent was found in each of the four categories: free song, acapella, church hymns and creative/ motion songs. The Youth department plans to make this an annual contest. The purpose of this festival is to encourage an active lay ministry and develop standards for music in the Mongolian churches.

AMICUS
After the MMF Youth Ministry orientation in November 2009 with Pastor Joshua Shin, we were able to organize the first AMiCUS in Mongolia. December 19, 2009 saw our first AMiCUS festival. Eighty students packed into the Ulaanbaatar Central church to enjoy the Christmas-themed program. Eight AMiCUS cell groups prepared special presentations. We enjoyed watching our young people’s creative productions. Some groups sang, some read poetry, some presented dramas, and some held fun activities. The most exciting part was the musical drama presented by each group. They contextualized the Biblical stories into modern lifestyle and culture of Mongolia using the melodies of the country’s popular songs for the conversational parts. The lyrics had been revised to fit
A MiCUS is one of the newest organizations under the Youth Department of Mongolia Mission Field. With excitement and energy for the goals and objectives of AMiCUS, the members devised a plan to bring many non-Adventist students to an Adventist gathering and join the organization. The goal was 500 new members for AMiCUS. With the initiative of Pastor Kang, AMiCUS proposed to make use of the talents that the Sullami musical group from Korea has when they learned that this group was coming to visit Mongolia. It presented the organization’s chance to invite their non-Adventist schoolmates, classmates and friends.

For this event, AMiCUS rented an amphitheater with 500 seats so many people can watch the musical presented by the Sullami team from Korea. The play was about the experience of Robert Jermain Thomas who was the first into the story. It was fun and interesting. We believe and hope that through the AMiCUS program we can reach many non-Adventist students in Mongolia.

Bible Olympiad

In December 2009, we had our first Bible Olympiad in Mongolia. People were so excited about this activity that our various churches started to prepare their people a month ahead of time. At first we thought that there would not be many people from the countryside churches, but surprisingly 14 participants from 7 different places arrived to join the Olympiad. The farthest travelled a distance of 1000 km to get to Ulaanbaatar. All in all 88 participants from 14 churches took part. The Bible Olympics covered the 4 gospel books: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

When we started our first level participants were tense as they were very serious about the Olympiad. Easy and difficult questions were mixed. And although this was a competition the participants remained pleasant even when they failed to answer questions. They shared with why they were unable to answer correctly and were challenged to learn more and have a better chance next time. At the end, we had a tie for second place and one first place winner.

The experience was quite challenging for our members. We know that in the next Olympiad it will be a tough competition because many who failed this time will prepare wholeheartedly to try to get to the top.

Re-organization of Pathfinder Club

Throughout Mongolia thus far we have has only one Pathfinder club at Ulaanbaatar Central church. Club membership totaled 50 with 9 teachers. This year Pastor Kang met with all the teachers and re-organized the club into 6 camps. For the year 2010, we challenged ourselves and set big goals.

- Adiyahu Oktyabr, Associate Youth Director, MMF.

Korean Musical Team Partners With Mongolia for AMiCUS 500 Project

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missionary to Korea. AMiCUS members distributed 1000 tickets to their fellow non-Adventist students and to the Adventist church members. At first the AMiCUS members were all apprehensive of the goal to invite 500 non-Adventist students since it seems such a large number. But finally on January 23, the day planned for the event, many people queued up at the entrance of the amphitheater. The doors were opened 30 minutes before the program and we had hoped to start the program on time but instead we were 40 minutes late because we could not ignore the long line outside the concert hall. It was jam-packed with people and some had to stand as there were no seats available anymore. The Sullami musical team, headed by Pastor Ku Ji Hyun, performed impressively, and it was amazing that some of our Mongolian young people, 17 of them, who were recruited to be members of the cast in this event performed well even though they practiced only for five days with the 12 members of this team. The members of the team, both Koreans and Mongolians, learned to cooperate with each other and developed good friendships. It was a good experience for members of both teams. People really appreciated their musical, dancing and acting talents. One church member told of how she wept from the story depicted in the play. This kind of program can really touch people’s lives. The musical play was a success. We thanked God for bringing the Sullami team to Mongolia.

Thirty college students from Darkhan city, mostly non-Adventists, were our special visitors for this event. They were very energetic young people.

The following day, AMiCUS leaders organized a social activity for the students. They played games and indoor sports. The purpose of this social activity was to acquaint themselves and enjoy fellowship with the students who recently joined the organization. More and more students are becoming aware of the AMiCUS organization. May God bless this movement!

- Adiyahu Oktayabr, Associate Youth Director
Inspired by the NSD Golden Angels our Youth department decided to organize its own Mongolian Golden Angels team recently. Following the same principles as the NSD our young people are given the chance to dedicate 1 year of their lives to God. The purpose of the Mongolian Golden Angels is to support and empower local churches.

Music Ministry in Mongolia improves rapidly. January 24 saw its first audition for the Mongolian Golden Angels. Pastor Joshua Shin from Northern Asia Pacific Division visited Mongolia to lead out in the audition.

There were 17 applicants. The audition was quite challenging for singers; their singing ability, voice range, and learning abilities were tested.

We believe that through this project our young people will be trained for service and the churches will be energized. Lastly, our Youth department is expecting great things to happen in the future.

Adventist Mongolian Outreach Service (AMOS) health department is currently working on the Healthy Living Series, a total of 8 DVDs which was presented by Dr. Don Hall. He is a preventive care specialist and graduate of Loma Linda University.

Our work is to translate these eight healthy living series from English to Mongolian and then to record the voice over in the video. This takes a lot of time, money and hard effort but we were able to finish 2 of these DVD’s on hand.

Our goal of releasing these health series DVD’s in Mongolian is to give health education to the community and use it in group classes, community education programs and for sharing new concepts with others to help them to change their lifestyle. Some other benefits of making these series available: Local church leaders can use these DVD’s to run an evangelistic meeting or other public community work.

