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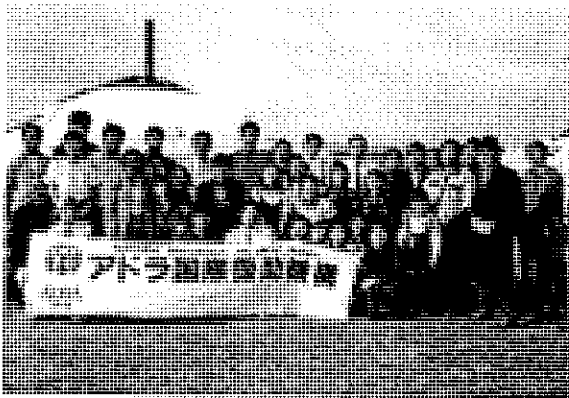


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ADRA Japan in Mongolia

First Volunteer Group among ADRAs



*A group of ADRA Japan Volunteers
with Mongolians*

ADRA Japan sent a volunteer group to Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia from August 20 to September 5, 1997. The group was composed of 21 people who were mainly university students. They went to join ADRA Mongolia which engages in infrastructure projects. ADRA Japan helped to repair old school buildings and gymnasium at two schools in Ulaan Baatar, the capital of Mongolia.

The first school where the volunteer group visited was Uliastai school which has ten grades. This school which was once a training school for military personnel has 760 students with 38 teachers meeting in two shifts of morning and afternoon classes. The volunteer group worked to paint the inside to the gymnasium together with 20 school teachers. ADRA Japan donated US \$ 1,000 for the expense of repairs.

The next school is located in the town of Baghangai where there was an air force base for the former Soviet

Union. Now the town does not have the air force base any more, and its income depends on the railway station of the town. This school with ten grades also has two shifts of classes. There are 26 teachers and 500 students who are from 8 to 18 years old. Most of the school students are children of the railway employees. ADRA Japan helped to paint the walls of each classroom and donated US\$ 3,000 to the school. After working for 4 days, they were able to accomplish painting 12 classrooms of the 15 in the school.

Their volunteer service was much appreciated by both schools. At the Baghangai school they participated in the opening ceremony of the new school semester and the school principal and district mayor expressed thanks to them. After the ceremony they enjoyed a Mongolian style horse race in a field near the school. The difference between this race and the usual horse race was that the jockeys of the Mongolian race were children whose ages were 6 to 12 years old.

Mr. Kubota, Ambassador of Japan in Mongolia, noticed this project by ADRA Japan and wanted to see me. When he had been Consul of Japan in Vietnam, he had been impressed by the volunteer group of ADRA Japan who had worked in Vietnam. When he met me recently, he was touched again to know that ADRA is working even in Mongolia and he promised to donate US \$ 83,333 (10,000,000 Yen) for a future ADRA project to supply water in the Gobi desert of Mongolia.



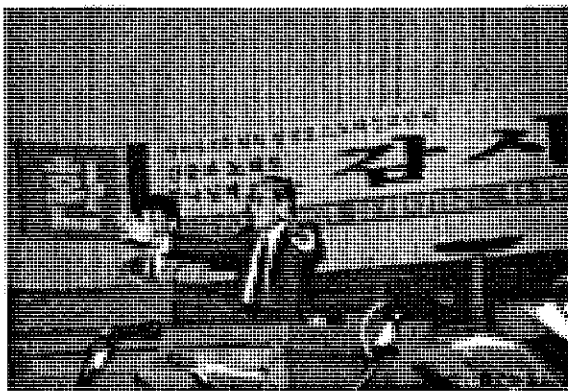
Volunteers of ADRA Japan in Mongolia

Stephano Tsukamoto, Director of ADRA Japan

Dramatic Testimony with Music

from Death Sentence to Pastor

Northern Asia-Pacific Division cosponsored a special meeting with the Korean Union Conference, the Voice of Prophecy and others at the Seoul Adventist Hospital Church on October 11, 1997. The content of the meeting was a dramatic life changing testimony by a Japanese Pastor Saburo Arakaki and a beautiful musical program by the Angelos Choir which is composed of ten male and ten female Koreans.



*Pastor Arakaki (right side)
and the translator, Pastor Kim, Soo Ho*

The meeting began from 7:30 pm with the greeting and opening prayer by Elder P. D. Chun, President of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Then, the Angelos Choir began to sing the life story of Pastor Arakaki who was once a war prisoner and was sentenced to death. It was very surprising to learn that one song was rearranged and four songs were composed and written by Miss Lee, Shin Jung who is a kindergarten teacher. After the program she presented the musical score to Pastor Arakaki.

The musical program was divided into three parts and each part highlighted significant events in his life. The title of the first part was "Love" with three songs. The choir sang about the great love of God who loves even a criminal. The second part, titled "From Prisoner to Pastor" was composed of six songs and showed the miraculous way God leads a man. The final part was named "Glory" and contained three songs. This musical program continued about one hour and the well trained members of the choir completely captured the attention of the 800 person audience.

After the music Pastor Arakaki who was born in Okinawa and is now 71 years old started to talk about his own dramatic experiences related to World War II. The translation of his testimony from Japanese to Korean was done by Pastor Kim, Soo Ho who once studied in Japan and translated the book by Pastor Arakaki, "From Death Criminal to Pastor." The Korean edition of the book was widely circulated and the book has made a great impact on the Korean Adventist members. Although pastor Arakaki is retired now, but he is still active in preaching ministry inside and outside of Japan. He talked about his own sin in which he killed two people by the command of his boss in Saipan, his arrest by the Allied Forces, his prison life in Hawaii, his conversion and baptism in 1949, the providential opportunity to study the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course both in Japanese and English in the prison, the intercessory work of the state governor of Hawaii to President Eisenhower of the USA and his deliverance as a free man in 1955 after 10 years of prison life.

