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"United by the Word of God"

-the new year worldwide theme

The greatest concern of our Lord Jesus Christ when he was about to depart from the earth for heaven was how the young church would survive the furious assaults of Satan and successfully accomplish its mission. In order to protect and enable His church He has given them two great gifts. One is the Holy Spirit and the other is the Word of God. These two are always working together in fulfilling Christ's will on earth.

The Holy Spirit and the Word of God work together in bringing and maintaining unity among God's church. The Holy Spirit is working tirelessly among God's people to bring unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God. He gives spiritual gifts to each individual to strengthen the unity. The unity and love among the followers of Jesus are the most powerful and irrefutable evidence that they are true people of God. (John 13:34, 35; 17:28)

The Holy Spirit does not work apart from the Word of God. He works for unity with the Word of God. Unity apart from the Word of God cannot be conceived, it is not a unity at all, it is a false unity or a conspiracy. Adventists are people of the Bible. The Bible alone is the norm and standard for every belief and conduct. "To the law and the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they do not have the light of dawn." (Isa. 8:20 NIV)

The Word of God is the only safe foundation on which to build up our faith. The Word of God only protects us from the attack of savage wolves. The Word of God alone keeps us from all kinds of perverse teachings and doctrines. The Word of God helps us preserve our sound and pure doctrine. The Word of God binds us together in unity despite the diversity among us. "The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver tried in furnace of earth, purified seven times. (Ps.12:6)

Our church is firmly established upon the unchanging Word of God. "On this rock I will build my church, and the gate of Hades (hell) will not overcome it." (Matt. 16:18)

Our church and its doctrine have been tested by and survived the rain of higher criticism, stream of pantheism, wave of skepticism, and wind of modern liberalism for one hundred and fifty years. There will be even greater deluges and typhoons, which will beat and shake the foundation of our faith as we come near the end of the world's history. No matter how strong they may be, the church whose foundation is laid upon the solid rock, the Word of God, will stand firm. Everyone, who built his faith upon the Word of God, will overcome them all.

Satan is constantly attacking God's people with skepticism in order to lead them to doubt the very foundation of faith. Started from academia such dangerous and destructive skepticism is even preached in the church pulpits.

Inspiration of the Bible, authenticity of the Spirit of Prophecy, literal creation account, three angels' message, heavenly sanctuary doctrine, and Adventist belief in eschatology are severely challenged and attacked by Satan in disguise of intellectualism. We leaders of God's church should be vigilant in defending our old landmark truths and in protecting God's people from the influence of liberalism.

"Our only safety is in preserving the ancient landmarks" (5T 199). "Our faith in reference to the message of the first, second, and third angels was correct. The great waymarks we have passed are immovable. Although the hosts of hell may try to tear them from their foundation, and triumph in the thought that they have succeeded, yet they do not succeed. The pillars of truth stand firm as the eternal hills, unmoved by all the efforts of men combined with those of Satan and his host." (Ev. 223).

We as leaders of God's church should do every effort to preserve the unity and the purity of the church so that we may "present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27).

P. D. Chun, *President*

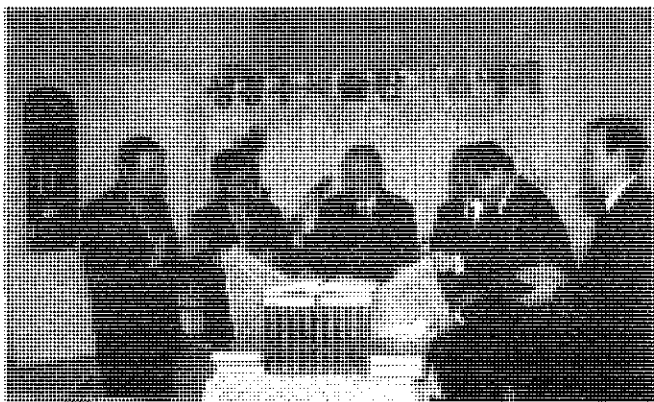
A Great Historical Project

of the Korean Publishing House

At last the 1st volume of the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary (SDABC) in Korean edition was published! A thanksgiving worship service was held to celebrate the publication of the 1st volume of SDABC (Korean edition) at the Korean Union Conference (KUC) auditorium at 11:00 a.m. on January 3, 2001. This service was attended by KUC officers and members of the "SDABC Publishing Committee," managers of various institutions, pastors and lay members from the Seoul area, and Korean Publishing House (KPH) workers.