Local church leaders can use these DVD’s as a tool for their ministerial work.
Pastors from the Japan Union Conference gathered together at Tachikawa church, Tokyo to participate in a Bible Conference January 25 through 28, 2010. The Conference was organized by the JUC Ministerial Association in coordination with NSD Ministerial Association. The Biblical Research Institute scholars Angel Manuel Rodriguez, Gerhard Pfandl, Kwabena Donkor, Ekkerhardt Mueller, and Clinton Wahlen were the main speakers at the Conference.

For a biblical study and interpretation of the book of Revelation JUC invited Dr. Jon Paulien, Dean of the School of Religion and Vice-president for Religious Education and Dr. Merlin Burt, Associate Professor of Church History and Director of Center for Adventist Research from Andrews University. Both gave important presentations on the authority and interpretation of Ellen G. White writings. At the inaugural address of the Conference, Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president suggested that pastors “look for truth and for Christ who is the truth looking for a deeper significance of the Scripture. Human ideas never will replace the word of God. This is the church of God and the church that holds the truth, a truth that signified life in Jesus because He is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6).

The Conference addressed a series of topics and issues related to the doctrine of revelation-inspiration, Authority of the Scriptures, theology of Church Mission, the remnant, Ellen G. White a prophetess to Christianity, Ellen G White and her writings, Authority of Ellen G White, Ellen G. White Jesus and the Scriptures, interpretation of Ellen G. White, and current theological trends in Adventism.

Dr. Paulien gave fours important presentations on the interpretation of the book of Revelation. His presentation were felt to bring a new perspective and deep understanding emphasizing God’s care for His church and the fulfillment of church eschatological promises.

In the words of Masaki Shoji, president of the Japan Union Conference, “at this Conference I got new thoughts and I was so moved and encouraged by these new suggestions. It stimulated theological thought. These presentations produced in me a wide vision as an Adventist pastor. A very stimulating message presented by each of the speakers indeed.”

According to Manuel Angel Rodriguez, “the Bible Conference has been a blessing for all participants and gives us the opportunity to interact with pastors, theologians and church leaders by having fellowship and the ability to reaffirm our faith and doctrine.” At the close of the Conference many words of appreciation were spoken by JUC leaders and church pastors. This was a Conference that enriched pastors theologically and in their understanding of biblical hermeneutics, exegesis and Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. Young pastors approached the speakers with a commitment to study the Scriptures and read the writings of Ellen G. White.

- Miguel Luna, NSD Ministerial Association Secretary
NSD Week of Spiritual Emphasis

NSD held its annual Week of Spiritual Emphasis from February 1-5, 2010. Ron and Karen Flowers, Family Ministries’ directors from the General Conference began their first morning with a contemporary, fresh look at the book of Ruth. The emphasis on Family Joy, presented a timely theme in a world filled with heartbreak, hurt, bitterness and broken people. Throughout the week Flowers’ highlighted the wonderful change that the connection to family and community can make in the everyday life as well as spiritual life of the individual.

The spiritually enriching and uplifting messages accentuated the wonderful love of God for His children and how we as a church in turn can reflect this love to the hurting in our communities. They encouraged staff to be joying in Christ in this world and the world to come.

Flowers’ are both Certified Family Life Educators. Ron holds an MDiv from Andrews University and a DMin from Denver Seminary with an emphasis in marriage and family. Karen has an MA from Andrews University and is pursuing a PhD in Religious Education with an emphasis in family life education from Andrews. They have two adult sons: Jeff, who is married and works with FINCA International, and Jon, who is a genetics researcher at New York University.

The talks have all been filmed and are available on the NSD website for your viewing pleasure.

FLOWERS IN WINTER

The cold winter winds brought us the co-directors of the Family Ministries Department of the General Conference, Dr Ronald and Karen Flowers.

Their sermon preached at the Sahmyook University Church on Sabbath, January 31, entitled “Daybreak”, brought warmth to our hearts as we learned that when Jesus talked about loving our neighbors, He meant those we are closest to like spouse and family members in addition to those who are in the community.

In the afternoon, counseling majors, pastors, Family Ministries leaders and church members gathered for a 3-hour seminar at the University.

A number of the audience participated in the interactive session led by Ron and Karen with illustrations on the family as a system. This drove home lessons that will stay with all for a long time.

All who attended were certainly warmed by the message that in the family, no matter how broken we are, there is God in its midst, providing comfort and assurance to see us through each and every crisis.

This made the cold wintry Sabbath not so cold after all.
Starting with the East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) from January 3 to 5, the five local Conferences in Korea - South East Korean Conference (SEKC) from January 6 to 7; West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) from January 10 to 12; South West Korean Conference (SWKC) from January 13 to 15; and Middle West Korean Conference (MWKC) from January 18 to 20 held their sessions.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, thanked the officers and directors of each conference for their hard efforts and spoke encouraging words for the start of marvelous spiritual revival and reformation which has never been seen to such a degree in the history of the Korean Adventist church.

Pastor DaeSung Kim, newly elected KUC President stated “as we always wish, the will of God must be accomplished and He should be glorified through each session of each conference. I want all Korean Adventists to stand up for the Lord and to light the lamp of truth.”

The reorganization of church structure was approved at each session. It showed that most members are eager to fuel new evangelistic revival through a change in structure.

Pastor Kim mentioned that “a Union of Churches is more efficient than our current structure, but the most important thing in change does not belong to structure, but the people.” Most delegates reflected their expectation of the Union of Churches to bring spiritual revival and tremendous mission work.

The new officers in each conference are as follows:

- ECKC: ChiYang Moon (President), KwangSoo Park (Secretary), ChiBeom Moon (Treasurer) / WCKC: YoungKyu Choi (President), SukWoo Kang (Secretary), JungKi Kim (Treasurer) / SEKC: JiChoon Lee (President), SiChang Nam (Secretary), PyoungSoo Woo (Treasurer) / SWKC: ByungHab Lee (President), ChunYul Jung (Secretary), ByungSoo Lee (Treasurer) / MWKC: SunKeun Sohn (President), ChongHap Yoon (Secretary), BoYong Jung (Treasurer)
Korea

New Leader at Helm of Korean Church

The Korean Union Conference held a special inauguration service at Sahmyook Central Church on January 12, 2010. About 300 people attended the service to swear in the new KUC president and departmental directors.

