

# Northern Asia-Pacific Division



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### Evangelistic Meeting at Choon Yang, Korea

An Evangelistic Seminar was conducted by Hong, Myung Kwan, NSD Sabbath School/Personal Ministry Director on March 20-28, 1998 at the Choon Yang Elementary School Auditorium. This meeting was sponsored by the Choon Yang Church, one of the local churches in the Southeast Korean Conference territory. This church is about a 3 hour drive from Seoul.



Visitors and ushers at the entrance door of the auditorium for the evangelistic meetings

The Choon Yang Church members had been preparing for this seminar by visiting and making friends with their neighbours for several months. One week before the seminar started they had an advertised music performance in the church. A well-known singing group Hosanna shared the gospel with the attendees singing beautiful songs in the advertised meeting. Thanks to their sincere efforts and the Holy Spirit's work, many people came to study the Scriptures. The three hundred fifty seats of the auditorium were all occupied and many of the church members had to stand during each of the meetings. The total numbers of new interests who attended the seminar was 280.

The theme was "Great Revelation of Bible Prophecy." Pastor Hong preached the prophecies of the books of Daniel and Revelation in the series. His lecture lasted about two and a half hours each day. All the attendees were provided with Pastor Hong's daily handout. It contained the basics of his lecture. At the beginning of each seminar, a choir from the "Bethel Pastoral School" consisting of about 45 students performed special numbers.

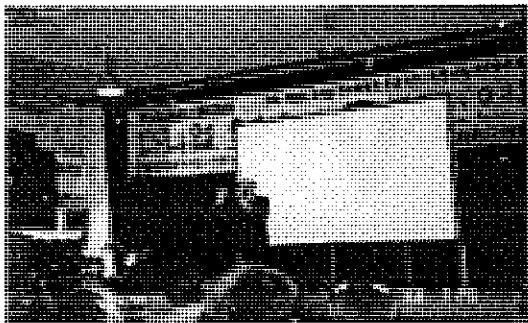
Further Bible Study programs followed up the seminar. A lay evangelist's band named Immanuel have been teaching the new interests. A medical team also worked with them for five days after the main seminar.

On March 28 (Sabbath), 8 people were baptised. Then on later Sabbaths April 4 and 11, another 29 more souls were reborn with the Holy Spirit and Water. Beside these, more than 20 people who are continuing to study are expected to get baptised soon.

A particular couple, the Kims (Kim, Young Woong, and his wife) who formerly were from the Presbyterian church, are showing their thanks to God for allowing the light of present truth to be given to them. They now go out to proclaim the Three Angels' Messages to their former church friends with great courage in the Holy Spirit.



A Special music was offered by students of Bethel Pastoral School before preaching of the message



Evangelist Hong, Myung Kwan who preached for two hours every night with enthusiasm and power

Through this cooperative program of the church members, a medical team and the Immanuel Evangelists Band the seminar was only blessed.

The 200 church members in Choon Yang district have been inspired through this seminar and have gotten encouragement to go out to reach people with the gospel.

We ask your sincere prayers that more precious souls will open their hearts to accept the present truth and become a part of the family of God.

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Myung Kwan Hong, *SS/PM Director*

## 1000 MM Philippines CELEBRATION

The air was filled with gratitude and anticipation. Many banners hung aloft from the entrance. Colorful pictures were displayed within and without the buildings. Something special was about to take place. It was a home-coming day for many former missionaries.

At last the 1000 Missionary Movement attained the initial goal of sending out 1000 regular volunteer missionaries with the investiture of 68 new missionaries from the 11th batch on March 7, 1998.

Dr. Jan Paulsen, a GC Vice President, delivered the investiture service message while Pastor P.D. Chun, the NSD president, gave the keynote address at the time of the Praise Celebration, which took place at the 1000 Missionary Movement campus on March 7, at 6:30-9:30 p.m.. Dr. Jairyong Lee, the founder of the 1000 Missionary Movement in Asia and in North

America was the most honored and acknowledged celebrity. Former associate directors and the very first 1000 Missionary whose name was Mr. Park, In Whan from Korea were also present for the celebration.

The 1000 Missionary Movement was officially inaugurated with the training of the first 60 young people, 30 Koreans and 30 Filipinos, in February 1993. Since its inception the 1000 MM has trained 1,011 missionaries who came from 30 different countries and sent them out to 23 countries. During the last five years through the dedicated efforts of these volunteers 10,804 souls were brought into the fellowship of the church by baptism. 151 new congregations have been established and 131 new chapels have been constructed.

These are tremendous achievements, but when they are compared with the future achievement these young people will make throughout their life, they may seem rather small. They have pledged to be lifelong missionaries in their home field after the completion of one full year of mission service. They firmly believe that once a missionary, always a missionary.

Now 1000 MM is experiencing financial difficulties because of the economic crisis in Korea. 1000 MM is operated by free will donations. Please keep praying and supporting this Greatest Challenge of the Century.



One group whose members were trained as missionaries in 1996 under the banner, "to the end of the earth"

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Pyung Duk Chun, *President*

## Health Ministries Workshop

A Health Ministries Workshop was conducted March 15-18, 1998 at the Health Education Center of Seoul Adventist Hospital. The featured presenters at the workshop were Dr. Kathleen Kuntaraf and Elder Stoy Proctor, both of whom are associate Directors of the General Conference Health Ministries Department.

