

Northern Asia-Pacific Division



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Great Adventure by KUC Publishing Dept. 100,000 Sets of *The Conflict Series*

Maranatha! We are sending our warm regards to you with our best wishes.

The year 1997 is special for Korean SDA churches, because we have chosen a unique way of spreading the gospel. It is called "Distributing 100,000 Sets of *The Conflict Series* Campaign." This year, all the Korean church members are asked to distribute *The Conflict Series* Sets, scattering them like the leaves of autumn (CM 14) to accomplish the Three Angels Messages and also the work of the other Angel (Rev. 18). Through this great campaign, all the church members are being revitalized with mission awareness.

We believe this campaign is important for the revival of Korean churches. The great controversy between Jesus and Satan originating in Heaven will be ended by the controversy between the remnant people and Satan on this earth. For this battle, *The Conflict Series* has been given to us to help archive the victory. Therefore, as the remnant church (Rev. 12:17), we have to be armed by reading the Bible, listening to the words and obeying what is written (Rev. 1:3). We must not keep the prophetic words of the Bible to ourselves (Rev. 22:10), but spread God's word everywhere.

Through this campaign, we can receive many advantages. Firstly, our Korean church, like the Apostolic Church, can be united in perfect accord (Acts 1:14). Secondly, from infancy to old age, all the people will pray for this campaign (Joel 2:15) with all their heart. Thirdly, every church will teach and preach in the temple and in the people's homes like the Early Church did (Acts 5:42). Fourthly, we can extend the boundaries of God's work in Korea (Isaiah. 54:2-3). Fifthly, the churches and the people will get back to

the true mission which the prophet promised and will find truth seekers to win souls (Acts 2:46-47). All the people will eagerly wait for Jesus's coming and will share with one another everything they have (Acts 4:32-35). Sixthly, The Great Reformation of the Remnant Church, the practice of piety and the Latter Rain Movement will be spread all over (Joel 2:22-23, 28-29). And lastly, the mission funds for North Korea will be gathered.

The pastors were asked to distribute at least three sets, the elders and the church religious workers two sets and the regular church members one set. But one institution decided to distribute 30 sets. Pastors have been praying about whom to contact with these materials. Some church members decided to distribute 30 sets, some 20 sets and some 10 sets. One church member distributed 20 sets to just one truth seeker. One of the pastors already distributed 30 sets. Some devoted 50 sets and some 100 sets (\$ 2,000). During the first term (April 12 to August 26 of 1997) 11,749 sets were distributed. 11,749 sets is 117,490 volumes and 40,745,532 pages amounting to 2,349,800,000 won (\$ 2,610,888). The most delightful thing is that there are already some people who have become Adventists after reading *The Conflict Series*.



A couple (Chang Hyun Bae & Hui Kyung Hwang) donated 100 sets(\$2,000). Right side is KUC Publishing Director, Kyung Sook Park.

Ellen G. White said "*The Conflict Series* should be very widely circulated... I am more anxious to see wide circulation for these books than for any others

I have written; for in *The Conflict Series*, the last message of warning to the world is given more distinctly than in any of my other books." (CM 357) We are sure that "in large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of the other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory." (7T 140) When "among the members of our churches there should be more house-to-house labor in giving Bible readings and distributing literature" (9T 127), God's work will be shortly accomplished. That's why we started the campaign.

"Distributing 100,000 Sets of *The Conflict Series* Campaign." is a great thing. As we look over the history of the Korean church, this campaign is very new. And "Distributing 100,000 Sets of *The Conflict Series* Campaign." is reliable, foresighted and justifiable, because it was commanded by the prophet and was promised to be successful. So when we go all over Korea with faith, we can accomplish God's will through this campaign. Even if there are hard obstacles, God is with us (1 John 4:4). The bigger the obstacles, the more we will be strengthened.

In September, we started the second term. We really ask you to pray for "Distributing 100,000 Sets of *The Conflict Series* Campaign."

