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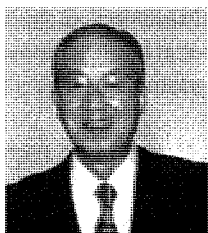


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Year 2003, A Year of Sowing and Harvest

NSD President Message



Go One Million initiative has already lunched its grand march. This year is the first full year to implement at each local church and by each individual member. As we consecrate ourselves the Holy Spirit will empower us in a mighty way as promised. The whole earth will be illuminated with the glory of the gospel as numerous messengers go around and open the Bible in many homes under the influence of the latter rain. Let all of us make this vision fulfilled this year.

This year is the beginning year of Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM). PMM is the NSD Version of Global Mission church planting initiative by the regular cross-cultural missionaries. Already five PMM missionary families are selected and dedicated to go to Japan. They will be sent to cities in Japan where there is no Adventist presence in order to establish churches after completion of intensive Japanese language study for one year in Japan. Their goal is to establish 50-member new churches in five years. PMM missionaries will go from every country to every country within the NSD territory though stronger countries will send more. By 2010, 100 PMM missionaries will be sent to every country of the NSD. Let us pray and support this historic Great Adventist Movement.

This year another magnificent worldwide campaign will be launched in the name of Sow One Billion (SOB) in order to add more power to Go One Million initiative. The main idea of SOB is to widely spread one billion pieces of simple tracts that induce Bible studies throughout the world. Even if only one percent of the receivers responds it means 10 million people will be engaged to many

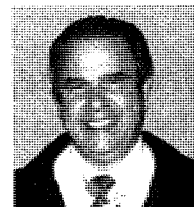
different forms of Bible studies. If rightly followed up millions of people will accept the gospel in the context of Adventism. Let us all participate in this marvelous plan and distribute as many specially devised tracts as possible and let the whole church prepare to follow up the interested persons, and there will be bountiful harvest of souls.

The 1000 Missionary Movement (1000 MM) will celebrate its 10th year anniversary of the dispatch of the first batch of missionaries from January 23-26, 2003. Last 10 years about 2,500 young volunteer missionaries from more than 30 different countries of the world were trained and sent to mission fields. Through their ministry thousands of people accepted Jesus Christ and joined the remnant church. Hundreds of new congregations were established since then in the formally un-entered areas. The Movement successfully addresses the two major challenges of our church: the first is the Global Mission challenge which is to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to every corner of the world; and the second is to retain and train young people in the church as the present and future owners of the church. Let's encourage every young people among us to participate in the 1000 MM and let every member support this great movement by prayer and finance.

Year 2003 is a year of sowing and a year of harvest as well.

NSD Departmental Plans for 2003

from John McGhee



HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR! Denise and I warmly welcome you to another new year. My Asian name is Ma, Yo Han. "Ma" means horse. As you know this past year of the horse is now gone. This coming year is the year of the sheep.

The president of our SDA hospital in Busan, Korea, Dr. Suh, Kwang Soo, said it best in his Lunar New Year's card to me. "May all of your family become sheep and sit on the right

side of the Lord." Although the Bible says that "All we like sheep have gone astray," I am so thankful that God sent a shepherd Divine who specializes in finding lost sheep. Then He leads His sheep in the "paths of righteousness" so that "sheep may safely graze."

Please accept a special blessing directed from us through each of the ministries we represent.

HEALTH MINISTRIES: May you enjoy walking 2 kms. per week together with your neighbors in 2003.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION: May you have the privilege of helping one person stop smoking cigarettes and empowering one person to stop drinking alcohol in 2003.

SABBATH SCHOOL: May your Sabbath School class share the joy of accomplishing a delightful missionary project in 2003.

PERSONAL MINISTRIES: May you find a family with whom you can make friends and start Bible studies in 2003.

VOICE OF PROPHECY: May your church begin a local Discover Bible Correspondence School in 2003.

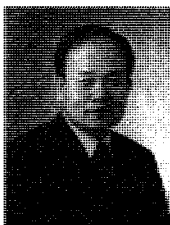
ASI (ADVENTIST LAITY SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES): If you own your business, may your employees and customers see Jesus in your marketplace.

GO ONE MILLION: May your kit provide an outstanding resource for you to make at least one disciple in 2003. If you don't have a kit, ask your pastor for one.

SOW ONE BILLION: May you receive and distribute 1000 leaflets entitled "Don't Be Afraid in a World of Fear" to share with people you meet in 2003. You will be "Sowing Seeds of Kindness" and soon will be "Bringing in the Sheaves."

from Lee, Jairyong

Let Us Hasten the Lord's Return!