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Dr. Kathleen  
Kuntaraf, GC  
Health and  
Temperance  
Associate  
Director, who was  
one of lecturers  
at the advisory

The attendees included Health Ministry Department directors from the NSD, EAA, JUC, KUC and SCIU as well as Department directors from several conferences and missions. We also pleased that several hospital-based Health Educators could attend and that Joanne Park, a health educator working for Adventist Frontier Missions in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia was present for the training.

Those in attendance at the workshop greatly appreciated the presentations because many of them are new in their responsibilities with the Health Ministry Department. The ideas shared were buttressed with the latest research and scientific discoveries but were also very practical and focussed on the current health needs in the church and the community.

The overall theme of the workshop was "Adventist Wellness" and some careful consideration was given to all the major components of the Adventist Lifestyle, which have given us a great advantage over the general population in terms of longevity and freedom from disease. The acronym of WELLNESS reveals the subjects covered;

W-ater  
E-nvironment  
L-ive drug free  
L-aughter  
N-utrition  
E-xercise  
S-leep  
S-ocial and Spiritual values

One specific focus of the workshop was on the Adventist Youth To Youth (AY2Y) program. This training program is designed to teach Adventist young people how to live drug-free lives and how to share the drug-free lifestyle with their peers. Several AY2Y training sessions are being planned in the NSD in the coming months.

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David M. Parks, *Health & Temperance Director*

## First Trust Services Certification Course

March 23-29, 1998 indeed marked a new milestone for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. For it was the first Certification Course for Trust Services ever conducted outside America, which was held in Seoul, Korea.

The one-week Basic Course was initiated and planned by Peter C. L. Foo, the Trust Services and Corporate Affairs Consultant of the former APD. G. Tom Carter and David E. Johnston, Trust Services Director and Associate Director of the General Conference respectively presented the lectures. Mr. Kim Chul-Ung, a local lawyer was also invited to make presentations on the technical aspects of the laws in Korea relating to Trust Services. The course was attended by Pastors and Trust Services Directors from East Asia Association ; Japan Union Conference; South China Island Union Mission; Korean Union Conference and five other local conferences in Korea.

The Course not only covers the philosophy and objectives of Trust Service but also gives an insight to the spiritual foundation of Trust Services. Participants were given opportunities and were encouraged to discuss in small groups various innovative ways to develop Trust Services programs that are practical in their fields. Legal ramifications of Trust Services in compliance with local laws were also discussed widely by the local lawyer. The one-week course ended with tests and presentation of Certificates. General Conference Trust Services Director G. Tom Carter also took the opportunity to present a beautiful plaque to Peter C. L. Foo in recognition of his services and contributions as the first Trust Services Director of the former Asia-Pacific Division. In parting, all participants expressed that they had greatly benefited from the course and felt committed to actively promoting Trust Services in their local churches.

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Jong Moon Kim, *Trust Services Director*

## Adventist Weekly Newspaper

The Korean Union Conference is now publishing a weekly newspaper composed of 16 pages, size 27 cm times 39 cm. The paper is printed at the Korean Publishing House. The size is the same as other Korean weekly information newspapers which are distributed free charge around apartments and houses. *The Adventist Weekly Newspaper* will celebrate its half year anniversary in April of

this year since the first issue was published on November 5, 1997. It is the second Adventist Weekly paper in the world. The *Adventist Review* published by Review and Herald Publishing Association in the USA, has a magazine style and has been published for many years.

One of the main purposes of publishing the newspaper is to share first hand, recent and updated news and information as soon as possible with the Adventist members. Although the Korean Publishing House publishes the monthly church magazine, "Church Compass," for church members, it cannot keep up with the latest



news of the growing church in Korea. There are about 145,000 Adventist members in Korea, and 10,000 copies of the newspaper are now printed every week with a subscription price of 20,000 Korean Won (US \$13) per year.

The contents of the newspaper, written in the Korean language, are very attractive. For example, the first page is always reserved for the top news of the week in full color. The editorial staff of the newspaper sometimes uses news directly from the *ANN Bulletin* and *From the G.C. President* through Internet including color photos. Two other full color pages are for testimonies of the church members on pages 8 and 9 which are located in the middle of the newspaper. The last page is also full color and it is reserved for advertisements. Other pages contain foreign and domestic church activity news; medical and health related articles; sermons and Bible studies; the editorial column; a series on Korean church history; columns for children, juniors, youth and women; general information; etc. with many pictures.

According to Kim, Hyon Chang, editor of the weekly newspaper, it is well accepted, especially by lay people. Some pastors and church elders have commented that the topics of the weekly newspaper are almost the same as the monthly church magazine. Kim says, "we want to make the weekly newspaper much more of a missionary paper, step by step. We also want to increase the space of column for the Adventist life style by introducing many church members." *The Adventist Weekly Newspaper* is also read by a lot of Sunday Christian pastors and laymen.

The president of a food company, Jo, Chung Muk, is not an Adventist, but one of his business friends is, Lee, Jae Mu, who is President of the Adventist Lay Businessmen's Association and who introduced the weekly newspaper to Jo. When Jo read the newspaper recently, he was so impressed that he donated ten million Korean Won (US \$6,896) for missionary work through the newspaper. Now Jo and Lee are working together on another business as president and vice president because of their deep friendship of mutual goals.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communication/PARL Director*

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