Pastor DaeSung Kim, new KUC President said “we need to deal with many challenges, such as spiritual problems and secularism with resolute determination.” He also suggested the direction of ministries of Korean Adventist Church during the next session. In addition, he mentioned the importance of change, saying “we need to make desperate efforts to grow and develop ourselves spiritually”. He appealed to hold God’s hand and to experience a daily change of life, so that all of us can finally go to heaven.

Pastor MyungKwan Hong who led KUC well during the last session gave thanks to God for His guidance in spite of difficult problems such as the Jeju district separation and operation of Sahmyook Adventist Hospital and he expressed appreciation to his co-workers for their devotion and cooperation.

Pastor Hong showed his deep confidence in the new president, saying “Pastor Kim is a faithful servant of the Lord who is full of spiritual and physical energy. He also said “God’s plan to call the new leader will be.”

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, in his congratulatory message, emphasized the significant mission given to us and to go forth toward the heavenly Canaan like the Israelites standing at the edge of the Jordan River.

He asked the new president to show strong leadership which always depends on God despite hardship and difficulties. And he also wished the Korean Adventist Church abundant blessings.

Korean Publishing House Turns Over A New Leaf

The Korean Publishing House elected the former director of the SDA Language Institutes, Dr SiYoung Kimw as its new president during its board meeting on January 15, 2010. Pastor GyuCheol Shin, outgoing president commended the committee with, “it is good to appoint a new president who is suited to these this new age”. Shin worked hard towards the development of the publishing ministry in Korea during his 8 year tenure.

KUC president Pastor DaeSung Kim thanked Pastor Shin for his efforts and asked his help and encouragement in the future.

NSD president, Dr Jairyong Lee emphasized the importance of the publishing ministry. “As Mrs. White mentioned, we feel the need and importance to distribute our publications like fallen leaves,” he said.

He added “KPH has contributed to the development of the publishing ministry in Korea and even while many other publishing houses in the world are challenged, KPH has made rapid progress. It is due to the devotion of Pastor Shin and his staff.”

We hope KPH will be united under the leadership of its new president, for it to grow into a world-class Adventist publishing center.
Taiwan Conference

160 delegates attended a special session of the Taiwan Conference, to decide whether the conference will become a union of churches.

The result: 131 in favor of, 20 against, and 3 abstentions. TWC decided to apply to the General Conference to become a union of churches.

Delegates in favor say that a change in the church organization will simplify the church structure and lower costs in administration, bring new opportunities and more collaboration with institutions in Taiwan. Other benefits were enhanced self-governance and responsibility, better utilization of ministries and resources, localized ministry strategies, less politically sensitive and more centralized ministries in Taiwan.

Hong Kong-Macau Conference

Delegates from Hong Kong attended a special session of the Hong Kong-Macau Conference on Dec 12-13, regarding the matter of church restructure.

After nearly eight hours of discussion, a vote was taken after the prayer by Pr. Stanley Ng.

The result of the vote was 101 in favor, 4 against, and 24 abstentions. With this important decision, HKMC is officially making the application to the General Conference to come a union of churches.

Pending the approval of General Conference, HKMC is also requesting to take over the administration of the institutions currently under CHUM.
On January 15, 2010 we had our first Literature Evangelism training in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Seven church leaders from the Ulaanbaatar area and nine church leaders from different parts of Mongolia along with their church members participated in the training.

MMF Publishing Department Director, Bold Batsukh, started with the devotional message on the Parable of the Talents.

Discussions centered on how to evangelize with literature in Mongolia.

They decided to start working in five ways: put our books in book stores, get help from His Hands missionaries, each church starting a library where literature and books can be placed for the church members to read and be introduced to the available books that our Literature Ministry is selling, and lastly, visit businesses and homes for direct selling.

Training covered all important skills on how to approach different people with different canvasses.

It was stressed during the training that it is important to take a survey in order to find Bible study interests.

Our literature evangelists are canvassing different types of books namely: family, health, education, and Bible study.

Our aim for this year is to translate and publish five books including Ellen G. White’s books and books that will introduce Jesus.

We praise God for helping us start the literature evangelism ministry this year.

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The Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) continues to offer theological education to its young workers who do not have the opportunity to attend a Theological Seminary or School of Theology.

Twenty students actively participated in the course and enjoyed dialogue, exchange and discussion. The certificate program reveals a vision of the MMF administration in order to train the missionary workers in its territory.

The first course Principles of Hermeneutics was offered by Dr. Miguel Luna from January 4-14, 2010. Courses in Pastoral Care and Counseling and Expository Preaching are planned for August and November.

But it was not all work. On the evening of January 13 two missionaries, husband and wife, received the wedding blessing by Pastor Luna.

Their dream of a church wedding finally came true almost a decade after their civil wedding.

Families and relatives traveled, despite treacherous weather conditions, from different parts of Mongolia to support them on this important occasion in their lives.
Japan

Hot Off The Press: Beginner & Kindergarten Grace Link Quarterlies

The advertisement read, “Bring back the joy into Sabbath School.” In January 2010, the Japan Union Conference will be ready to put on sale the Grace Link books for the Beginner and Kindergarten levels. These books are in full color and parents are encouraged to use them for bedtime stories, family worship through the week and to teach the songs that accompany the lessons to their children. Sabbath School teachers are assured that these new books will be easy to use, taking them through from the introduction to the teaching and the application of the lesson with many interesting approaches to be selected from a number of options every week.

Indeed, we pray that the children of Japan will be linked to God’s grace and experience the love of God in their lives through these well-developed lessons.

This work began with Pastor Fukui in 2006 who then passed the unfinished project to Pastor Toshio Shibata who completed the project and saw it through to the printing. Now with the books hot of the press, the new Children’s Ministries Director for JUC, Mrs. Shizuko Ikemasu, is determined to encourage the use of these resources in Sabbath schools all over Japan.

