

# Northern Asia-Pacific Division



## NEWS & VIEWS

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### NSD GETS READY FOR ACTS 2000



#### *exciting news from Korea*

The following are some of the reports that sub-committee leaders presented to the ACTS 2000 Organizing Committee meeting held in Seoul on August 1, 2000. So far 679 churches in Korea are committed to participate in ACTS 2000; of these, 450 churches will participate in live downlink sites through satellite dishes, 146 have been equipped for video evangelism, and 83 churches will support the Sahmyook site. In addition to the regular series, Sahmyook University has made arrangements so that Elder Mark Finley will preach twice a day to the 4,000 students during a Week of Prayer of doctrinal content offered during ACTS 2000.

Korean Union Conference (KUC) and Conferences' leaders are making great efforts to make ACTS 2000 a success. Training classes on how to set up and operate a downlink site have been offered throughout the Union and a video has been prepared for the same purpose. In order to promote ACTS 2000 and to secure the members' support, large banners, daily countdown posters, and a 15-minute promotion video were distributed among all churches. All members have been challenged to bring ten people to the meetings. In order to advertise the series among those who are not related to church members 10,000 posters will be placed in strategic places, 1,500,000 handbills will be distributed, and advertisement will be posted in daily newspapers. What is of crucial importance is the preparation of interests, for which a 30-lesson doctrinal series has been prepared. All churches have been encouraged to organize prayer chains for the success of this massive evangelistic series.

There are some issues of general interest. One-page summaries of the lectures were sent earlier this year to all Union coordinators for translation so that they may be distributed every night during the series in local churches in their own language. Sabbath, October 7, has been appointed as a baptism day throughout the Division. Video footage of those ceremonies will be shown that night on the satellite uplink.

By now churches should have secured names of people who are somehow related to radio programs, hospitals, language institutes, churches, schools, academies and colleges, NEWSTART programs, and church members. These individuals should be contacted and offered Bible studies before Elder Mark Finley delivers the harvest series. Personal Bible studies, VOP lessons, small group meetings, baptismal classes, Sabbath School Visitors' classes, pastoral evangelism, and worship evangelism are some means to secure the indispensable doctrinal studies before the series of ACTS 2000. In some institutions teams have been set up in order to make sure that all students are receiving preparatory Bible studies.

There are other ways to maximize the results of this massive evangelistic effort. Former and inactive members should be visited and informed of the ACTS 2000 series. Each church should be encouraged to set attendance and baptismal goals and offer weekly reminders of the series. The challenge for every church member in our Division, Union, Conference, and church is to be a part of this evangelistic effort by praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and by being personally involved as a lay Bible study teacher in preparation for ACTS 2000. Each member should be encouraged to make a commitment to attend the whole series along with those whom they love and want to see in heaven.

For the benefit of those who are interested in details, the following is the basic schedule of daily programs:

7:00 - 7:25 Music concert for local audience. This is applicable for local churches using satellite downlink or video evangelism.

7:30 - 7:34 Welcome to satellite audience

7:34 - 7:36 Prayer  
 7:36 - 7:41 Music (one number)  
 7:41 - 7:47 Announcements by Mark Finley  
 7:47 - 7:52 Music (one number)  
 7:52 - 8:45 Sermon  
 8:45 - 8:50 Appeal song  
 8:50 - 8:58 Benediction  
 8:58 - 9:00 Sign off

September 29, 2000, has been set as the date to launch the most challenging set of evangelistic meetings ever attempted in this area of the world. During many years churches have focused on the value of quiet, persistent, personal soul winning. We have noted that it is the human, caring invitation that attracts others to church fellowship. This approach should never be shunned. But the time has come to sound the Adventist message in an urgent, public way, to help those who have been already exposed to the Adventist message to make a decision for Jesus. Jesus has given us a commission. He asks us to respond. The results, He promises, will never be lacking where humans have done their part and where the Holy Spirit is invited to attend. Jesus call to us is for prayer, planning, and commitment. We feel that you understand how the success of public evangelism depends not only on ingenious advertisement, satellite equipment, and attractive presentation. It depends on YOU for support, preparation of your loved ones, prayer, caring invitation, and faithful attendance.

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Carlos G. Martin, NSD ACTS 2000 Coordinator

## Merging Two Hospitals in Hong Kong

On August 8, 2000 the Executive Committee of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division voted to approve the recommendation of the Chinese Union Mission as follows:

- 1) Hong Kong Adventist Hospital and Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital are merged. Official name to be decided later.
- 2) A new Board to be appointed which will immediately appoint a search committee to find a new CEO for this merged institution;
- 3) It is the Board's prerogative to determine the areas/ services/departments to be merged.

