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It has been seven years since the formation of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division by the providence of God. The purpose of the organization of this division was to spread the gospel message of Christ more effectively in its vast territories of 1.5 billion people. There are numerous challenges, obstacles, difficulties and even problems in these areas for the proclamation of the three angels' messages. But great challenges do not only mean responsibilities and dedication but also opportunities and privileges.



Elder P D Chun and his colleagues have successfully transferred the division office from Singapore to the current location in Ilsan, Korea. In the last seven years they have laid a solid and stable foundation of division administration. They have either started or coordinated various mission initiatives such as "Chinese and Mongolian Language Study Program," "Go One Million," "Sow One Billion," and "Pioneer Mission Movement."

To our surprise, Elder P D Chun suddenly resigned from the NSD presidency in accordance with his retirement. With a humble and trembling heart I accepted the new responsibility for the administration of this challenging division in May of this year.

For the vacancy created by my appointment to presidency, Pastor Kwon Johnghaeng, who had served as director for Foreign Missions and Stewardship Departments for the Korean Union Conference, was elected to serve as the director for Stewardship Department, Coordinator for Global Mission and Pioneer Mission Movement and Associate Secretary for Ministerial Association of NSD. He began to work for the new responsibilities effective June 1, 2003. Jairyong Lee is still the secretary for Ministerial Association.

Pastor Tadaomi Shinmyo, who worked for the NSD for about seven years accepted a call from the Japan Union Conference to serve as the JUC secretary beginning July 1, 2003. The NSD executive committee elected Pastor Glenn Mitchell to take Pastor Shinmyo's place as the director for Communication, Publishing, and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty departments. He is also the coordinator for the Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist Television Network. Pastor and Mrs. Mitchell arrived in Korea on October 22, 2003.

Pastor Kwang Doo Kim, the associate treasurer and the director for Trust Services Department was elected the secretary of the Korean Union Conference and moved to his new post effective October 1, 2003.

Mr. Jae Moo Lee who has served as president of NSD ASI since 1997 has passed away. The funeral service was held at the SDA Language Institute's Church, Seoul, Korea on October 30, 2003. We sincerely express our condolences to his bereaved family.

In accordance with the General Conference plan, we have launched "Go One Million" initiative in 2002 in order to encourage the church members to participate in personal evangelism. In the year 2002-2003, 62,515 kits have been distributed to church members, many of whom are giving bible studies. The kits distributed by territories are as follows: Japan - 205, Korea - 11,600, Mongolia - 224, Taiwan - 386, Hong Kong and Macao - 100, Unorganized Territory - 50,000.

Following the "Go One Million" initiative, we have launched another initiative—the "Sow One Billion" in order to distribute brochures to tens of millions of people in the NSD territories. The goal for each union that was approved by the NSD and the General Conference is as follows: Hong Kong and Macao - 1,900,000, Taiwan - 8,000,000, Unorganized Territory - 4,000,000, Japan Union Conference - 11,000,000, Korean Union Conference - 32,300,000, Mongolia Mission Field - 1,000,000, NSD Total - 58,200,000.

Korean Union Conference: Pastor Kei-Hoon Shin who has been sick for about six months has turned his request for resignation as the president of the Korean Union Conference. The union executive committee approved his request. Pastor Jung Kwon Chun, the former KUC secretary, was elected the new union president on September 18, 2003. One week later, Pastor Kwang Doo Kim was elected the secretary of KUC.



The Lord has continually blessed His work in Korea in many remarkable ways. Praise the Lord! The food factory is producing about 1.2 million packs of soymilk everyday. The SDA Language Institutes have over 40,000 students. Sahmyook University has become the largest SDA University in the world with nearly 6,000 students.

The Seoul Adventist Hospital celebrated its ninety-fifth anniversary on September 25, 2003. The KUC executive committee has approved the building plan for the expansion and renovation of the hospital with a budget of about 18 million US dollars.

The KUC is planning for the centennial anniversary celebration of the SDA work in Korea next year. As part of the celebration, KUC is holding satellite evangelism with Pastor Douglas Batchelor as the speaker from November 7 to 15, 2003 at the Sahmyook University auditorium. About 558 churches are participating in the evangelism through satellite downlink.

The KUC is expecting to baptize about 7,000 people this year.

Japan Union Conference: In the last few months, the Japan Union Conference has struggled in many ways. After much discussion in a few executive committee meetings, a special session was convened at Amanuma Church in Tokyo, Japan from October 26-27, 2003.



At the session, Pastor Takashi Shiraishi was elected as the new president; Pastor Masaki Shoji as the new secretary and Mr. Hidesaburo Machida as the new treasurer of the JUC. Pastor Akeri Suzuki was elected the director for Evangelism.