- Sally Lam-Phoon, NSD Children’s Ministries Director

China

2010 Global Leadership Summit

Around 25 church leaders including 13 Division Leadership Training & Development coordinators gathered in Beijing, China from January 25-28, 2010 for the third Global Leadership Summit. The annual Summit is sponsored by the Office of Global Leadership Development at the General Conference. Pastor Stanley Ng, Leadership Coordinator represented the Northern Asia-Pacific Division at the meetings. The objective of this Summit is to discuss the development of competent leaders at every level and throughout every generation of the church. The objective is to have leaders driven by mission and excellence that inspire others to unity, growth, quality of life and discipleship. To prepare servant leaders who model Christ-like interpersonal relationships, demonstrate integrity, and who are loyal to God and His church.

Drs. Michael Ryan and Pardon Mwansa, vice presidents of the General Conference led out in the meetings. Two professional presentations were shared by Dr. Erich Baumgartner, Professor of Christian Leadership and Dr. Stanley Patterson, Director of the Christian Leadership Center from Andrews University. All 13 Divisions and the GC Educational Institutions gave their reports on leadership training activities as well as their plans for the coming year. A leadership curriculum proposal for newly-elected officers was also discussed. The proposal is considered good package material for the orientation of the new church leaders.

- Stanley Ng, NSD Assistant to the President
Excitement skyrocketed about the projected Union-wide convocation planned for the disabled in September. The event is usually held every 4 years. To everyone’s disappointment the new influenza raised its unfriendly head and the meeting would not materialize until 2010. But hope was still in their hearts.

The Japan Union Conference is aware of the needs of its handicapped members and actively helps break down the barriers for them to be active.

A great portion of the funds raised through Ingathering is used to support the activities organized through the Adventist Disability Center.

There are four groups in Japan Union Conference’s ministry for the disabled:

1) Visually Impaired Group

With a membership of approximately 20, the group which began before World War II is very active through telephone communications, preparing Kyou no Hikari daily devotions, Sabbath School quarterly guides, Signs of the Times and transposing these to tapes.

They also help facilitate a spring and fall week of prayer for the church’s handicapped. Their magazine called Maranatha is distributed 3 times a year to 2,000 recipients and 30 tapes are sent out quarterly.

The group also help edit the Braille Sabbath School Guide produced by the Sabbath School Department.

2) Disabled Group

With a membership of approximately 60, the group is active in personal spiritual activities such as campmeeting once a year in late spring, a fall picnic which was held at a beautiful rose garden, a Christmas party and a spring nature adventure to the beach as seen in the picture. Weekly Bible study in sign language is lovingly presented for these members.

3) Hearing Impaired Group

Begun in 1976, this devoted group prepares 4,300 copies of a magazine named Apata for distribution every 3 months.

4) Orthopedically Disabled Group

With 78 members, these leaders are active in sending out 4,500 copies of a magazine called Bambi to the churches and supporters 3 times a year. The members go out on visitation, send out letters, cards and call on the telephone to assist members. Assistance is given to the churches to help the orthopedically handicapped members to be barrier free by providing ramps and seat elevators to help at their local church.
A health expo was held at a huge shopping mall located in Maebashi City. Ten booths were set up and 133 guests participated in the day’s events. NEWSTART was the basis for the project. Some services offered were testing of: blood pressure, lung capacity, fat density, and health age.

Health consultations, relaxation corner/chair massage, Newstart/vegetables – how to cook a healthy vegetarian diet were a part of the program and the Adventist lifestyle introduced.

Elementary children from Kofudai Saniku Elementary School presented a special “Kids Church” including the message presented by their loving principal, Yuji Mori.

Full attendance on this day was 175. When the children sang, the church resounded with joy.

The church members were praising God and very happy to receive these young ambassadors to Christ to their church.
Kujikawa Church Bible Camp

Kujikawa SDA Church Bible Camp still going strong with evangelistic outreach to children at their 100th year anniversary.  Kujikawa Church celebrates a century of outreach. How blessed would the founders feel if they could see the fruits of their humble beginnings today! Kujikawa Church was organized as a church on July 22, 1909 with only 11 members. This picture shows their evangelistic spirit even then. Visitors and children made up half the attendees.

Osaka Center SDA Church – 50th Anniversary

It began in 1959 originally on government owned land as seen in this picture, about one minute away from the subway station. Known for the flourishing English Language School in the 70s and 80s, it relocated to where the West Japan Conference in Osaka is located. There were 120 members at the time of relocation. Fifty years later, the church is now located on the other side of the river near a cherry blossom park. It is a 7 story building. The church is friendly and still as warm as in the days it began. At last count the church membership stood at 340.
The SDA Education (Director Lee Gwang Jae) successfully carried out their 2010 Total Immersion Winter Bible Camp from January 29 through January 31, 2010 at Yang Pyong English Village.

The coldness of the winter was warmed by the Word of God in the theme of “My Happiest Moment in Life.” Over 800 people from 42 institutes came including pastors, teachers and students.

The speaker for this camp was Pastor Shin Tae Gyun, the branch director of Sangdo institute. He shared about the problems of his daily life and how to find answers to those problems from the Bible and through his faith.

On Friday afternoon, 20 well prepared English seminars presented a practical help to our students. On Sabbath, the second day of the camp, 53 souls were baptized.

Kim In Sung, a 27 year old student from Sinchon Institute said, “While I was getting baptized, I felt like I was in the warm bosom of God, and I would like to help others to come to know Jesus.”

Including the 29 souls who decided to be baptized at their home churches, a total of 82 precious souls joined the church through this winter Bible camp.

The Japanese and Chinese Institutes held their camp meeting at the same time, and baptized 4 people.

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The camp is a place where sincere prayers are offered by missionaries, and the answers to these prayers are experienced. SDA Education will continue to hold Bible camps, and reach out to people through their weekend programs, All Day Club, Chapel Day, and Mission Week.

The Institute is a maternity ward for saving souls.

