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First Production of AWR Programs *in Mongolian*

The first Mongolian radio programs for Adventist World Radio (AWR) were produced at the headquarters office of the Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on July 7-13, 2003.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, Communication Director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), visited the country to assist Dale Tunnell, MMF Director, and two staff who were assigned to produce the radio programs. The staff were Eggie, male script writer and speaker, and Sarah, female script writer and speaker. Furthermore, Enkheh, office worker of the MMF, became announcer of the program. Besides these three workers of the MMF office, Tomroo, a Baptist Christian and technician of a private FM station in Ulaanbaatar, really helped in recording and editing for the programs. Without his faithful cooperation, we would not have been able to accomplish the task.

Recording of the radio programs started on July 8 in the studio established at the basement of the MMF office building. Although the studio is humble and simple, it functioned well in keeping the recording room quiet for four days with electricity. In the meantime, the staff was



Eggie, Sarah, Enkheh, Tomroo (from left of 1st row) Eunie and Shinmyo (from left of 2nd row)

forced to record at Dudley and Eunie's family (Filipino missionaries) apartment because of electricity problem in the MMF office for one day (July 8).

The production of AWR programs in Mongolian had been already planned in 2001 with the help of Akinori Kaibe, AWR Asia/Pacific Region Director, and necessary equipment was donated to the MMF by AWR. Therefore, it was a great joy for all of them who participated in the production. They produced 13 weekly programs and each program was designed for thirty minutes.

There are three major parts in one program and this format is the same in all programs. Namely, after introduction by announcer, the male speaker talks about the secrets of human relation, then listeners can enjoy Christian music. Thirdly, female speaker shares Bible stories. In the end, announcer appears again requesting the listeners' responses as well as informing Sabbath programs, mail address, telephone and fax number, and email address of the MMF headquarters.

The production team will continue to prepare the radio programs regularly so that the AWR Guam Station may receive sufficient number of the Mongolian programs for broadcasting. The first Mongolian broadcast is expected from October 2003.

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

Farewell and Welcome *for Tadaomi & June Shinmyo and Kwon JohnHaeng*

Farewells are unpleasant events that most, if not everyone, would not want to look forward to. But it is something that is inevitable in each person's life. Some relationships/fellowships may last and some do end, at least temporarily for Christians who await the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On July 3 at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, a farewell party was held

for Dr. Tadaomi and June Shinmyo at the NSD Chapel. In attendance were all NSD staff and their respective families.

Dr. Shinmyo has served at the Division for seven years in the following capacities: Communications Director for Asia-Pacific Division for six months; Associate Secretary for four years and as Communications/PARL/Publishing



Dr. Tadaomi and June Shinmyo

director for Northern Asia-Pacific Division for six-and-a-half years. Tomoko Shinmyo served for seven years also as an Accounting Clerk of the Asia-Pacific Division for six months and for Northern Asia-Pacific Division for six-and-a-half years. While both Dr. Shinmyo and June enjoyed the convenience of their

stay here at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, they are happy to return to their home Union to help the work of the Japan Union Conference. Their wish is that the NSD would continue to push the gospel work forward. They depart for Japan on July 17, 2003. The NSD family is certainly sad to see them go. Their happy disposition and dedication to the work at the NSD (although they will be working under the same umbrella) will be surely missed. We wish them God's continued guidance and protection as they pick up their new responsibilities.

In conjunction with the Farewell party Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng and family were welcomed to the NSD family.



Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng

Pastor Kwon joined the NSD work force on July 1, 2003 as Director for Stewardship and Associate Ministerial Association Secretary. He will also be coordinating for Global Mission, Pioneer Mission Movement, and Year of Evangelism 2004. He was formerly with the Korean Conference as Director for Overseas Mission. Pastor Kwon's commitment and dedication will be of great help in the work at the NSD territory.

NSD Secretariat

AWR Conference in Guam and Japan

An Adventist World Radio (AWR) Conference was held at the AWR Station in Guam on June 27 and at the Japan Union Conference (JUC) Office on June 30 - July 1, 2003 under the leadership of Akinori Kaibe, AWR Asia/Pacific Region Director.

The production workers of AWR in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) were invited to participate in the conference. They were Tadaomi Shinmyo, Communication Director from the NSD; Daniel Jiao, Director of the Chinese Union Mission Media Center; Tadashi Yamaji, Communication Director of the Japan Union Conference (JUC); Miyuki Hatazawa, Announcer of the JUC studio; Kozo Abe, Technician of the JUC studio; and Ki Myung Lee, Producer of the Korean Union Conference studio.



The Participants of the AWR Conference on June 30, 2003 in Guam

The participants learned how the AWR Guam Station is operated and managed, and also to communicate with its staff face to face. Beginning broadcast in 1987, the station is now sending the Adventist messages in 24 languages for 56 hours per day through four curtain antennas. The short wave radio programs from Guam reach almost half of the globe.

After moving to Japan, they visited the JUC radio production studio and video production studio, respectively. Then, they discussed to strengthen Internet ministries in the NSD and presented their own union's current Internet usage. The attendees appreciated very much the contributions of Andrew Daryl Gungadoo, AWR Distribution Network Manager, from England and Karl Forshee, AWR Asia/Pacific Region Engineer, from Singapore.

