

# Northern Asia-Pacific Division



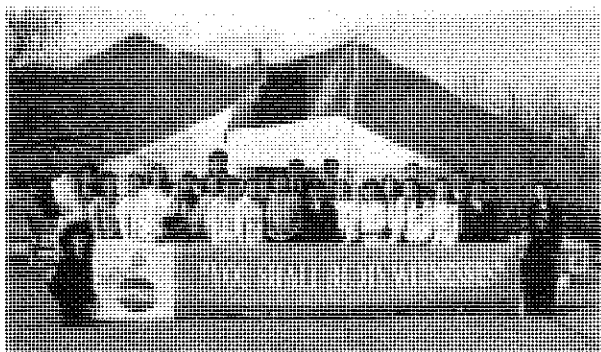
## NEWS & VIEWS

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### The 1000 Missionary Movement - Launched in Mongolia

The 1000 Missionary Movement was launched in Mongolia on March 1, 2002, as a Global Mission project of the Mongolian Mission Field. Twenty-one Mongolians joined the Movement and received intensive missionary training for five weeks. These volunteer missionaries will be sent to 11 different places in Mongolia to plant churches and to nurture them.

Mongolia, which was greatly influenced by the Soviet Union, was a communist country for about 70 years. Since 1921 the people in the country were deprived of religious freedom. Basically the people became atheistic with little interest in Christianity. When communism in the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, the communist Mongolian government quickly lost power. In 1991 Mongolia accepted capitalism and became a democratic country. The door of evangelism was finally open wide in Mongolia.



*The Participants of the Training*

In 1993, the first two Mongolians were baptized and became Adventists. It was a small beginning for the Adventist work in the country, but since then the Lord has blessed His work in many wonderful ways. At present, Mongolia has one organized Adventist church, two

unorganized churches, and 10 meeting places with a total membership of 262. It is remarkable to note that 9 out of the 13 places where the Seventh-day Adventist people meet on Sabbath were started by 21 volunteer missionaries from Korea, the Philippines and North America, serving through the 1000 Missionary Movement. It may be a providential coincidence that this year 21 Mongolian people have joined the 1000 Missionary Movement in Mongolia. Twenty-one missionaries served in Mongolia, and now 21 national missionaries will follow in their footsteps.



*Four of 21 young Mongolians trained for 5 weeks.*

The Mongolian Mission Field (Director: Dale Tunnell) rented a resort for five weeks for the missionary training. Located about 15 kilometers away from Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of the country, it is an isolated and solitary place ideal for trainees to have meditation and deep Bible study. The weather was still chilly, and the surroundings were covered by snow for many days, but this did not bother nor discourage the young people who were full of dedication to the mission work. Their songs, testimonies, and chanting warmed up their hearts. Their minds were already heading for their respective assigned mission territories searching for souls.

The missionary training schedule was busy. The trainees had quality classes from morning till evening designed to strengthen their missionary spirit, and to furnish them with biblical knowledge and evangelistic skills that would help them effectively share the gospel message with others.

By the providence of God, the 1000 Missionary Movement was started in Mongolia to brighten the country with the everlasting gospel. In a short while, the first group of 21 missionaries will depart to their mission fields, and will serve for two years. They will soon have many amazing stories to share about God's victory over evil - the evil that has swept the minds of people in Mongolia with atheism for so many years.

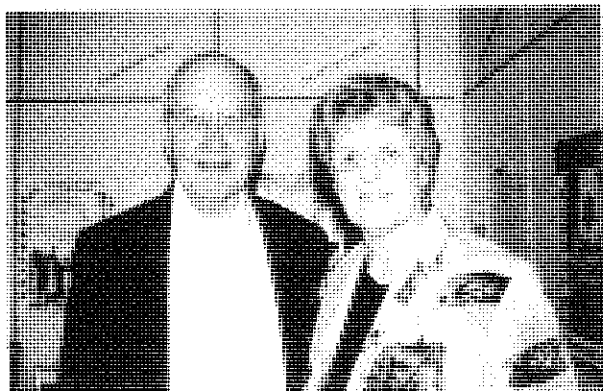
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Jairyong Lee, *Ministerial/Stewardship/GM Director*