SDA Education Winter Bible Camp – Reaping A Full Harvest

SDA Education held an official inauguration ceremony for its new director and a farewell party for the former director in the presence of all the branch directors, staff members, and other denominational workers as well as invited guests. The former director Si Young, Kim reminisced over the past 10 years of his service and expressed his gratitude toward the institute staff stating that he would not forget those who have dedicated their lives in serving the institute through hard times and good times. During Kim’s tenure the institute grew from 23 to 41 institutes and if the satellite branch schools were included in the growth, it has grown to 62 places showing a ratio of growth to be three times more than when he took his position.

New director Pastor Lee, Kwang Jae in his inauguration speech stated that he would pursue the advancement of the institute in the areas of mission, language business, overseas educational system, contents and specialized business as its main focus. He emphasized that the SDA Education business began through the prompting of the Holy Spirit and with a few devoted missionaries and has grown this far and will continue to grow. He also stated that we must not forget that the primary purpose of the institute’s business is to make our institution become a place to teach the word of God and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ who gives eternal life to mankind.
From February 8-11, 2010, the first Bi-Division Residence Deans’ Workshop convened at the Mido Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. Besides being the first Bi-Division Residence Hall Deans’ Workshop, this was the very first workshop ever conducted for residence deans in either the NSD or SSD territories.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of NSD, graced the workshop and gave the opening address. He challenged all deans to give special attention to the students who have come under their care and stressed that they were not there by accident by the providence of God. He provided the devotion just before the start of the second day workshop and once again he challenged the participants to be men and women of prayer and the Word of God. Dr. Chek Yat Phoon, NSD Education Director gave the next devotion and he said that all Adventist educators faced great challenges in this 21st century and in order to overcome these challenges, they must have new paradigms. “Adventist education is not to be reformed but to be transformed.” This is to be accomplished by the “renewal of the mind.” Dr. Mike Lekic, SSD Education Director said that all deans and Adventist educators have a vantage place in God’s kingdom—place of ministry and a place where it is safe for his children to prepare themselves and others for the “home” made new. The two presenters of the workshop were Dr. Donald Murray, the retired dean of men of Andrews University, and his wife, Dr. Susan Murray, Associate Professor of Family Studies in the Behavioral Sciences and Social Work Department of Andrews University. Dr. Don Murray had worked as residence dean in secondary and tertiary institutions for 42 years. The team presentations inspired the deans and brought to their attention not only the significant calling of residence deanship, but challenged them to think out of the box as they minister to the needs of students who come under their care. Residence hall deans need to have a program which is to be totally integrated into the entire curriculum of the school. Many functions and roles of the dean were brought out and each participant caught a renewed vision of their calling to the work of residence deanship.

There was also the recommendation that each Division starts a chapter of the Adventist Student Personnel Association (ASPA) to continue on the education of residence deans and also to bring to the deans an Adventist organization for fellowship, mutual learning and support of the deans as they grow professionally and enhance the educational work of all schools within the Divisions.
Third CLAP Sessions Gets Underway

The Communication & Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) participants met for the third (out of 4) sessions at the beautiful SDA Language Institute at Silang, Cavite during the Lunar New Year holidays. The program began on schedule on Monday, February 15 when all 34 participants arrived from China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Mongolia and Taiwan. As part of the orientation, the participants took time to renew their friendships. Classes started bright and early after a morning devotion where CLAP students take turns to speak. This time we were privileged to have 18 Filipino English tutors work with our group on an individual basis for conversation classes. The tutors were guided by our English consultant, Mrs Erica Hole, to encourage the students to speak most of the time and they were only to act as listeners and facilitate the conversation by asking questions.

Leadership classes were run as well by Dr. Chek Yat Phoon. Our assistant teacher, Mrs. Maike Stepanek, helped with interviewing students regarding their challenges coping with assignments in between sessions. This has proved to be most difficult especially for leaders who already have their plate filled to overflowing. Nonetheless, all of the students have tried their level best to attend to their homework in order to achieve the improvement in their English.

Our final session will be held in Korea at the end of May to the beginning of June climaxing in a graduation ceremony for all who complete this one-and-a-half-year program consisting of 4 sessions. Up to now, most of the participants have made considerable gains in their ability to speak English.

Korea

The Gift of Love: Seoul English Institute Church hosts 5th concert to raise funds for the poor and needy

The Seoul English Institute Church held their 5th annual charity concert on December 25, 2009 with 500 attendees to lend financial assistance to youths who are heads of households, people with handicaps, and elderly people who live alone. This event began back in 2005 with the intention of carrying out Jesus’ command to “Love your neighbors as yourself” in poverty stricken neighborhoods. The first part of the program began with guest performers. The second part of the program was performed by the Seoul English Institute Church’s very own choir. Despite the economic difficulties, many private businesses and groups and members of the Seoul English Institute Church gave generously. The Seoul English Institute Church is planning to carry out ‘love your neighbors’ projects to show the practical love of Jesus through service and love.
As the world church expresses greater interest in North Korean mission work, the NSD decided to publish a North Korean Mission Magazine in order to cater to these needs. The magazine will provide a variety of information and present mission strategies. The NSD works in different ways towards its end in mission work in North Korea. There are a number of limitations and a plethora of barriers to spread the gospel. Despite few reports due to the sensitive nature of our situation, the NSD steadily works to help North Korea in cooperation with several organizations and individuals related to North Korea. Some of these endeavors brought positive results. Finally, a regular publication is ready to unveil our mission work in North Korea albeit in a limited way.

The first issue of the bimonthly magazine tentatively named “North Korea Mission News” is due in March, 2010. The newsletter will introduce activities of North Korean mission organizations, living conditions and culture. We hope this newsletter will serve as a channel of spreading the gospel in our neighboring territory where people die without knowing the truth. We ask you to pray for this project. Pastor SeonMan Kim, (smkim@nsdadventist.org) is in charge of projects related to North Korea.

#### Japan

**Youth meeting in Kyushu.**
**On September 21, 2009**

22 adults and 8 children attended a bungalow camp in Kumamoto prefecture. The focus was on fellowship.