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

Taiwan Community Service Responds to SARS

When the recent outbreak of SARS hit Taiwan, the Church asked itself what it could do to help. Besides outlining clear measures for local churches to follow in fighting SARS, Community Service leadership contacted US-based Adventist health-care facilities to enlist their help in donating much needed medical equipment. At a time when isolation gowns were in short supply on the island, the church was able to provide 15,000 gowns to hospitals and government centers.

The generous gifts were made possible by a number of American hospitals, including Loma Linda Medical Center, Florida Hospital, Kettering Medical Center and Glendale Adventist Hospital. In all 15,000 isolation gowns were donated, 640 N95 masks, 200 tympanic thermometers, 366 special isolation jump suits, 4,000 surgical masks and 288 special face shields. In addition to these the Chinese Union Mission donated 10,000 face masks for distribution to church members throughout the Mission.



Bob Folkenberg, Jr. presents banners and donations to the central government's foreign affairs office.

Isolated and fighting a silent and invisible killer, the church felt the energizing brotherly love of sisters and brothers around the world. They no longer felt alone. They were part of a family that was praying for them. In fact, Taiwan Mission's Adventist College Preparatory School contacted Southern Adventist University and Union College and they both responded with banners signed by over 500 students which read - "Go Taiwan, Fight SARS." This was encouraging to the church as well as the people of Taiwan.



Bobby Christiansen (ACPC Manager) and Ann Christiansen (Board member of Taiwan Adventist Community Service Board), Mayor of Taichung, Bob Folkenberg, Jr (from right)

In a formal and moving ceremony, the Taiwan Mission president, Bob Folkenberg, Jr. presented the banners and donations to the central government's foreign affairs office. In another meeting, Folkenberg met with the mayor of Taichung, Taiwan's third largest city, and presented the city with a donation of 4,000 gowns. Both of these events received wide local publicity in

newspapers and the former on television.

We praise the Lord that despite living through the sadness and fear of SARS, the church in Taiwan was able link arms with brothers and sisters in far-off lands and become the hands and feet of Jesus in meeting the pressing needs of the community.

Bob Folkenberg, Jr., *President of Taiwan Mission*

Women's Leadership Education *in KUC*

The Women's Ministry Department of the Korean Union Conference is coordinating an active and fruitful work each year. Each church in the union follows the International Women's Day of Prayer in March and Women's Ministry Emphasis Week in June. Through these efforts, each church is providing spiritual discipline, leadership education and evangelistic work for women. Especially in the area of preaching in which women have not been allowed to participate, significant change in thinking is happening. Many churches, which previously did not allow women to preach at Sabbath worship, are providing such opportunities. One church which had not had any female preacher for nearly 100 years recently asked a woman to take the pulpit. These changes are reflective of the hard work that many women have done to change the prevailing attitudes in the Korean church.



Professional Women's Meeting in the KUC

In addition, a "School for Mother" has been run in churches with the goal of training women to be more effective and caring mothers and to lead their unbelieving husbands to the faith. About 200 women attended this training program and graduated about 150. On April 23, a professional women's meeting was held at KUC auditorium. Professional women such as doctors, college professors, pastors, and counselors discussed how they could contribute to the work of God and what type of structural changes were needed for women to take a more active part in church work. For example, the attendees called for change in attitudes as well as structural improvements that would lead to more female leaders being elected to union and local conference offices and committees.



Participants of Retreat for Families of Female Pastors in Korea

On June 6-8, KUC hosted a retreat for families of female pastors. It focused on spiritual discipline for female pastors and healthy family life. Also, the retreat reaffirmed the calling of the pastors and discussed the unique ministry opportunities that these pastors face. Participants of the retreat suggested that female pastors receive equal respect and benefits as male pastors. The Korean Union Conference has 828 pastors among whom only 18 are women.

In each local conference of the union there is at least one women's evangelism team. During the first half of this year, these teams held four evangelistic meetings that led to 13 baptisms.

Young Ja Nam, *Director of Family/Women's/Shepherdess Ministries*

A New Comm. Director Appointed - Glenn Mitchell

At the July 4, 2003 NSD Executive Committee Teleconference, Elder Glenn Mitchell was appointed and called to serve as the Departmental Director for Communication, PARL and Publishing. He replaces Tadaomi Shinmyo who has recently been elected as the Secretary of the Japan Union Conference.



Elder Mitchell, a US citizen, comes to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division with 35 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, both in North America and overseas. He has most recently served as the Communication Director of the Maritime Conference and pastor of the Dartmouth Church in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Glenn & Suzanne Mitchell

Elder Mitchell and his wife, Suzanne, have two grown children, a son and a daughter, both living in the United States. Elder and Mrs Mitchell are expected to arrive in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division early in September, 2003.

Stanley Ng, *Secretary*

Death of Pioneer Medical Missionary - George Innocent

Dr. George Innocent, who pioneered medical work in Singapore, has died in Loma Linda, California, at the age of 93. A memorial service was held at the Loma Linda University church chapel.

Dr. Innocent was born in Warwick, New York on September 30, 1910. He married Florence Carter on June 23, 1935 in Eagle Rock, California. They first did mission service in Seoul, Korea for three years. Then they spent two years at the Bangkok Adventist Hospital. When the war came to Thailand, he was in charge of closing the hospital and the Japanese imprisoned the Innocent family. After just a short time, they were repatriated and left for the USA.

The General Conference asked Dr. Innocent to go to Singapore in December of 1946, where he made plans to start medical work in Singapore. He opened a clinic in February of 1948 in two renovated front rooms of the Southeast Asia Publishing House. Thus started the Youngberg Hospital in Singapore.

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

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