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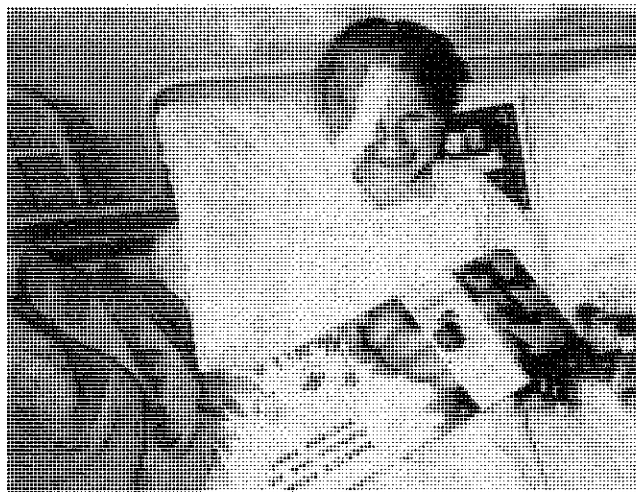
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## Albanian Girl in Kosovo *treated in Tokyo Adventist Hospital*

Tragedy hits always women and children in the war. There was no exception in Kosovo, where the conflict last year brought about many tragic situations throughout Kosovo, such as massacre, violation of human rights, and deepest hatred towards different ethnic group.

Besjana Musliu, an ethnic Albanian girl was another victim of the ethnic war. At the age of one, Servian paramilitary attacked her residence in the village of Vroijsa with massive shells, when she was sleeping in her bed. This attack led to her face and head half burned seriously. It was almost a miracle that she did not lost her life. Although she was medically treated in both University Hospital of Pristhina and Belgrade National Hospital, her face remained keloidal and a half of her head never had hair growing since then.

After NATO agreed a cease-fire in June 1999, hundreds of NGOs have rushed into Kosovo to conduct emergency operations. ADRA Japan was also one of them, actively conducting humanitarian operations under ADRA International Kosovo Operations. When ADRA Japan agreed to be an implementing partner of UNMIK Winterization and Rehabilitation Project in Skenderaj/Serbica we met Besjana and her parents in the Municipality Building where Mr. Ken Inoue, a Municipal Administrator of UNMIK stationed. After a serious discussion with Mr. Inoue, ADRA Japan agreed to assist her medical treatment in Tokyo Adventist Hospital and started an overall support to the newly established "Association for Assisting Besjana."



*Besjana Musliu in Tokyo Adventist Hospital*

The generous offer from the hospital and support from many Japanese working in Kosovo, finally made it true to bring Besjana to Tokyo in the end of March 2000. The main objective of her first visit to Tokyo was to have detailed medical check and a minor surgery for skin-plant under her right eye.

ADRA Japan organized a media campaign to appeal for donations and received within three weeks 50,000 USD from many heartfelt Japanese. To recover completely from the serious burn on her face and head would cost about 100,000 USD. It is necessary for Besjana to visit Tokyo at least three times from now on, requiring her to stay continuously for six months in Tokyo. ADRA Japan is committed to make her life as less as possible affected by this traumatic situation and wishes to continuously support her medical treatment in Tokyo with the assistance from Tokyo Adventist Hospital. Her next visit to Tokyo is scheduled for September 2000.

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Stephano Tsukamoto, *ADRA Japan Director*

*Experience the Certainty  
of His Coming*

## Lay Leaders Evangelism Seminar "Gideon 300" in Taiwan

**A**n interview with Pastor Hong Myuug-Kwan, Sabbath School/Personal Ministry Director.

**Editor:** Pastor Hong, when and what program did you conduct in Taiwan after the General Conference Session?

**Hong:** After coming back from Canada, I went to Taiwan to conduct a "Lay Leaders Evangelism Seminar." It was held on July 21-29, 2000.

**Editor:** Who was your co-worker and where did the program take place?

**Hong:** Pastor Huang Chin-Chen worked with me. He is the Sabbath-School/Personal Ministry Departmental Director of the Chinese Union Mission. We had the seminar in three different churches: Ching Ye Church, Kuan Shan Church, and Taichung Church.

**Editor:** Who were the target people for the seminar?

**Hong:** The target were lay leaders, especially members of the "Gideon 300" movement.

**Editor:** What is the "Gideon 300" movement?

**Hong:** The "Gideon 300" is a lay evangelism movement which the Taiwan Mission is promoting this year. They are a group of lay members who are willing to participate in soul winning with a courage and readiness like the 300 soldiers of Gideon.