After worship on Sabbath all were free to relax and enjoy a barrier free environment which led to opening hearts and discussing some issues in the church until deep into the night. This in turn resulted in better understanding and a bonding spirit. All involved in the discussion were well satisfied with the explanation of the issues and how they related to themselves. Because of this spirit they expressed a deep desire to meet regularly.

We are praying for the Holy Spirit to work in their young lives.
The 1000 MM campus is abuzz again with 95 new trainees from seven countries as they join the 35th batch training.

The English training formally started with an opening program on December 28, 2009 to welcome the new recruits. Pastor Joo Min Ho, the Movement's director and keynote speaker for the program, emphasized the importance of equipping ourselves with heavenly knowledge to spread God's word. “In responding to God’s call of making disciples, we need to have wisdom to be able to share the gospel,” said Pastor Joo. He spoke further on how God provides wisdom to those who ask Him for it.

This is the breakdown of the number of 35th group trainees according to their respective countries:

- Korea: 34
- Taiwan: 1
- China: 6
- Mongolia: 1
- Uganda: 1
- Philippines: 51
- Bangladesh: 1
- TOTAL: 95

It is inspiring to know that many young people from China and Mongolia [places where Christianity is almost unheard of] have responded to the call to be trained as God's army to help spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. As these missionaries are trained to become God's workers, let’s pray that more and more people will come to the feet of Christ especially from countries or areas where the gospel is not known yet. Moreover, let’s pray that many other young people would delegate themselves to God's service.

The campus expects more young people coming from different parts of the world to join the missionary training. Missionary training includes lectures, demonstrations, cottage meetings and field exposure to actual evangelism.
Best Choice
I Have Made For My Life

I was born in a Seventh-day Adventist home. I think this is the best choice I have made for my life. I believe that serving God is my duty. He called me to be a missionary for Him.

In the training, I have learned to study the Bible more and talk more about God. Being with many people and sharing experiences together taught me a lot about life. I still need to prepare myself for my mission field. I need the ability to teach the word of God so I have to study more and ask for the Holy Spirit to fill me. I hope that my plan to work as a missionary all my life will come true.

I Want To Speak God’s Light

Two years ago, I went with a pastor to the Philippines for mission work. During that time, God touched my heart. There are many people who don’t know God yet and some of them adore other gods.

They don’t know that God is the only hope for sinners. That’s why I want to spark God’s light so that they may understand that God is the only help and eventually accept His love for them.

I want to be involved in evangelism and reach out to people from different sects. They need to know about Abraham who was promised by God a great nation and that all of us could be part of that nation. Most of all, I want to influence the youth to join the 1000 Missionary Movement and follow God’s footsteps forever.

Missionary Work Is My Dream

I met many missionaries from different countries who came to Mongolia to help our Mongolian mission. By their kindness and prayers, and of course by their help, I started and continued coming to church. Missionary work is my dream.

I want to be like those missionaries and help other people. However, I thought that missionary work is very hard. Someone once told me that being a Christian means doing what you don’t like, but God already called me to be His missionary. I cannot refuse His call. I want to share my happiness that God has given me to the people around the world.

Everyone needs help and everyone needs God. Even though I don’t have money or something to give them, I really want to share with them real joy and that is the good news of salvation that comes only from Jesus Christ.

I’m thankful to God that He gave me this opportunity to study about Him. Before I came here, I was not studying the Bible a lot. However, it’s changing now.

During our training, we study the Bible very early in the morning. We also memorize verses and our speakers’ messages are really touching my heart. This training really changed my life plan and my lifestyle has already changed so I want to have this experience for my whole life. I’m thankful to my co-missionaries from the other countries. They taught me their language, culture and spiritual life.

My plan in my mission field is to wake people up from spiritual sleep. I’ll encourage the church members to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. I would encourage them to study more about the Bible.

The joy of studying the Bible and keeping a Godly time is what I learned from the training at the 1000 MM campus and I intend to share this to others. I want to go step by step. God has planned all things that we will do in our mission field.
Feverish Mission

The dedication and training of the 3rd group of HisHands missionaries in Mongolia under the auspices of the NSD HHMM and MMF Youth department was held at Ulaanbaatar church, Mongolia from February 6 to 9, 2010. Despite the severe snowstorm just a day before the service and traffic that was cut off by an intensive cold spell of minus 40 degrees Celsius, many missionaries from the far distant countryside attended the meeting. A total of 100 people, amongst them 1st and 2nd group HisHands missionaries, and the 61 newly dedicated missionaries participated in this united training session.

Feverish Training

Pastor JeongKon Kim, former Youth Director of the East Central Korean Conference, was invited as the main speaker. He shared many of his own experiences over the last three years through coordinating and supervising the HHMM in ECKC.

Pastor SukHee Han, NSD HHMM Coordinator, introduced the concept and characteristics of HHMM and explained how to work, how to utilize the materials, how to manage
his interests, and how to report activities. Pastor Han said “HisHands missionaries are special missionaries who specially dedicated themselves to the special message of the Adventist church and have a special mission spirit.” He also encouraged the missionaries to do their best in soul-winning with His Spirit as His hands, depending on His promises that “I will always be with you and I will give the power.” In addition, Pastor YongHo Lee, PMM missionary in Immanuel church and Pastor SangBum Park, PMM missionary in Khann Uul taught how to use materials including Five Spiritual Facts which are published for evangelism training. And Urnaa, MMF Publishing Ministries staff introduced literature evangelism and its process.

Feverish Hope

Under the leadership of Pastor HaShik Kang, MMF Youth Director, leaders and secretaries of each group were elected to enhance systematic activities of the HisHands missionaries. They discussed their assignments in detail. Ten leaders and 2 district leaders decided to dedicate themselves to the revival of HHMM. They also decided to operate a HisHands campmeeting in each district on regular basis, to have reporting sessions, joint prayer meetings and monthly testimonial meetings. Pastor Kang, who is in charge of the HHMM in Mongolia has succeeded Pastor Nymdavaa who will go to AIAS to study. He expressed his hopes that the “total number of HisHands missionaries in Mongolia is 204 and it is equal to one fourth of all Mongolian Adventists, so the dream for growth and revival of the Mongolian Adventist church will be accomplished, as long as we train the missionaries and let them work properly.”

