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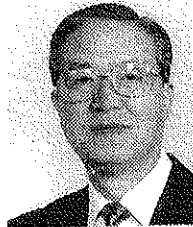


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1000 Missionary Movement

news from its training center in the Philippines



Being a movement, the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) is ever moving forward. During my recent visit to 1000MM headquarters campus and its mission fields, I have witnessed some exciting events.

Number one, 1000MM dedicated its Administrative and Instructional Building on March 18, 1999. The 950 square meter two-story concrete building houses four office rooms, four regular size classrooms, two conference rooms, an auditorium and three guestrooms. As the one who has seen three army tents on the jungle-like coffee plantation field in 1993, my heart was full of gratitude as I saw well-developed campus having an auditorium, two dormitories, two office buildings, six staff houses, a simple kitchen and dining hall, and the newly added Administrative and Instructional Building.

Thirty-one different national flags which stand for 31 countries from which 1,000 missionaries have come, boosted the celebrative moods. Thanks to all Sabbath School members throughout the world for their generous 13th Sabbath Offering in the first quarter of 1996.

Number two, eighty-one young missionaries, who made up the 13th batch, have been dispatched to their mission fields after having finished five to thirteen weeks of training on March 20. They are from six different countries: 35 from Korea, 37 from Philippines, three from Argentina, three from Guam-Micronesia, two from Thailand, and one from Indonesia.

Their dedication and commitment are no less than Gideon's 300 soldiers' dedication. I was thrilled as I saw their imposing appearance and foresaw the great achievement they would make in the mission field. I encourage every Adventist youth to join in this mighty army of Immanuel and I urge every church leader to send their church young people to this Greatest Challenge of the Century.

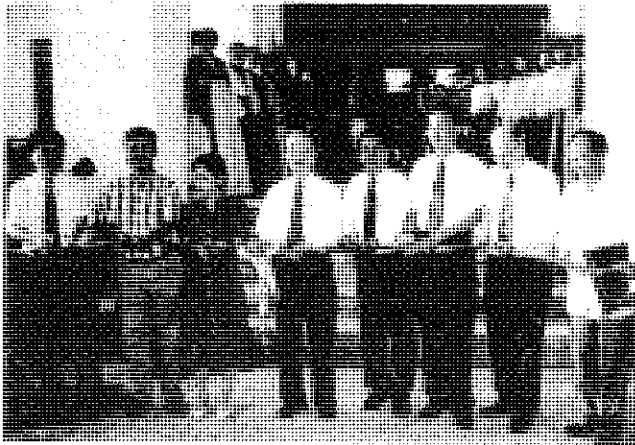
Number three, two more branches of 1000MM are anticipated, in addition to Bangladesh and Myanmar. Inspired by this great movement, the Eastern Africa Division and East Russian Union Mission have sent their youth directors to 1000MM campus in anticipation of transplanting 1000MM to their territory.

Pastor V Link of East Russian Union and Pastor C Wamalika from East Africa Union participated in the five-week training course for missionaries. During the commencement exercise there was 1000MM flag passing ceremony to these two representatives. They pledged to start 1000MM in their territory in the near future. I wish them a great success in Africa and Russia.



A New Administrative and Instructive Building of the 1000 Missionary Movement Center in the Philippines

Number four, Pator Kim Si Young, 1000MM Director, and I visited several mission fields in Mindanao Island, Philippine where some 1,000 missionaries were laboring. After a three-hour ride, we arrived at the village of JBL (Jose B Libagoo), which was named after initials of the three mayors of the municipality of Talaingod, home of the Manubu and Ata tribes.



A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the New Building on March 18, 1999 at the Headquarters of the 1000 Missionary Movement in the Philippines

Until October 1997, no evangelist or missionary was allowed to enter Talaingod community. These two tribes were constantly fighting each other for centuries. Killing, kidnapping, looting and retaliating were as common as eating and drinking. When two lady missionaries approached this mountain community, the mayor allowed them to work among them because he had attended an Adventist Mission school many years ago. Miss Lim and her Filipino partner won the heart of the people with their compassionate and sacrificial ministry in healing the sick, giving bath to the children, cleansing village road and teaching children. Once the villagers' hearts were open, they accepted the gospel message as it was presented to them.

After the big evangelistic meeting led by Pastor Byung Kyung Bo from the Middle West Korean Conference College Student Evangelistic Team, more than 300 people were baptized in February 1998. Risking their lives, the two female missionaries introduced the gospel message to every village in the municipality of Talaingod. Two more female missionaries were dispatched. Through their tireless effort 1,700 people were baptized and eleven churches were established within one and a half years.

Now, there is no more fighting or killing between tribes and villages of former enemy tribes without any danger of losing life or kidnapping. Peace is prevailing throughout the municipality of Talaingod. This is the most powerful witness to the transforming power of the gospel of peace.