Presently SDABC is being published with the help of 70 translators, 15 editorial supervisors, and 5 professional staff members (editors, proof-readers and designers). This prodigious project has been promoted as a monument for the commemoration of the 100th year of Korean Seventh-day Adventists work in Korea and expected to finish publication in the year of 2004. At the welcoming address, Young-Bong Choo, manager of KPH, remarked that "This project had been planned three times, but was aborted last time. Finally we have come to realize our wildest dream of having the commentary in our Korean language." Manager Choo expressed his sincere thanks for the support of the local churches.

Kye-Hoon Shin, president of KUC, expressed his pride and joy, in that Korean SDA's would be next to the Spanish believers in having the SDABC in the local language. He hopes that this project will revive the interest of the Korean Adventists in the Bible.



A celebration for the publication of the 1st volume of the SDA Bible Commentary in Korean edition at the Korean Union Conference auditorium on January 3, 2001.

Daeguuk Nam, president of the Korean Sahmyook University, explained the significance and the background for the publication of the Korean edition of the SDABC: "It means that our Korean Church has grown big enough to have our own commentary. We have leaders with visions, enough translators to finish translating whole volumes of SDABC, stable financial status, and many skilful workers for the job. All the conditions are ripe for the project." He evaluated our SDABC as combining deep theological thoughts for the pastors with practical concerns for our lay members as well.

KPH plans to publish one volume every three months, and seeks to finish the publication in the year of 2004, which marks 100th year of Korean Seventh-day Adventist work in the country.

Yoon-Ho Son, *Editor of Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary (Korean edition)*

Young-Bong Choo, manager of Korean Publishing House, making a speech.



Additional informations of the SDABC in Korean edition provided by Korean Publishing House are as follows:

1. The 1st volume was printed on December 4, 2000.
2. The 1st volume contains only Genesis and Exodus.
3. Its number of pages is 814.
4. Its size is a little bit bigger than the English edition.
5. Its number of copies in the first printing is 7,000.
6. Its price of one copy: advance order price, W20,000; normal price, W30,000.
7. The total volume number of the Korean edition will be 18.
8. The Korean edition will have "The Dictionary of Difficult Passages in the New Testament" and "The Dictionary of Difficult Passages in the Old Testament."
9. The Publishing House received 2,870 advance orders for the 1st volume until February 8, 2001.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Comm./PARL/Pub. Director*

Earthquake Relief to India

from NSD to ADRA India

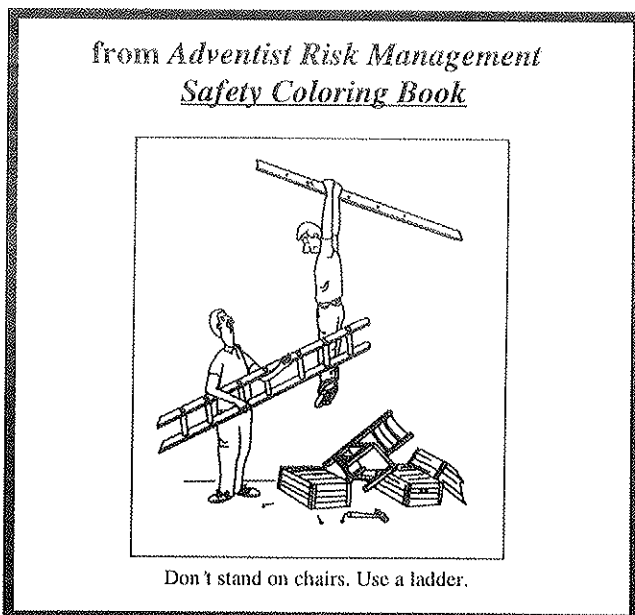
On January 31, 2001 the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Administrative Committee voted to provide USD 25,000 to ADRA India from the contingency fund for earthquake relief in India.

It is reported that some 100,000 people may have died because of the earthquake in Gujarat, central India on January 26, 2001. Many hundreds of thousands more have been left without food and shelter. (Editor)

AWR Annual Offering on March 10, 2001

Adventist World Radio Annual Offering (AWR) will be collected on March 10, 2001. AWR is sharing the gospel with the world for 30 years.