## Health Needs Assessment *presented in the NSD Health Advisory*

A vast amount of documents of Health Needs Assessment in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) were presented to the delegates of the Health Ministries Advisory held at Eden Sanitarium and Hospital near Seoul, Korea on February 25-26, 2002. The conference was sponsored by the NSD Health Ministries Department whose director is John McGhee. For this advisory, there were around 30 delegates from Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mongolia. The delegates were health professionals including medical doctors, nurses, health educators, hospital administrators, etc.

This assessment was given by P. William Dysinger, senior health advisor of Development Services International in Tennessee, USA after spending over two months for research in Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, and Japan in 2001.



*P. William & Yvonne Dysinger*

Development Services International was established in 1996 by P. William Dysinger (MD & MPH) and his wife Yvonne Dysinger (RN & MPH), president - senior health advisor and secretary - treasurer, respectively. William has worked at Loma Linda University for 28 years and for Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) for 6 years. He is still adjunct professor of the university.

In order to find out the health situation and health needs of each country or territory, Dysingers visited a lot of people working in the government offices, hospitals, universities, UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, NGO offices, etc. For example, in Korea, they visited The Korean National Commission for UNESCO, WHO/Republic of Korea, Yonsei University, etc. In Taiwan, College of Medicine of National Taiwan University, Bureau of Health Promotion, etc. In Hong Kong, Adventist Hospitals, Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health, etc. In China, Beijing Institute of Health, Lung and Blood Vessel Diseases, China Preventive Medicine Association, UNICEF - Area Office for China and Mongolia, School of Medicine of Zhejiang University, etc. In Japan, National Institute of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Tokyo University, etc.

The purposes of the assessment were to find out the past trend of diseases and to forecast the next 10 years' trend of diseases in each country or territory. In addition, it was also important task to respond the coming challenges related to health in the region.

According to Dysingers' assessment, there were the common trends of diseases in these countries. It is, in a word, life style diseases, namely heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and overweight. In addition, they found a rapid growth of aging population. Therefore, based on the facts discovered through the research, they recommended the delegates of the advisory to encourage their own people to take traditional diet rather than first food and to do exercise much more to solve the life style diseases. Furthermore, the elderly people should be taken care including insurance system.

After this big project, P. William Dysinger commented, "Now, we can have a new look to seek the needs of people by evidence through facts. World is rapidly changing. Yesterday's good things are no more for tomorrow." Yvonne Dysinger said, "This project was greatly rewarded. Those whom we met were busy persons, but they welcomed us and treated us graciously. Sometimes, they invited us even for meals."

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Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communication/PARL/Publishing/SOP/ATN Director*

**Growth, Unity, Quality of Life**

# Premarital Counseling Training Seminar *in Bangkok, Thailand*

**P**remarital Counseling Training Seminar was held by bi-Division, NSD and SSD, at Fortune Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand on March 4-7, 2002. SSD Family Ministries Department, whose director is Linda Koh, was the host for this meeting and NSD was invited there. One hundred fifty delegates attended the seminar from two Divisions. NSD sent only 34 delegates (CHUM 10, JUC 6, KUC 16, and Division 2).



*The Participants of the Advisory*

This kind of seminar is very important even for the local church pastors to counsel their young people who are going to marry. Therefore selected pastors were invited to the meeting besides the Family Ministry directors. As SDA ministers, they reaffirmed that the marriages which can be performed by the ministers are only the marriages that follow the standards of the SDA church. They also learned that giving young people the premarital counseling, consisting of approximately 12 hours of education and discussion three to six months before wedding date, is the responsibility of the minister. Ministers need to know the methods and skills of Christian marriage counseling to guide young people in the right way.

