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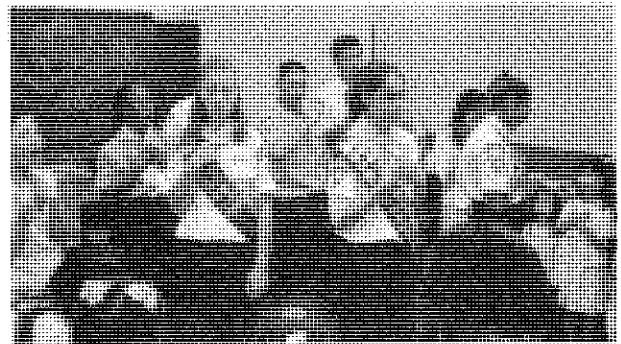
"Light Up the Pearl" Evangelistic Series *70 baptisms in Hong Kong*

He inspired an evangelist to come to Hong Kong to revive the public evangelism spirit. He inspired Pr. Howard Fung, Hong Kong-Macao Conference president to support and promote the series strongly. He inspired all pastors and members to work together. God, indeed, is working in this secular city.

One day, when Dr. Philip Jones, evangelist of South-eastern California Conference, prayed in his study room, he asked the Lord to guide him which country he should go to conduct a series. He got the answer right after the prayer, the same place where he worked 38 years ago as a student missionary.

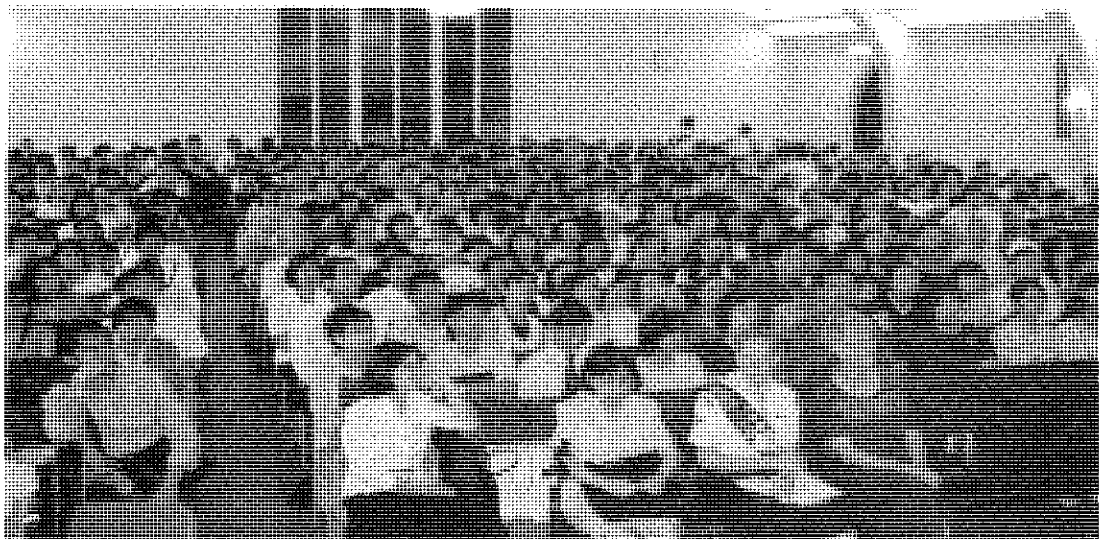
With the support of Pr. Rudy, Youth Director of the same conference, the largest evangelistic team ever landed Hong Kong on 27 June 2002 and began the series from 28 June to 12 July 2002. God blessed the 13-night series

with 68 baptisms, 2 profession of faith, total 70 souls added to the church and 70 interests signed up for baptism later. The