The new year of 2003 has dawned with many challenges. Many instances and events taking place around the globe are an indication of the soon return of Jesus Christ. The field is white already for harvest, and our Lord is telling us to keep on working hard in order to accomplish the gospel commission as soon as possible. Accordingly, we will continue working hard with the support and cooperation of churches and institutions to carry the three angels' messages to every corner of the world.

1. All our ministers should serve the church with a renewed commitment. Pastors are spiritual leaders of the church. Their dedicated lives and faithful ministries to the church will bring a remarkable revival and reformation among church members. "The ministers must be converted before they can strengthen their brethren.... A reformation is needed among the people, but it should first begin its purifying work with the ministers" (1T, 469).

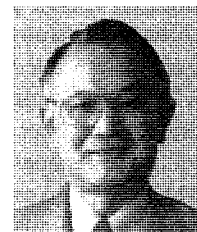
2. Global Mission work should be constantly emphasized in the church as the very reason for the existence of the church. Finishing the gospel work in the entire world is the goal of missionary work. In order to accomplish the great task of world mission, all church members should work as missionaries either at home or abroad. "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary" (DA, 195).

3. How to be a faithful steward of God should be a great concern of all church members. Stewardship is God's design for the proper development of man's character and sufficient support for the church work of world evangelism. When we live as faithful stewards, the gospel work will be enhanced in a remarkable way. "Church members, let the light shine forth... Your voice, your influence, your time - all these are gifts from God, and are to be used in winning souls to Christ" (ChS, 19).

By the grace of God, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can certainly be successful in doing the Lord's work in the new year. The great NSD territories will be evangelized more quickly and the Lord's coming will be greatly hastened. May the Lord bless His church and His people in many special ways all through the year of 2003!

from Masaji Uyeda

Dear friends and colleagues !



This is to say, "Thank you!" for what you have done for the Adventist Education in the year 2002. As we start the year 2003, let us thank God for His protection and blessings over the Adventist Education of each union in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

In the midst of instability and insecurity of life in this world, may our friendship with God and with each other grow deeper and the hope in the second coming of Christ become stronger during the New Year.

Thank you so much for your support for the Adventist Education that every student, teacher, and related administrator received from you!

May I ask you continual support from you, if I may? Respectable colleagues in the Adventist Education, let us continue to go forward in one accord for the success of the Adventist Education in the year 2003 and ahead.

The administrative, academic excellence, and the professional heights of yours, your continuous efforts to teach our students and to serve the community with a mission and unsurpassed vision are all recognized. The Adventist Education experienced its ebb and flow through tumultuous eras of internal turmoil, anti-Christian moments, war, and finally a long period of peace and prosperity. But prosperity itself is a peril to the philosophy of Christian education.

Does one need God when everything can seemingly be obtained without supernatural help? Yet you are the ones who continue to serve for the Adventist Education and community with a mission and unsurpassed vision. Yes, you are the ones who are climbing the heights of academic excellence in education, and reaching the unreached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. You are the ones who are transmitting Adventist values to a world that is indifferent to Christianity or immersed in technology and humanism.

It is, for sure, that the Adventist education has all the resources that can give new life and hope to thousands of children who come to the safe haven and the perpetually flowing fountain of eternal wisdom at our Adventist schools.

Again, thank you so much! I wish you a Happy New Year!

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58)

from Nam, Young Ja

Another New Year is before us! It seems only a couple of days ago that we were excited to enter into the new millennium. But now we are already in the year 2003. We feel that time is really flying! I think that time passes more speedily for the women who have to fulfill several duties.

Women are burdened with many roles both in homes and in society. They have to do the responsibilities not only as wives and mothers but also as members of the church and the community. The Lord has given us the mission to participate in the cause of God in these last days as well as the mission to keep our homes.

Since we are given so many missions and functions, we have to be healthy both physically and spiritually. In order to be healthy, we have to do some exercises or works. Working

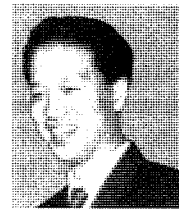


women are healthy women, and they can make healthy homes. Healthy homes make healthy churches, and a healthy church makes a healthy society. I believe that the Advent of the Lord will be hastened by the women who work for Him and testify of Him.