For one hour, Pastor Arakaki preached the grace of God with power in voice and gesture, and he also talked about his repentance quietly for some time. The meeting place was almost full of people on the first floor and the balcony. This is the second time he has been invited to Korea. He has preached at many places for Sabbath church services, evangelistic meetings, a retreat of the SDA Japanese Language Schools in Korea, and other places for three weeks, September 25 - October 16, 1997. One day he talked almost continuously and gave his testimony six times. After this assignment to Korea, he is going to Hawaii to witness about God's love to the people there. His burning enthusiasm to win souls has been always based upon the fact that he has been saved from death to life by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross through the grace of God.



*Large number of Audience
at Seoul Adventist Hospital*

Editor

World News

After a test broadcast on a local TV station, the Seventh-day Adventist church in Peru began national broadcasting August 16, 1997 of the Global 2000 gospel outreach program for an initial 60 day period.

The program features a seminar approach to Bible study and provides the opportunity for viewers to participate themselves. Though a low-budget project, the impact has been overwhelming, reports Raul Gomez, president of the Adventist Church in Peru.

"By the second week of broadcasts, the numbered registered as participating in the seminar reached 200,000," says Gomez. "The Spirit of the Lord has been touching these people." Special meetings were convened and participants invited to attend on Saturdays for worship services.

"We had so many people coming to the auditoriums we rented for that Sabbath (Saturday) that we decided to invite them the following week to come straight to our churches," Gomez reports.

So far 5,000 people have joined the church. Several churches in different regions of the country report that they have 500 people ready to join the church.

"The total expected will probably be 15,000," Gomez says. "I'm talking as an administrator. The pastors and the evangelists give me a much bigger number. But I think that 15,000 is an accurate projection."

(ANN Bulletin, November 4, 1997)



Experience the Joy of Salvation

Dual Anniversaries of Sahmyook University in Korea

Special Guests from the USA

In October 1997 Korean Sahmyook University celebrated the 91th Anniversary of the opening of the school and the 50th Anniversary of relocating the school campus on the present site. By the grace of God

and the dedication of the Korean Adventist church members, the University has grown to 3,653 students including the Junior College according to the statistical report of the first semester of 1997. Furthermore there are 600 elementary, 660 middle school, and 861 high school students in the same campus. Thus, there are altogether 5,774 students at the school along with a strong staff of teachers and beautiful school buildings. It is said that Korean Sahmyook University has the largest number of students among the Adventist educational institutions in all the world.



Elder & Mrs. James Lee

In conjunction with the Anniversary the university held a series of theological and academic lectures under the title of "Religious Liberty of Adventist Christians." This program was mainly planned by the Religious and Social Research Center of the University. Pastor Raymond Dabrowski, General Conference Communication Director, was invited to the guest speaker through the Korean Union Conference Communication Department. He gave the first lecture, "Persecution for Religious Reasons--the Present Adventist Experience" on October 10 and the second lecture, "Political Activism in the Adventist Tradition" on October 13 to students, professors and pastors. It was very interesting to learn at the beginning of his talk that he, as a Polish citizen, once visited North Korea but he came to South Korea this time. His lectures were much appreciated by the attendees because he has rich experience in the area of religious liberty as Religious Liberty Director of the Trans-European Division for 10 years. Besides these assignments, he preached on Sabbath October 11. His sermon title was "At the Table Full of Common People" based on Matthew 9:9-13.

Other special guests for the Anniversary were Elder & Mrs. James Lee. He was one of three who came to the site of the present University and agreed to choose it for the school campus. Two of the three workers have already passed away, so Elder Lee at the age of 85 is the only one still alive. He was born in North Korea as



Ray Dabrowski
(left side) and
the translator,
Pastor Kim, Il
Mok

the son of a missionary family and grew up there. Therefore, he can speak the Korean language very fluently even today. Surprisingly enough he can speak Japanese too. This is because, he stayed in Osaka, Japan and worked for Korean people there during the Korean War. Although his eye sight has become weak, his mind is still very sharp and he can remember old historical events clearly.

Korean Sahnyook University celebrates its anniversary every year so that the student body and the faculty may remember the sacrifice of the pioneer workers and may give their great thanks to the Lord for today's blessings at the school.

Editor

Adventist World Radio *from Listener's Letters*

I began listening to your broadcast in 1991 and have gradually learned the meaning of Christianity. I decided to become a Christian. During this period of time my experiences and thinking were complicated. Now I know that wherever I go or whatever difficulties I face, I must let God's word guide my path and show me which is the right so that I can resist all wicked thoughts and temptations. - Jiang, China -

We listen to your programmes very eagerly and really enjoy them, especially the beautiful hymns and songs. Your programmes are very informative and can attract anybody. We want to know about Adventists--14 of us are Moslem and one of us is a Jew who knows the Old Testament well. All of us are fond of knowing about Christianity. Is there an Adventist church near where we live? Could you send us a volume of the Holy Bible in Persian? Please send us a programme schedule as we would like to inform others about your broadcasts.

- 15 Iranian Students -

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communicate Hope by focusing
on the quality of life
that is complete in Christ.*

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