

# Northern Asia-Pacific Division

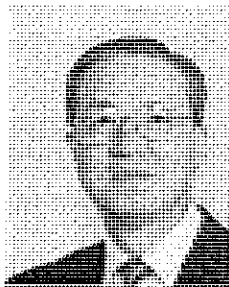


## NEWS & VIEWS

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### Mongolia Mission Office Purchased

November 24 to 26 1998, three senior officers of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, the East Asia Association president, and Mongolia church leaders, surveyed about ten buildings and sites hoping to find a suitable building for the Mongolia Mission office in Ulaanbaatar.



After careful evaluation and analysis, the group acceded to negotiate on one building that was just completed to be used as a hotel and disco. In fact, the colorful signs showing it as a hotel, bar and disco were already on the building. After several contacts, we negotiated the purchase of the building for US\$185,000. The three-story building (with basement) is situated at the Western side of the capital city, in the direction of the airport. A public bus stop is directly in front of the building.

The total floor space of 985 square meters will provide sufficient space for the Mongolia Mission office, ADRA/Mongolia office, a small English or Korean Language School, church sanctuary to seat approximately sixty people, and apartments for two single workers and one family. It also has adequate storage space. The price includes a half acre of open space that will accommodate the

construction of a main church building and a couple of regular family living quarters.

Because all land in Mongolia is government owned, we cannot own the land as a free hold. However, we can use the land as a lease hold. When the government adopts a privatization of land policy, the current lease holder is eligible to buy it from the government for a reasonable price.

The church in Mongolia is growing steadily under the leadership of Pastor Dale Tunnell and Pastor Bold (a Mongolian pastor). There are thirty-five baptized church members, and more than fifty people meet on the Sabbath. They operate ten small group meetings with an average attendance of 100. Plans have been laid to open two new congregations in the second and third largest cities. Please pray for the work in Mongolia.

P. D. Chun, *President*

### Reorganization of Japan Union at the emergency session

Japan Union Conference (JUC) held an emergency session on December 6-8, 1998 in the Makuhari Prince Hotel at Chiba, Japan. There were more than 200 delegates from the churches, conferences, mission, institutions and union. Present from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division were Elders P. D. Chun, President; Richard Liu, Secretary; R. Martin Moores, Treasurer, Tadaomi Shinmyo, Associate Secretary; and Masaji

Uyeda, Director of Education.

Elder Takashi Shiraishi gave the keynote address and opened the session. The main focus of the agenda was the reorganization of JUC. A special committee has been studying the reorganization of JUC since 1996. The executive committee accepted their proposal of reorganization which was designed to reduce administrative responsibilities of local conferences/mission. Those plans were brought to this session for review.

The reorganization of JUC was imperative for several reasons. Foremost were limited finances and stagnation of church growth. The JUC officers were overburdened with departmental duties because they lacked funds to support sufficient personnel. The local conferences and mission were grappling with the same situation. To solve these problems, JUC chose to restructure the East and West Japan Conferences and Okinawa Mission. The reorganization would release funds sufficient to employ five full time departmental directors at the JUC level. These would include directors for the Ministerial Association, Sabbath School & Personal Ministries, Youth, Publishing and Women's Ministries Departments.

The amendment of a JUC policy required a two-thirds favorable vote. One hundred seventy-four of the 206 delegates approved the reorganization, or 84.5%. A nominating committee was chosen to elect the officers of this new organization. The



*Japan Union New Officers. Yukio Ebihara, Secretary; Takashi Shiraishi, President; Teruo Koromogawa, Treasurer (from the left).*



### *Over 200 Delegates of Japan Union Conference Emergency Session in Chiba*

former President, Elder Takashi Shiraishi was re-elected. Elder Yukio Ebihara, of the West Japan Conference, was elected Secretary, and Teruo Koromogawa, of the East Japan Conference, Treasurer.

Former Secretary, Elder Akinori Kaibe became Director of AWR/Asia, and the former Treasurer, Mr. Shinobu Imamura will soon retire.

East and West Japan Conference conducted their general session at the same time and place. East Japan Conference approved the reorganization by 95.3% and West Japan Conference by 76.3%. The president will be the only officer in each conference/mission. There will be no other officers or departmental directors at that level.