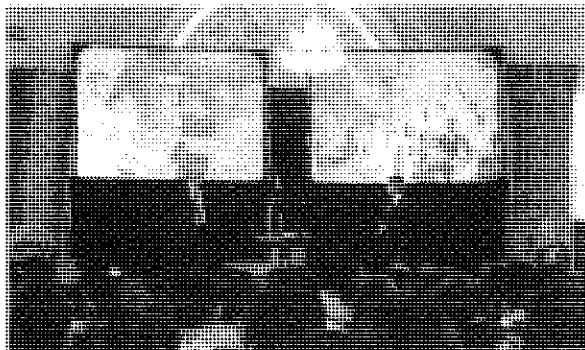
Active Pathfinders from the U.S.A.

evangelistic team consists of 63 pathfinders and Dr. & Mrs. Jones. The pathfinders went to four different Sahmyook mission schools in the mornings to have oral English class with the students. They made friends with them and brought them to the series in the evening. Kowloon church, where the meetings were held, has not experienced a full house in public evangelism for the past 30 years. The seating capacity allows only 500 people. It was full every night that sometimes late comers could not even seat inside the church.



Over 500 Attendees Every Night during the Evangelistic Series in Hong Kong

Every night the program started with a 50-member choir led by Pr. Linda Tsui, then followed by family talk by Mrs. JoAnne Jones, and then the gospel preaching of Dr. Jones. Prayer warriors were praying over the series every night and a children's class of 40 kids was conducted in another room. Every meeting was ended with baptism and that inspired and encouraged many people to make the same decision.



Philip Jones (left), speaker from South-eastern California Conference & Daniel Chuah (right), translator from Hong Kong Adventist College.

God also inspired the conference workers in Hong Kong to pay special interest in home visitation. Every week the workers and members of the conference office, churches, social centers, and schools would go forth in teams of two to visit the interests. 137 teams were formed and more than 5,500 people were visited before the series. That really arouses personal evangelism. Many people came to the meeting and were baptized because of the sincere personal effort of the members and the leaders. In the past, we focused more on sowing and hence little results, and now

we focused much on reaping and the result was fruitful.

In fact, Philip Jones states the success of this series:

1. Prayer. We prayed all night. We fasted and prayed. We prayed during the series.
2. Preparation. Much effort was emphasized on souls preparation before the series.
3. Baptism every night. That inspires all interests. Some made decision for baptism as they saw others doing it.

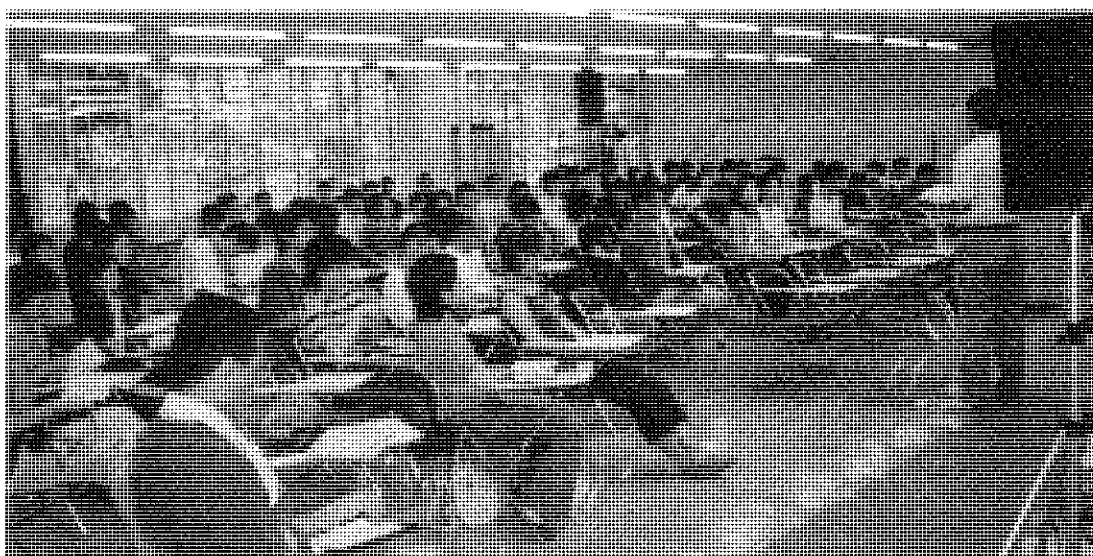
This series has encouraged us to do a greater work for God in the 2004 union-wide evangelistic effort and it has opened the eyes of pastors and members that public evangelism still works. God is good to us!