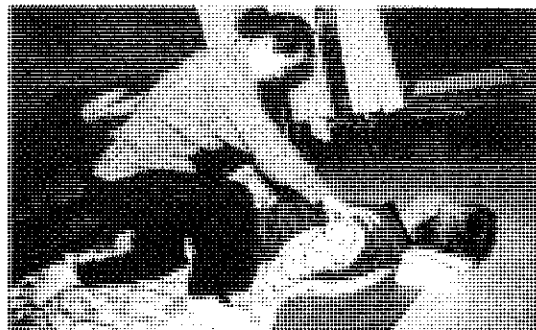
P. D. Chun, *President*

Health Ministry in Korea

current major method of evangelism

A great economical crisis hit South Korea late in 1997. As the result Korean People suffered badly. Many people have disappointed and lost hope. Since that time it seems they have heavy feet and walk quietly. Further it is very seldom to see laughing faces among adults. Because there are a lot of people who lose their jobs and graduating students who are not employed. When people do not have enough income, they tend not go to hospitals so easily even if they have some physical problems. Consequently some hospitals were forced to meet very serious financial difficulties because of lack of patients.

In such a time, IIsan Seventh-day Adventist Church conducted a health seminar, NEW START WORKSHOP, on June 15-20, 1998. This was an evangelistic meeting related to health. Health is one of the most popular topics in Korea and the health approach to the general public is one of the most effective methods of soul winning in the country now. There were two hour lectures both in the morning and afternoon. Additionally, healthy vegetarian lunch was prepared for all attendees free of charge every day.



Massage by a Sport-Physical Therapist



A lady inviting a man to a health program.

Some exciting things are happening after the series of the meetings. The church began simple therapy including massage, hot and cold water treatment, etc. twice a week free of charge. As this service is provided mainly by deaconess of the church, namely housewives, the therapy hour is 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Consequently retired old people and others who are free in the afternoon come to have treatment regularly.

One day a female church member found an old man riding a bicycle. In spite of that she never met the man before, she suddenly stopped him and asked him, "Do you have any physical problem? Do you feel ache on your body?" Then the man replied her, "Well, I have ache on my right foot." Then she immediately invited him to the church for treatment. Since he has nothing to do at his home, he accepted her invitation and came to the church.

Not only to get treatment, he came to attend the church service on March 13, 1999. It was his first time to participate in the Sabbath program. I met him and talked with him a little bit on the day. Next Sabbath he came again and he told me the reason why he came to the church. According to him, he is 72 years old and is alone at his home. His wife passed away and his children had their own homes. Although he has nothing to do, his custom is just to ride on a bicycle around the city. There was no hope in his life. But, he could meet an Adventist lady by accident and he knew simple treatment at the church. That day became his turning point. Now he is studying the Bible and has a plan to be baptized in May, 1999.

He is just one of hundreds of people who are finding hope in Jesus Christ through the health approach of Adventist churches in Korea. Simple treatment really helps people discover hope.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communication/PARL Director*

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GC Survey for NSD

Commendations and Recommendations

The General Conference (GC) sent a survey team composed of nine members to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division on April 28 - May 3, 1999.

The members are as follows:

M. A. Bediako, Chairman GC Vice President
 M. T. Battle, Secretary, GC Associate Secretary
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 Carol Wu, Laity from South China Island Union Mission
 Tadashi Yamaji, Pastor from Japan Union Conference

The Survey Team submitted its report to the NSD Mid-year Committee on May 3, 1999. There are 18 sections in its report and each one has commendations and recommendations. For example, "Section 1 - Administration" is reported in the following way.

Section 1 Administration

The Survey Commission commends:

1. The Division for having a well defined program/strategic plans for evangelism, membership nurture, entrance to new territories, education for SDA youth, institutional development and stewardship.
2. The Division for successfully integrating the East Asia Association into the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.
3. The Division for special focus on ministry to the (omission).
4. The Division for the large number of baptisms through the English Language Schools (Averaging 300 per year).
5. The Division for the large number of baptisms through higher education.
6. The Division for the 1000 Missionary Movement. Since the inception of this Movement in 1993, 1,148 volunteer missionaries coming from 31 countries have sent out to 23 different countries and baptized 12,281 and established 178 new congregations and erected 133 new chapels.
7. The Division for maintaining minimal staffing for the Division office.
8. The Division for the excellent preparation of the self study document.

9. The Division for securing and developing facilities for the Division operations maximum efficiency.

The Survey Commission recommends:

1. That the Division continues to develop plans and devise methods for organizing the work in (omission) as opportunities arise.
2. That the Division formulate specific plans to reach the secular mind.
3. That the Division urge appropriate Bible translation organizations to provide the Old Testament in the Mongolian language.
4. That the Division continues to monitor and carefully watch for opportunities to reach the people of (omission).
5. That the Division Administration give study to the composition of the Division Executive Committee to increase representation of females, pastors, laymen and youth.



The GC Survey Team visited the NSD office on April 28 - May 3, 1999.

6. That the Division Administration give special attention to increased church growth particularly in Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan.
7. That the Division give study to giving women greater opportunities to serve in leadership roles at all levels.
8. That the Division address the apparent wide-spread problem of school attendance on Sabbath.

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

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