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ACTS 2000 Made a Great Impact

The first satellite meetings up-linked in the NSD

The Friday night of September 29, 2000, the first satellite evangelistic meetings up-linked in the Northern Asia-Pacific region began at the Sahmyook University auditorium in Seoul, Korea. It was the 8th location of ACTS 2000, which has been held around the world with Mark Finley, *It Is Written* Director/ Speaker. ACTS 2000 stands for "Adventist Commission Through Satellite."

The speaker's English presentation was translated into Korean by Kwang Oh Kim, President of the Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church Council of North and South America. He was asked to do this great role almost one year ago and prepared it with much prayer. Additionally, others translated into Cantonese, Japanese, Mandarin, Mongolian, and Russian from another room.



Sahmyook University Auditorium

On the opening night about 3,000 people packed the University auditorium and an additional 700 gathered at the Academy auditorium, which had a big screen showing the live program. In the meantime, there were 154 downlink sites in South Korea, where 555 local churches participated in. For example, the Hospital church in Seoul had about

400 attendants and the SDA Language Institutes headquarters church 400 also. Reports from KUC indicate that 23,721 people attended this evangelist effort throughout the country.



Mark Finley (right) and Kwang Oh Kim (left)



Attendants at the University Auditorium

Roy Williams, World Coordinator of ACTS 2000, said, "There was a very well organized program at the Sahmyook University. Music was just outstanding! Pastor Mark Finley's presentations were well received by the audience and the response was excellent. The dedication and cooperation of the University faculty was commendable." Carlos Martin, Northern Asia-Pacific Division Coordinator for ACTS 2000, commented, "The messages were powerful and the music was excellent! Local churches can do a great thing for God if they cooperate with the church organization. I am proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist."

Kei Hoon Shin, Korean Union Conference President, added, "We did our best for preparation. So we expected the most fruitful results. We can see unity among our church members because of this event. We want to remain united in soul winning work." Daeguuk Nam, Sahmyook University President, said, "This program brought a great spiritual awakening not only in the faculty, but also among the students. In preparation for this evangelist effort we remodeled our auditorium, trained students as guides and ushers, and built a positive spiritual environment."



The translators: Fujita, Matsuda, Jao, Bold, Alla, and Tsui (from left).

ACTS 2000 was broadcasted to Hong Kong, Japan, Mongolia, Russia and Taiwan. For this purpose, translators were sent to the meeting place. Additionally, this program could be seen in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, and beyond.



The baptism at the University swimming pool

This series "Revelation of Hope," continued for 10 days until October 8, 2000. Mark Finley talked under the topics of "Countdown to Eternity," "A World in Turmoil," "How to Find Personal Peace," "The Secret of a Changed Life," "Why Our Streets Are Unsafe," "God's Eternal Sign for Today," "Death's Mystery Solved! Who are the Spirits of Spiritism?" "How to Successfully Bury the past," "Solving the Riddle of Religious Confusion," and "God's Glorious Tomorrow."



One of the five Pakistanis Moslems baptized

A baptismal ceremony was held on October 7 during the campaign and 760 people were baptized all over the country including 262 in the uplink site, Sahmyook University. Baptisms resulting from ACTS 2000 in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division are expected to continue until the end of this year.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communication/PARL Director*

Ministry Professional Growth Seminar Pacific Rim *offered with ACTS 2000*

The "Ministry Professional Growth Seminar Pacific Rim" in Korea on October 3, 2000 was a first time event in two ways. It was conducted for the first time in Korea and for the first time it was broadcasted through satellites around the world from Korea. In fact, it was the first time the Northern Asia-Pacific Division conducted one of these seminars in its territory.

The so-called PREACH Seminar, was held at the Sahmyook University, in Seoul, and attracted around 450 people including pastors, theology teachers and students, church elders and deacons, and other professionals. There were about ten attendants from other Christian denominations. PREACH stands for "Program Reaching Every Active Clergy Home." It was sponsored by the Ministerial Association of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



N. Satelmajer (right) welcomed the participants.



M. Finley (right) encouraged the audience to have an endless vision in life.

Under the theme "MY VISION, OUR VISION - The Pastor and the Mission of the Congregation" there were three main speakers. Mark A. Finley's subject was, "Developing a Personal Mission: My Story;" Gordon Moyes, "Translating the Biblical Commission to My Congregation" and Jairyong Lee, "A Man of Vision or A Visionary Man?"



G. Moyes (left) spoke of his ministries.

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J. Lee (left) spoke of the "1000 Missionary Movement."

Dr. Gordon Moyes, pastor of Wesley Mission in Sydney, Australia, commented about the PREACH Seminar as follows: "It is one of the most adventurous and exciting ways to reach pastors because the preaching concept can be conveyed to every country and language. Satellite breaks down races and denominations. In fact, I have been subscribed to the *Ministry* magazine for the past 20 years. If I cannot attend a PREACH Seminar, I buy the video cassette to learn. I bought the video of the World Ministerial Council in Toronto, Canada. I keep growing." To answer my question, "How can young pastors succeed and become experienced pastors like you?" He said, "They must be strong in commitment, faith, and determination. It is not easy to be a pastor. I say to my own pastors, 'Jesus promised us not a cup of tea, but hardship, persecution, and a cross.'"

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communication/PARL Director*

The Music Was Just Outstanding!

in ACTS 2000



A dynamic and joyful song service



A trio of the Ryukyu Jamisen from Okinawa, Japan



A ladies singing group



A quartet of teachers from the University Music Department

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