Currently, 15 churches out of 22 churches in Mongolia participate in this movement with a total of 204 HisHands missionaries (90 in the 1st group, 53 in the 2nd group and 61 in 3rd group) working to spread the gospel. MMF’s goal is to raise 300 missionaries like Gideon’s 300 soldiers. It is no exaggeration when we say the HisHands missionaries present the hope and bright future of the Mongolian Adventist church.
Caojun church, Taiwan held a year-end evangelistic meeting from December 14 to 19, 2009. NSD Communication Director and HHMM Coordinator, Pastor SukHee Han spoke every morning and evening about how the “Truth will set you free”.

Eight HisHands missionaries chosen from the East Central Korean Conference supported these meetings. Based on their previous experiences in domestic mission work, they harmoniously cooperated with the PMM missionaries and other HisHands missionaries.

HisHands missionaries developed programs to introduce Korean food and culture to the local Taiwanese community. They also did door-to-door visitation and street evangelism using Chinese evangelism cards in the afternoon. This way they could contact many souls.

Visiting nursery schools in the neighborhood, missionaries played traditional musical instruments, sang children’s gospel songs, and dressed kids in the Korean traditional costume, called a hanbok. It was a good opportunity to connect with neighbors.

About thirty interested people on average attended the meeting every day and three of them decided to be baptized. This meeting was a meaningful event for the missionaries that reminded them of the preciousness of one soul, so they made up their minds to keep praying for other interested parties.

- SukHee Han, NSD HHMM Coordinator
The 2nd group PMM Korean missionary families are returning to Korea from Taiwan and Japan one by one after finishing their service term of 6 years. Pastor Na, InSu and his family have served at Saru in the middle-west part of Taiwan for church planting and returned to Incheon Airport on January 20, 2010. However, the family left Korea again on January 22 to China as the 8th group of PMM missionary. Pastor Choi, WoonSung and his family came back from Taiwan to Incheon Airport on February 10, 2010 and they were warmly welcomed. This family has done church planting at Dali in the middle-west part of Taiwan.

Pastor Kim, YongHun and his family came back to Busan Airport from Japan on February 13. They involved in the missionary work at Kinshicho in Tokyo belonging to the East Japan Conference (EJC). Pastor Song, EuSub and his family arrived from Japan to Incheon Airport on February 14. They engaged in the missionary work at Seto in the West Japan Conference (WJC). Pastor Lee, ChangSup and his family also arrive to the same airport on the same day from Japan. This family worked at Kofu in the EJC. Pastor Lee and his wife confessed, “We have been loved by Japanese.” Pastor Lee, OneHo and his family returned from Japan to Busan Airport on the same day. He and his family have done church planting in Matsuyama in the WJC. Pastor Nam, HyoungWoo and his family arrived to Busan Ferry Terminal from Okinawa, Japan on February 16. This family worked church planting in Tomigusuku in the Okinawa Mission. Pastor Lee, JinHwan and his family also returned to Busan Ferry Terminal on February 17 after spending 7 years in Japan. The Lee family of the 1st group of PMM missionaries engaged in church planting at Kawasaki in the EJC.

On the same day, Pastor Chai KwangByong and his family arrived to Incheon Airport from Taiwan. This family has worked for church planting in Miaoli in the northwest part of Taiwan. Finally, Pastor Chung HaeSub and his family came back to Incheon Airport from Taiwan on February 23. They also engaged in church planting at Yilan in the northeast part of Taiwan.

- Tadaomi Shinmyo, NSD Adventist Mission Associate Director
The PMM church in Fukui City, Japan conducted a “World History and the Bible – Past, Present, Future” seminar. Pastor Ko, KiRim and his family laid the groundwork of the PMM church here and Pastor Lee, JaeJin succeeded him in from March 2009.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, NSD Adventist Mission Associate Director preached in the evening for 5 days and did so on Sabbath morning. Of course, the Golden Angels sang for 30 minutes before every sermon and did an appeal song before the closing prayer of each meeting. The average number of participants at the meetings was 27 adults and 4 children.

The last program in Fukui was a Christmas Charity Concert at Harmony Hall with the Golden Angels and the Fukui Boys & Girls Chorus on the evening of December 26. The price of the concert was 1,000 yen and the church members including their friends sold around 300 tickets.

The income of those tickets combined with a generous donation amounted to 400,000 yen. The entire amount was handed over to Pastor Mitsuo Ishi, director of ADRA Japan as a donation for needy people in Africa. It was amazing for us to witness that such a small company planned such a big concert and donated such a large amount of money.

During the Bible Conference at Tachikawa in Japan, pastors from throughout Japan attended. Among them Korean PMM missionaries also participated.

During the consultation meeting with officers and directors, Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of NSD and Dr. Hong Pal Ha, director of SS/PM joined. On the first day of Bible conference, the Japan Union Conference conferred a plaque of appreciation to each of the six PMM missionaries for their successful ministries over the last six years. Dr. Lee and Pastor Shoji, president of JUC, encouraged the missionaries. The PMM missionaries returned to Korea in February.

Well done, good and faithful servants

Such a small company but such a large donation and charity

- Tadaomi Shinmyo, NSD Adventist Mission Associate Director
First-time Visitor Touched by Boundary-less Love at Evangelism, Yonago, Matsue, Japan

Yonago Church in Tottori Prefecture, Japan held a series of evangelistic meetings from December 14-17, 2009. Korean Pastor Yu, JhonHyon works for this Japanese church with his family. Associate director of NSD Adventist Mission, Tadaomi Shinmyo preached about family relationships. The two meetings in the evening and the two meetings in the daytime were each preceded by a thirty minute music concert by the Golden Angels. The average number of attendants during the series was about 40 including adults and children. During the series, decision cards were distributed twice to all participants. One wrote the following: “Today was my first time to come to church and listen to a message about God. I was also touched by the music and heart of love stretching beyond boundaries of nationality. I appreciate this so much.”