Implementation of this new structure will take time and effort. Let's pray for the new leaders and God's direction for the important work in Japan.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communication/PARL*  
Director

## **"1000 Missionaries" Assemble Again**

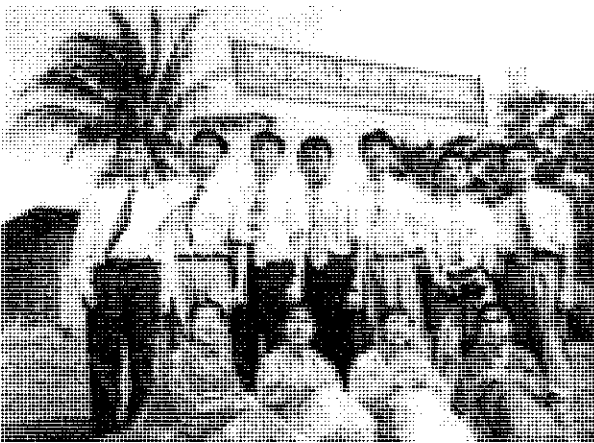
**A**pproximately 100 former Korean "1000 Missionaries" assembled at Deer Mountain Camp from December 11

-13, 1998. The camp is situated forty kilometers east of Seoul, Korea. Their spirit and zeal have not diminished though they completed their regular mission field service a number of years ago. Their motto: "Once a Missionary Always a Missionary" is well verified.

The president of the Korean Union Mission, Pastor Han, Sang Woo, was keynote speaker. Pastor P. D. Chun, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, presented an encouraging message during the Sabbath morning service. The director of the "1000 Missionary Movement," Pastor Kim, Si Young, and Bang, Nak Jin, the youth director of Korea Union Conference, played key roles in organizing and carrying out this meaningful assembly.

To date, 297 Korean volunteer missionaries have returned home after having successfully completed their assignments. Fifty-nine missionaries from Korea are currently serving in six different countries. Thirty-seven more are ready to depart for the Philippines for English and missionary training.

All of the former missionaries are very actively engaged in various missionary activities. Thirty-three are serving as pastors, and six are ministers' wives. Twenty-seven are employed by various denominational institutions. It is noteworthy that twenty-one young people have changed their disciplines of study to theology.



*Some of the 7th - group of 1000 Missionaries*



*Miss Hyun Ah Jeong (right), a 1000 missionary with children in Uzbekistan in 1997.*

Some of them are already pastors, and many are pursuing theology as their course of study at denominational colleges and universities at home and abroad.

They have organized a "Korean 1000 Missionary Society." Mr Choi, Woon Sung and Kim, Hyun Chung were elected president and vice president respectively. This society has seven departments to carry out various functions and activities. Besides this nationwide organization, "Korean Sahmyook University 1000 Missionary Society" is also functional.

During their recent gathering they voted to operate a standing evangelistic team to conduct evangelistic crusades regularly. Returned missionaries are a great asset to the church and a mighty army for the Lord.

*P. D. Chun, President*

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# Greetings from ...

**K**orea, *Land Of The Morning Calm*, is home to about 45.7 million people. My wife, Bette, and I were happy to become part of that statistic on October 9, 1998. Retired from the General Conference in 1996, we moved to Winter Springs, Florida. During the time that followed I have served as interim pastor of the Brandon and East Pasco, Florida churches and have conducted an evangelistic campaign in the country of Latvia. Bette has been an employee in the administrative offices of the Florida Hospital at Altamonte Springs and Apopka, Florida.



*Elder & Mrs.*

*Bertochini*

For over fifteen years it was our privilege to serve the Lord in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore. Our volunteer assignment to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division has brought us "home" again to work among our many friends and to participate in the challenges of an unfinished work in the Orient. The call still entreats Christ's followers as it did Paul of old - "Come over and help us."

During the few months of volunteer service in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, it is our desire to be used of the Lord in some small way. Bette is serving as administrative secretary to Elder P. D. Chun, President, and Elder R. H. Liu, Secretary, and I as the interim director of Global Mission, Health and Ministerial Departments.

"The great controversy between Christ and Satan, that has been carried forward for nearly six thousand years, is soon to close; and the wicked one redoubles his efforts to defeat the work of Christ in man's behalf and to fasten souls in his snares"(GC p. 518). With the passing of time, the great commission becomes even more urgent - the gospel to all the world with haste.

Gilbert Bertochini, *Ministerial Association Secretary*

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