Terry Tsui, *Secretary of Hong Kong-Macao Conference*

Youth Congress "Shaking Japan" *Outreach Programs in Toyama*

All Japan Youth Congress was held on August 1 to 5, 2002, at the Youth Nature Camp Center in Tateyama, Toyama prefecture, Japan. This was the first nationwide youth congress after reorganization of Japan Union Conference.

We had to prepare it under insufficient structure. However, God is living and has done His work in responding our



The Participants Learning Earnestly during the Japan Youth Congress

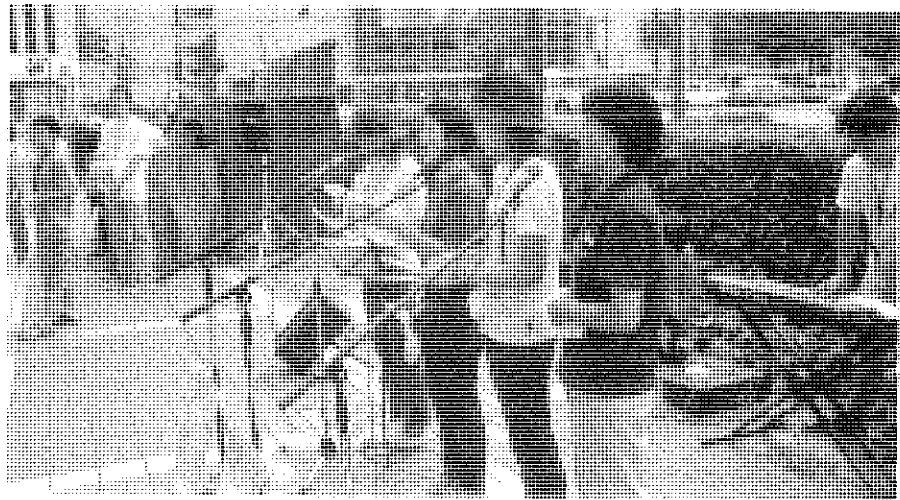
prayers. Something new was born in the inner hearts of one hundred three (including pastors) young people. It is obvious through the answers stated on the questionnaires that they had a good impression of the congress. Some wrote "Good! We have never experienced like this before."

We were privileged to have a baptism even though for one person only. It is said that a young man made up his mind to be a pastor in the future. We are to continue to pray for them, lest our youth would lose their vision and passion.

The congress had two characteristics. First, All Japan PFC Camporee was also held at the same site simultaneously. Both entities cooperated and united some programs. Since there were 385 for the PFC camporee, all the participants reached a total of 488. Secondly, the major programs of the congress were outreach ones. Dividing people to 12 teams, they participated in evangelistic work and voluntary service. In the mornings, the revival meetings were held by Pastor Masumi Shimada, director of evangelism. Burning with the Holy Spirit, they went out for activities. A team had a street collection of subscriptions for ADRA by singing hymns and performances, while another team played a puppet show and appealed stop smoking. Some visited a senior citizen's home, while others cleaned a town by picking up trash. There were teams who held a joint program with the PFC, who concentrated to pray for wrapping the congress in the prayers, who helped children's ministries at the Toyama church, who canvassed literature evangelism, and who took video tapes in order to record the activities of each team.