The following is a suggested Curriculum for Premarital Counseling: 1. The Initial Interview, 2. Personality Issues, 3. Communication Process, 4. Resolving Conflicts, 5. Family Values and Beliefs, 6. Sexuality, 7. Finances, 8. Planning the Wedding Service, etc.

Bryan Craig, director of Family Ministries of the South Pacific Division, said "Among all these things communication process and resolving conflict are the most important matters in marriage life. Without driver license people cannot drive a car and without a certificate of any school or education

people can not find a job." So people recognized that if young people take a kind of premarital counseling certificate before marriage, they could have happy marriage in lifelong.

This Counseling Seminar was led by Ronald and Karen Flowers, co-directors of Family Ministries Department at the General Conference and Bryan Craig, director of Family Ministries Department of the South Pacific Division.

The participants learned a lot about counseling theory and skills, and also realized how important premarital counseling is for the young people in this time of broken homes.

During the following days (March 8-13) at the same place, we had Family Ministries Curriculum Frame Works under the Family Ministries Department of the General Conference. From the EAD, SPD, SSD, NSD, Family Ministries Directors including two theologians, Richard Davidson from Andrews University and Gerald Winslow from Loma Linda University, were in the meeting. The participants worked hard for formulating Biblical principles in marriage and family affairs. This is a part of developing family ministries curriculum. As a result, a curriculum was produced for the family ministries educators and leaders.

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Young-Ja L. Nam, *Family/Women's/Shepherdness Director*

## Death of Former Missionary

*- Clyde Raymond Bradley*

**D**. A. Roth, General Conference Representative to Loma Linda University, shared information as follows:

Clyde Raymond Bradley was born in Deer Lodge, Montana on September 25, 1914 and went to sleep in Jesus on January 29, 2002 in California, U. S. A.

In 1967 Clyde and Eleanor took a call to Okinawa, Japan, where he was Civilian Chaplain and built a lovely Servicemen's Center. After 4 wonderful years, Vietnam, Cambodia Mission needed a President, so Clyde and Eleanor accepted the challenge and moved to Saigon in wartorn Vietnam. In 1973, the fighting was getting too much, so he asked for a permanent return to the United States. But, he had been very active for the Lord's services until 1997 when his mind began to fail. May the Lord be with his loved ones.

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Editor

# Nationwide Literature Evangelists' Retreat

*in Yangyang, Korea*

A nationwide Literature Evangelists' Retreat was held March 15-18, 2002 at Preya Naksan Condominium, Yangyang, Korea. Beautiful buds bearing spring along with a magnificent vista of East Sea brought more grace of God's Words and fresh encouragement through sharing their experiences to the literature evangelists who are working through all over the country. This retreat meeting was conducted with great enthusiasms gathering more than 250 participants including literature evangelists, lecturers, and many other invitees. Nam, Dae Geuk, president of Sahmyook University, as a main speaker, lectured on the theory of the Sanctuary and all the local conference presidents emphasized on the importance of publishing works.

As special events during the meeting, Seoul Good News Women's Chorus served beautiful songs, and the joint celebration of 70th birthday was held for three literature evangelists, Pok, Jin Myun; Choi, Keun Shik; and Jung, Hwi Chung. They were very much pleased with it along with all colleagues invited and gave thanks to the Lord. Also, a Biblical drama, "People Walking with Angels," was performed giving a deep inspiration and touch into their heart because the story was related to their own experiences.



*More than 250 Participants including Literature Evangelists, Union/Conference Presidents & Directors at Preya Naksan Condominium in Yangyang, Korea.*

Opening sermon was delivered by Pastor Kim, Jong Moon, KUC treasurer, main worship sermon by Shin, Kei Hoon, KUC president, and the morning and evening worships were prepared by local conference presidents and general manager of Korean Publishing House. The retreat ended with the dedication worship led by Park, Kyung Sook, publishing director of the KUC.

Park, Kyung Sook, *Publishing Director of the Korean Union Conference*

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