The offering promotional poster says, "Yes! You can give hope a Voice -- your gifts of funds and prayers empower AWR to air the gospel in nearly 60 languages around the world! AWR's Voice can go where you cannot go -- behind closed borders and doors, reaching people in the privacy of their homes and hearts." Let us give generously and lovingly to the AWR Radio Annual Offering. (Editor)



NSD New Departmental Director

for Sabbath School & Personal Ministries Department

Since Hong, Myung Kwan, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Sabbath School (SS) and Personal Ministries (PM) Director accepted a call to be president of the West Central Korean Conference, the NSD searched for his successor.

On February 14, 2001 the NSD Executive Committee voted to approve the appointment of John Kenneth McGhee to serve as the NSD SS and PM Director, and to place a call to the General Conference, North American Division and Southern New England Conference for his services as soon as possible.

According to his resume, John Kenneth McGhee is an American and his age is 49. His wife is Denise Altman McGhee and they have three daughters: Jennifer, 25; Janella, 24; and Jondelle, 20. His great grandfather, John Graham, was Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Missionary Captain of the ship "Pitcairn." His grandfather, Harold Oberg, was SDA Korean Mission President. Furthermore, his father, William McGhee, was SDA Missionary to Pakistan and Lebanon.

He finished his BA in Theology at Walla Walla College, MSPH in Public Health at Loma Linda University and Ed.D. in Leadership at Loma Linda University. He speaks English, Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and Russian.

His experience is 31 years as a volunteer and tithe-supported SDA minister of the Gospel including, pastoral ministry, literature evangelism, public evangelism, youth ministry, Union & Division departmental leadership, elementary, secondary, college, and graduate teaching, health administration, ADRA chairman, foreign missionary for 24 years, Faith Community Fellowship Church Planting Coach, Director of North American Division Center for Adventist Muslim Relations.

He served as Associate Ministerial and Personal Ministries & Sabbath School Departmental Director in the Euro-Asia Division. During the past four years he has had the privilege of coaching 15 church planting corps groups based on the North American Division.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Comm./PARL/Pub. Director*

Coming Events ...

<i>Single Professionals Seminar</i>	April 8-12, 2001	Thailand
<i>Trust Services Seminar for Ministers</i>	April 9-11, 2001	Korea
<i>GC Pre-Spring Meetings</i>	April 11-17, 2001	Silver Spring, USA
<i>GC AVS Advisory</i>	April 11-13, 2001	Silver Spring, USA
<i>GC Stewardship Advisory</i>	April 11-13, 2001	Silver Spring, USA
<i>GC Spring Meeting</i>	April 18-19, 2001	Silver Spring, USA
<i>New Creative SS Program Seminar</i>	April 20-22, 2001	Taiwan
<i>Lay Leaders Field School & Evangelistic Crusade</i>	April 27-May 5, 2001	Seoul, Korea
<i>Shepherdness International Congress</i>	April 27-May 1, 2001	Taiwan
<i>NSD PARL Advisory</i>	April 30-May 2, 2001	Ilsan, Korea
<i>Hospital Presidents' Council</i>	May 7-8, 2001	Japan
<i>Revival/Training Health Workers</i>	May 11-13, 2001	Seoul, Korea
<i>NSD Strategic Planning</i>	May 14-15, 2001	Ilsan, Korea
<i>NSD Midyear Committee</i>	May 16-17, 2001	Ilsan, Korea
<i>Evangelism Training</i>	May 20, 2001	Naha, Okinawa
<i>Camp Leaders Training</i>	May 22-24, 2001	Korea
<i>CHUM Midyear Committee</i>	May 23-24, 2001	Hong Kong
<i>Elementary/Middle School Health Contest</i>	May 31, 2001	Seoul, Korea
<i>All Japan Women's Congress</i>	June 8-10, 2001	Japan
<i>Sabbath School Workshop</i>	June 22-24, 2001	Hong Kong
<i>AMiCUS Workshop</i>	June 29-July 2, 2001	Korea
<i>NSD Communication Advisory</i>	July 1-3, 2001	Ilsan, Korea
<i>NSD Children's Ministries Advisory</i>	July 1-3, 2001	Ilsan, Korea
<i>NSD Education Advisory</i>	July 2-3, 2001	Ilsan, Korea
<i>NSD Family Ministries Advisory</i>	July 4-6, 2001	Ilsan, Korea

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