For this purpose, this year's objective of Women's Ministries and Family Ministries Department and Shepherdess International is to promote the healthy leadership of women, female ministers, and wives of the ministers. There will be held two big meetings this year: one is the Shepherdess Convention which will be held April 25 through 29 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and the other is the Women's Congress which will be held April 30 through May 5 in the same city.

It is expected that many woman leaders and shepherdesses will be trained to be more capable and effective workers for God. The functions of women and their importance in the work of God in these last days of earth's history can hardly be overemphasized. Women have many things to do, and can do them. Women, let us arise and work together! Women can do anything in the Lord!

from Shin, Dong Hee



Dearest young people in Christ! Our gracious Father in heaven is so good to us again. The Lord gave us another new challenging time. And it is sure that as God of Immanuel He will be with us throughout the year.

Recently I read a book titled, *Jesus Freaks*, written by dc Talk and the Voice of the Martyrs. It gave me a great impact on the martyrdom spirit of young people in the last century.

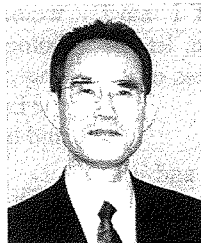
The book says that there are more Christian Martyrs today than there were in 100 A.D. in the days of Roman Empire. According to the World Christian Encyclopedia, there were close to 156,000 Christians martyred around the world in 1998. An estimated 164,000 would be martyred in 1999. And even in the new millennium, the year 2000, an estimated 165,000 would be martyred again.

About 380 pages were filled with stories of the people, from 5-years old girl to 82-years old man, from each corner of the world, who happily gave up their precious lives for the Lord Jesus Christ. Many of them were in their young ages. I cried and cried as I read down the pages. And I thanked the Lord for those people who preached to us through this book.

My beloved young people! We are young and fiery for God. Let us be sincere to the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior! Let us keep this in our hearts, "To die for Christ is difficult, but to live for Christ is more difficult." God is with you all the time and He knows what you need from Him. Just ask of Him then He will help you.

from Tadaomi Shinmyo

Dear leaders and friends of all levels in our church organizations! "A Happy New Year!" I would like to give my heartfelt gratitude for your support for the previous year and ask your continuous help for this new year. I want to briefly summarize the main works to do in 2003 for each department/service as follows.



Publishing Ministries. The biggest event is the Literature Evangelism Angkor Wat (Cambodia) Congress on June 4-9, 2003 at City Angkor Hotel in Siem Reap, Cambodia. This congress is sponsored by the Northern and Southern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD and SSD). Publishing Ministries Department and Publishing Houses will be evaluated on March 3-14, 2003 at respective country by the General Conference and NSD Publishing Ministries leaders. In the meantime, the department supports the literature evangelism in Taiwan and helps for recruiting new literature evangelists in Hong Kong. Of course, Japan and Korean Unions must not be forgotten to increase the number of literature evangelists. Publication of the answered prayers in the NSD territories is planned. It is related to the NSD Three Strategic Issues and Action Plans.

Spirit of Prophecy (SOP). The preparation for the NSD SOP Coordinators' Advisory in 2004 must begin with consultation of the Ellen G. White Estate. A poster for promoting to read the SOP books will be produced in the first part of the year 2003 related with the NSD Three Strategic Issues and Action Plans.

Adventist Television Network (ATN). ATN is currently broadcasting the 90-minute weekly TV programs through satellite at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays in the NSD territories. Further, it is planned to broadcast 24 hours a day and 7 days a week TV programs by the end of March 2003. Therefore, first of all, promotion for watching the programs is an urgent work. Secondly, finding Chinese, Japanese and Korean translators from those English programs is another urgent need. Thirdly, each union media center/studio is expected to produce some programs to share its unique programs with Adventist world viewers.

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL). It is planned to conduct an International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) International Conference on August 26-27, Festival of Religious Liberty on August 28 (Sabbath), and a tour on August 29-31, 2004 in Taiwan instead of Hong Kong as suggestion by the Chinese Union Mission. Thus, the preparation must begin as soon as possible. The publication of a newsletter, NSD IRLA Newsletter, will continue from time to time.

Communication. Writing reports and articles is the main job of this department. There are always opportunities for anybody including communication directors to contribute in sending reports of significant activities to the NSD NEWS & VIEWS and Adventist News Network (ANN) of the General Conference. Adventist World Radio (AWR) is included in this department. This year will be a historical one for AWR/Asia and Pacific Region because of adding another new language, Mongolian. After a long preparation, finally, Mongolian programs will begin during 2003.

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