**Editor:** You just said that you had the seminar in three different places; how many people came to the meetings?

**Hong:** We had an attendance of 220 at the Ching Ye Church, 50 at Kuan Shan Church, and 70 at Taichung Church.

**Editor:** What were the purposes of this seminar?

**Hong:** First of all, it was to equip lay leaders of the Taiwan Mission as successful soul winners. Second, to encourage them to participate actively in the ground preparation for ACTS 2000.

**Editor:** What did you do during the seminar to accomplish those purposes?

**Hong:** We trained them through the study of three topics: "Why evangelism?," "Jesus' method in reaching people," and "How to open secularized minds through pictorial aids?"

**Editor:** How did they respond during and after the seminar?

**Hong:** They were very impressed and encouraged by the seminar. Particularly, they were very interested in learning more about the Chinese material they had on how to open secularized minds through pictorial aids.

**Editor:** Could you explain a little bit more about it?

**Hong:** Of course. This pictorial aid was originally produced in Korea. It has two models and each model has 26 pictures. There is a question related to each picture in order to raise interest from the people relate to what they think about their own lives. A series of pictures lead the people step by step to the real source of life and happiness, to Jesus Christ.

**Editor:** You mentioned before that you related this seminar to ACTS 2000. How did you do it?

**Hong:** I certainly believe that lay leaders may contact many friends and neighbors through the pictorial aid and prepare them for the ACTS 2000 harvest campaign.

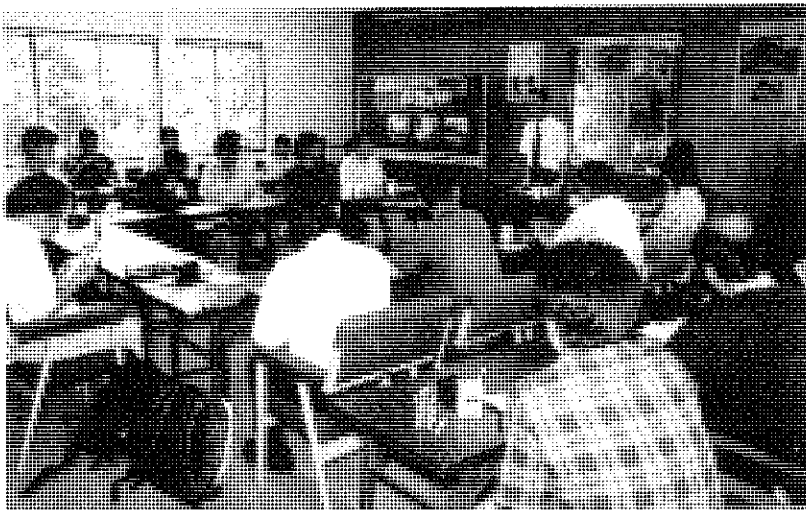
**Editor:** Thank you very much. We believe that there will be many people who will be saved through the leaders who attended your seminar in Taiwan.

# AWR Listeners' Day

## at the JUC VOP Studio

The first Adventist World Radio (AWR) Listeners' Day in Japan was conducted at the Voice of Prophecy (VOP) studio with twenty visitors in the Japan Union Conference (JUC) compound on July 16, 2000. On this day some listeners came from very far away, even some hundred kilometers away by bullet train. The purpose of the day was to give our thanks to the AWR listeners supporting the radio program through listening and responding.

The program of the day included a speech to explain the AWR and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, self introductions of the participants, testimonies why they began to listen the AWR, a tour to the VOP studio, and participating in recording the radio program. The most exciting experience for them was, of course, to be involved in making a radio program with the radio speaker and the announcer. They were able to finish recording without any serious problems.



*The participants are listening to a speech made by radio speaker, Masaru Kawagoe, in the Japan Union Conference.*

Currently the VOP in the JUC is broadcasting a four-minute daily program (middle wave), "Hikarito Tomoni" meaning ("with light") through seven Japanese commercial stations. It also broadcast a thirty-minute daily program (short wave) through the AWR/Asia station located in Guam. Regarding the short wave program, the number of responding letters is increasing and over 1,600 responses came to the VOP office in 1999 alone. Most of them were the listeners' reports about the programs. The VOP staffs have found faithful and searching hearts and their comments have been much appreciated. Furthermore, knowing that one of the listeners was baptized last June, we praised the name of the Lord from the bottom of our hearts.

Masaru Kawagoe, JUC Communication/VOP Director

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