Kyung Sook Park, KUC Pub./LMS/SOP Director

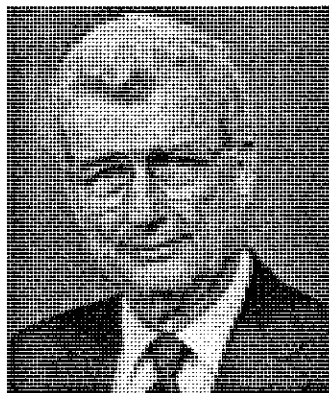
Death of J. R. Spangler

Noted Seventh-day Adventist leader J. R. Spangler, aged 75, died early Friday morning, September 19, 1997 in an auto accident. The van taking him and his wife Marie to the Los Angeles International airport collided with a Volkswagen car that had hit the central divider. Mrs. Spangler and the two other occupants are hospitalized but in stable condition. Reportedly, police are investigating the driver of the Volkswagen in connection with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Officially retired, Spangler continued to work for the Adventist Media Center, where he was instrumental in raising funds for the "It Is Written" TV evangelism program. He was on his way to Washington, D. C. in connection with this fund-raising work when the accident occurred. (ANN Bulletin, September 23, 1997)

He graduated from Washington Missionary College (present Columbia Union College) in 1943. In

June of that year he married Marie Claytor. They immediately entered the pastoral ministry and eventually served in Ohio, Florida, Alabama, New York City, and Texas. He had a passion for evangelism and was influenced by Roy Allen Anderson, GC Ministerial Association Secretary and editor of "Ministry," in an evangelistic series in Cleveland.



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In 1954 he was called to the **Far Eastern Division** as Ministerial Secretary. He served there until the 1962 GC Session elected him an Associate Secretary of the GC Ministerial Association under the leadership of Roy Allen Anderson. From that time to his retirement in 1990 he was associated with the Ministerial Association for 28 years. He was GC Ministerial Secretary from 1980 to 1985. He was editor of "Ministry" for 23 years which makes him the longest serving editor of this pastors' journal.

He created the Project for Reaching Every Active Clergy Home (PREACH) program that sends gift subscriptions of every other issue of "Ministry" to clergy of all faiths. Now it embraces the world, with some 50,000 ministers in North America and 20,000 in the rest of the world receiving the magazine six times a year. He initiated the production of the book 27 Fundamental Beliefs: "Seventh-day Adventist Believe..." He led out in raising the \$800,000 needed to send this book to some 200,000 ministers of all faiths and to every major library and leading media office in the world. (Ministry, July 1990)

God's Miracle Can Be Documented!

A Lay Congress was held beginning on 20th August 1997 in Korea. I was one of the Hong Kong lay members, who attended this assembly. With excitement, I packed my luggage two days before the flight. But then, I was shocked to discover that there

was a problem with my passport. My passport would expire in November. It is effective only when it has at least 6 months of time to meet the Immigration requirement for traveling overseas. But I only had a two months' passport. Immediately, I decided to extend my passport. Probably, the document could be accomplished within one day. I urgently wanted to go to Korea because I had not been there before. Furthermore, everything had been arranged according to schedule and I was assigned to take some responsibilities there.

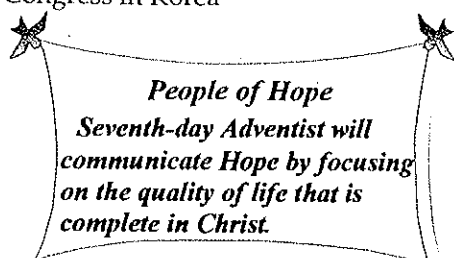
Unfortunately there was a public holiday on the following day. Patiently I struggled through this unpeaceful time in prayer. A day before my flight, I reached Immigration early in the morning. What I obtained was a negative answer. It would take seven days rather than just a day to accomplish my document extension.

Well, what could I do? It was a test of my faith. I examined my motives for this journey to Korea. I had heard of the enthusiasm of Korean Christians involved in gospel work and I hoped that my spiritual insights would be inspired by them. So nothing was wrong with my motives in God's sight. That night I prayed until I fell asleep.

Like other tour members, I stepped up to the airport check-in counter and underwent every process they did. Happily the plane took off without a word of inquiry at the check-in counter. The next challenging event occurred when I stood before the Korean officer. He looked at our family and asked, "Are they your husband and child?" I nodded my head. Then he emphasized, "Your husband and child can stay in Korea for fifteen days. And you can stay for three months." I saw he had placed a chop for three months on my passport. It was beyond my expiration date!