Those outreach programs refreshed the minds of the young people. One of them expressed that he first experienced the joy of service using his gift of the Spirit. The closing ceremony was the time for consecration. The pastors who had been leading their youth, sent them out, laying hands on each member with prayers. Tears were rolling down in cheeks of many people. All participants returned to their places throughout the country with the light as "the salt of the earth; the light of the world (Matt 5:13, 14)," which was the theme of the congress. May our youth shake Japan and be the beginning for the revival in our country.

Tsutomu Inada, *Japan Union Youth Director*



Street Evangelism in spite of Hot Weather in Toyama, Japan

Death of Paul E. Nelson

Former Missionary to Japan

Paul E. Nelson, a former missionary and retired Seventh-day Adventist minister, died on Saturday night, August 18, at the Cherry Valley Care Center in Banning, California. He was 75 years of age.

The wife of the deceased, Barbara nee Watts, was born of missionary parents in North Korea and is a 1979 graduate of Loma Linda University with both an undergraduate degree as well as a master's degree in Public Health.

The couple married November 21, 1948 in San Francisco, California and then began work for the Adventist denomination as a ministerial intern in Northern California. After working for two years in pastoral work, the Nelsons received a call to mission service in Japan, a country they called home for 18 years. Their three children were all born in Japan and attended school there as well as in Singapore, the headquarters at that time of the church's Far Eastern Division.

In 1993 he retired from full-time denominational work after 45 years of service in the United States and overseas. Surviving are his wife, Barbara Watts-Nelson; Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Adventist Church on the campus of Andrews University; Gregory P. Nelson, a specialist in church planting with the Washington Conference of Adventists; and Karilou Nelson-Jacobson, of Puyallup, Washington, wife of an Adventist pastor and a nurse. There were seven grandchildren.

D. A. Roth, *General Conference Representative to Loma Linda University*

Internet Evangelism

in the Chinese Union Mission.

The Chinese Union Mission Internet Ministry started three years ago. At that time, the Voice of Hope Chinese broadcasting has a new web site. It brings a new direction and a great way to spread the Gospel. In the beginning, we just received about 30 e-mails every month. But now we received about 450 e-mails monthly. Most of this e-mails are questions about religion, requiring spiritual books, finding the answer for their life problem, asking health questions and prayer requests. It is not easy to do the Internet Ministry.

First, we have to set up a very nice web site and co-operate with the Voice of Hope radio broadcasting. And we should patiently deal with the Internet friends. Chinese economic growth is very fast. Under this circumstance, more and more people know about accessing the internet to get their information. We provide good information for them on our web site. Such as health, family program, English study, listening the Gospel broadcasting and Bible study. I answer the Internet friends' questions and introduce the Bible study to them.



Michael Mok

If they are interested in knowing about Jesus, I send them the lessons one by one. Maybe you will ask why not send all the lessons to them and they can finish it once. Because when I send them the lesson each time, we have some more communication through the internet. As the internet friends finish the lesson we already built a relationship with each other. Most of the time, they treated me as their good friend, even we never met with each other. After they finish the Bible study, I introduce them to the local church, and let the church take care of them. Even some people who are still studying the Bible will sometimes ask for the baptism. Now there are about 30 people baptized through the internet Bible study.

Because the internet communication is a kind of new technology, most of our internet friends are high-educated people. They are young and they easily accept new things. Through the internet, there are no obstruction between people. You can reach the people as far as they live. We have e-mails from China, Canada, India, Iran, Japan, Africa, Australia, German, the United States and other countries.

For my experience, when we built up a good relationship with the internet friends, they are more willing to talk with you, since some problems are hard to say face to face. I am so glad that they give me such trust. My most ultimate happiness, it is not only that they can overcome the difficulty in their lives, but they can also bring the people to Jesus. One internet friend from Shang Hai is working in Switzerland consulate as a translator. She is one of the internet friend who zealously spreading the Gospel. It is just a beginning for the Internet Ministry. I am sure more and more people will know about Jesus through the internet.

Michael Mok, *Internet Evangelist of the Chinese Union Mission*

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