Pastor Yu arranged for us to visit a home for the handicapped, a kindergarten, senior citizens home, etc. The Golden Angels accompanied the writer of this piece to all these places. Consequently, we conducted 11 meetings with messages and songs both inside and outside of the church over four days.

- Tadaomi Shinmyo, NSD Adventist Mission Associate Director

The Golden Angels 6th group held their last concert

The Golden Angels 6th group held their last concert at Cheongnyangri Church in Seoul, Korea on January 2, 2010. They visited many different places around the world to share God’s love and grace through their voices. They held over 370 concerts to 85,000 people. Through their ministry, 45 people accepted Jesus as their personal Savior and 85 students in Hong Kong testified their faith.

They organized the final concert not only to celebrate the close of their one-year ministry, but also to help Jeong Keon, a Sahmyook High School student suffering from leukemia. The members, many of them Sahmyook High School Alumni donated all proceeds from the performance to Jeong Keon. The 17 beautiful songs were performed in 5 stages - “Praise to the Lord”, “God’s Love”, “The Mission”, “More than wonderful”, and “Sinner saved by grace”.

Although the official service of the 6th group of Golden Angels is finished, the male members will continue their music ministry as “The Remnant”, a singing group to spread God’s love and to preach the gospel. May God bless their ministry and be glorified through it. We also expect more people to discover the love of Jesus through their voices.
North Korea falls within NSD territories. It is forbidden to spread the gospel freely. However, as a market economy has been adopted and the country is beginning to engage with the outside world, the winds of transition are blowing through this place isolated from the gospel for the last 65 years. NSD has tried to develop various methods and strategies for mission work in North Korea. It cooperates with many different institutes and individuals for multilateral approaches.

1. K-project

NSD had signed an agreement to send medical supplies, with K-Hospital in Pyongyang, North Korea, in June, 2006. It has continued its humanitarian relationship by providing medical aid. K-Hospital is a general hospital equipped with the most modern facilities. The hospital has over 30 clinical departments including cardiosurgery and neurosurgery and 15 function-diagnosis and test departments equipped with the most advanced diagnosis and testing facilities in the country. However, this hospital with its high tech facilities faced a national economic crisis due to the collapse of the Soviet Union, floods and famine. So it asked help from the outside world and connected with the NSD through Mr. HeeMan Choi, an Adventist living in America. Since June 2006, NSD has visited Pyongyang and provided necessary medical supplies and equipment for the hospital on three separate occasions. It will continue supporting the hospital by providing the latest medical equipment which has been donated by Adventist hospitals in America. We hope the special messages of the Adventist church will be spread in North Korea through this hospital.

2. Council for Peace Cooperation

Before the Adventist church officially began its support
in North Korea, several Adventists already made contact.

In July, 2000, Hyundai Asan Corporation sent Pastor SeonMan Kim, researcher at the NSD Mission Strategy & Research Center, as supervisor for agricultural technology to a farm near Kumgangsan which the company formed. Pastor Kim has left a positive impression of the Adventist church among the people there through his sincere service and dedication.

In addition, some lay people who support the farm drilled four wells since November 2005.

In order to organize those projects in North Korea, the Council for Peace Cooperation was established on October 14, 2007 and Mr. ChangGyu Choi, the President and Mr. GunHo Kim, the Secretary-General was appointed at the first general meeting of the council. Bank revetment for flood control in April 2008 solved chronic inundation of the farm. The council was registered at the Unification Office of the Korean government in 2010 and officially permitted to work for the support and cooperation of North Korea.

3. Euimyung Denture Manufacturing Corporation in Yanji, China

In China, president of Euimyung Corporation, Mr. HaengSeon Kim registered as an entrepreneur on May 10, 2002. He established the Euimyung Denture Manufacturing Corporation in Yanji, an educational institute with official recognition by the Chinese Government.

Dentists from Cheongjin, North Korea as well as China can benefit from the training center. Some dentists in North Korea regularly come to the school. As a result of these efforts, Yanping hospital will open in 2010. The hospital can legitimately hire doctors and staff from North Korea.

Dr. PyeongAhn Kim who is working at the hospital said “we are planning to use the Adventist health message at the hospital, so that we can spread the NEWSTART health message.

4. NSD Mission Strategy Research

As part of its vision for mission work in North Korea the NSD employed Pastor SeonMan Kim as a fulltime researcher at the NSD Mission Strategy & Research Center in March 2009. The NSD also organized the North Korean Mission committee and appointed Dr. HongPal Ha, NSD Assistant to the President for General Affairs as its chairperson. The idea is to have the somewhat sporadic mission works for North Korea united around the committee. The Center plans to publish a newsletter about mission in North Korea from March 2010. This will help deliver news to church members, to solicit their prayers and support for North Korea. The NSD plans to support and train North Korean defectors, living in the South and research more effective mission strategies for North Koreans in cooperation with Adventist defectors.
The eight new members of the 7th group of Golden Angels singers started their ministry for 2010. At a spiritual retreat from January 28 to 31, 2010 all members recommitted themselves to their music ministry. They presented their first quality message through song during NSD’s Week of Spiritual Emphasis from February 1 to 5, 2010. This was their first official performance. Currently they are practicing songs to support the upcoming PMM evangelistic meetings. These are scheduled for 22 weeks and include several Adventist schools’ Week of Prayer, and camp meetings in NSD territories. The GA7 will bring blessings to the world church during the upcoming GC session in Atlanta, USA this year. Their first mission assignment starts March 7 at the Hong Kong Adventist College the Week of Prayer followed by 4 weeks of support at PMM evangelistic meetings in Macao and Taiwan.

The new members are (from left to right) SungMin Chung (Second Tenor, Korea), DaSom Kim (High Soprano, Korea), EuiJin Park (High Tenor, Korea), Wun Eunice Wong (Soprano, Hong Kong), Mark Quijano (Baritone, Philippines), SeJeong Park (Alto, Korea), SinGu Joo (Bass, Korea), SeonJung Kim (Mezzo Soprano, USA). Please pray for a fruitful ministry of the Golden Angels in 2010.