Nothing is impossible in God's hands. I have learned how to trust in God because I see God at work. In Korea, my spiritual experience was enriched by listening to so many precious and miraculous experiences in the meeting. The formal speeches also improved my technique in spreading the gospel. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank our brothers and sisters in Korea who gave us such a warm welcome and made me feel at home.

Lily Soong, a delegate from Hong Kong to the 1st NSD Lay Congress in Korea



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We Still Care, Don't We?

Bronwyn Reid who is studying at Avondale College wrote as follows in the July 31, 1997 *Adventist Review*:

"Without a vision, the church can easily drift into maintenance mode, expending its energies on institutions and 'in-house' programs, with little funding or priorities given to mission outreach and evangelism 'to seek and save the lost.' Christians are allocating only 1.2 percent of mission funding and foreign missionaries to the 1.3 billion people who live in the least-evangelized world. In contrast, more than 90 percent of foreign missionaries, 87 percent of mission funding, and 97 percent of full-time Christian workers are directed toward countries in which 60 percent or more of the people identify themselves as Christian. Some 90 percent of the world's ordained ministers work among the 9 percent who speak English. Only 2 percent of the world's missionaries work among 817 million Muslims (Bryant L. Myers, *The Changing Shape of World Mission* <MARC Publications, 1993>).

I'd love to say that my Seventh-day Adventist Church's priorities are different, but our church has had a steady decline in total tithes and offerings allocated to world mission. Between 1900 and 1950 an average 25.5 percent of tithes and offerings were given to world mission. Between 1950 and 1980 the allocation dropped to 15.7 percent. From 1986 to 1995 it declined to only 7.5 percent. (General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Office of Archives and Statistics, *133rd Annual Statistical Report-1995*.) If this trend continues, our mission funding will be virtually rockbottom by the year 2000. If our eyes were truly open to the needs of the world around us, we would dig into the pockets of our humanity for something more than a little loose change."

A special opportunity to dig a little deeper and really make a difference will come to all of us on November 8 when the Annual Sacrifice offering is taken. This year all the funds from this offering will be used for Global Mission, which reaches out to new areas, to share the gospel with people who have never had the opportunity to hear the saving name of Jesus.

As you plan your giving for November 8, please remember what a magnificent difference the gospel message has made in your own life and prepare a generous gift that will enable many others to experience the joy of salvation.

David Parks, Ministerial Association Secretary

We Are Getting Back to Normal!

Moving is always a lot of work for a family; however for an entire division office to move is a much bigger undertaking. I believe also that the department which suffers the most during a move is the accounting area. The invoices keep arriving, checks must be sent out, and payroll must be processed on time.

We are very happy to be able to report that the new NSD treasury / accounting area has made the move and is almost back to normal. Since July they have set up new computers, gotten used to new accounting software, gotten out the payrolls on time, and have now printed the financial statements for August. This has been accomplished even though the workers had to surmount the obstacle of working in the English language. We believe that the September financial statements will be produced approximately on time.

There are still some improvements which need to be made in several areas, and we wish we were completely up to date; but we hope within the near future this will be possible.

A special THANKS should go to our heavenly Father for blessing us with the following good workers who with God's blessing have accomplished so much in such a short time:

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| Woo, Hye Jung | - | Secretary/Accountant |

We also wish to thank Gordon Bullock for his invaluable help as interim treasurer during the months of July and August. Martin Moores, the new permanent treasurer, should be arriving about the middle of December, and then the treasury / accounting area will be more complete.

Rowena R. Rick, Interim Treasurer

....."Thanks" from Editor.....
 Elder D. A. Roth, General Conference Representative from Loma Linda University, showed his special interest in our publication and gave encouragement to the staff of the new Division, because he has been editor of the former APD and FED monthly magazine, "Outlook," for ten years. Mr. Katsuki Matsuura gave his thanks for the article of his Mission in the August issue, though the Thailand Mission is under the Southern Asia-Pacific Division.



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