Chinese Union Mission: No doubt, the Chinese Union Mission is the largest Union. It has tremendous challenges and enormous amount of work. We thank God that in this union territories, the three angels' messages spread with remarkable speed in spite of many obstacles in political, economical, social, and cultural environment.



The Chinese Union Mission has launched the Griggs University-Asia program to give an opportunity, especially to the people in unorganized territories, to study theology and Christian religious courses. It already has 146 students and 291 have applied for admittance.

Taiwan Mission is igniting the fire of evangelism under the leadership of Pastor Bob Folkenberg, Jr., the president of Taiwan Mission. Taiwan Mission has set the goal to distribute eight million Sow One Billion brochures.

Mongolia Mission Field: It was a busy year for MMF, with Pastor Dale Tunnell as the Director, to hold many meetings and activities. Evangelistic meetings were conducted in Mongolia by visitor preachers from Korea and Australia during the summer months. Hundreds of people attended these meetings and heard the message of the soon coming Christ.



Fifteen young missionaries received training for one month as the second group missionaries of the 1000 MM-Mongolia. After the training, they are now working as volunteer missionaries in strategic places in Mongolia.

In order to train future pastors, the Certificate Program in Pastoral Theology was launched this summer. Dr. Daegeuk Nam, president of Sahmyook University, was the first instructor for the program. About twenty students took his class.

The 1000 Missionary Movement is moving forward faster than ever before under the leadership of Pastor Yo Han Kim.

A 1000 Missionary Movement Consultation meeting was held on September 16, 2003 for Korean Union Conference. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the history of the 1000 Missionary Movement for the last ten years and to brainstorm for a more successful operation of the Movement in the coming ten years. Thirty-five people including the Youth directors of KUC and five local conferences, pastors, 1000 MM alumni, lay representatives, youth leaders and the director of the 1000 MM attended the meeting and discussed about the past, present, and future of the Movement. They brought many suggestions for effective recruitment, fundraising, and promotion of the Movement in the church. So far 674 young people from Korea have joined the Movement and given one-year for the Lord as volunteer missionaries.

In order to promote the missionary movement among the children, a missionary magazine called "Little Trumpet" will be printed in Korean four times every year.

Pioneer Mission Movement: Five pastors who were sent to Japan on April 1, 2003 have been studying Japanese language at 3H Japanese Language School. Both husbands and wives are taking 20 hours of classes every

week and are spending many more hours at home for the language study. After five months they began to preach in Japanese.

Ten Korean pastors were

selected as the second group of PMM missionaries. They will be sent to Japan and Taiwan in 2004. They were screened by local conferences and recommended by the Korean Union Conference and finally selected by the PMM Management Committee on the basis of recommendations, result of interview, written test, and physical examination. They will receive 100 hours of missionary training before they go to their assigned countries for six years of service including one year of language study.

In order to support the PMM pastors in the field, the Golden Angels singing group was organized with seven volunteer musicians. They will be sent to help the PMM missionary pastors for more effective evangelistic meetings and to revive the hearts of young people in the NSD territories. With top quality music of both vocal and instrumental, they will contribute to the uplifting of the atmosphere of the meetings. In addition

to the music ministry at the evangelistic meetings, they will participate in visiting people from door to door to distribute brochures and give Bible studies to the people.

In spite of many difficulties and unfavorable situations, the Lord has been so good to His church and His work has been remarkably progressing in many parts of our division territories. May the Lord richly bless us as we continue working together as a team to expand his kingdom in our division territories!



World Conference on Youth & Community Service

The World Conference on Youth and Community Service (WCYCS) will convene in Bangkok, Thailand, December 18 - January 3, 2004. The event is an ambitious project sponsored by the Youth Department of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in cooperation with its organizations based in Thailand. The General Conference estimates 2,000 youth participants from around the world will be present for the Congress.

The NSD, Union and Local Conferences are giving matching subsidies of US \$200 to the participants from this division. Fifty-four participants, 30 from KUC, 10 from JUC, 5 from HK, 5 from TWM and 4 from MMF will attend. The WCYCS hopes to create mutual understanding and a cooperative spirit through cultural exchange between youth from other nations, and to help their spiritual lives to grow through relating with foreign youth.

First NSD/SSD

Shepherdess International Convention

Although we are evil, we love to give good gifts to our children. How much more will our heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him as Jesus taught. "How Much More. . . ." was the theme adopted for the 1st Bi-Divisional Shepherdess Convention offered by NSD/SSD on Sept. 9-14, 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The convention was held in the Grand Seasons Hotel and about 200 hundred Shepherdesses and 10 Shepherds attended the meeting. 73 delegates were from NSD, 30 came from CHUM, 7 from JUC and 36 from KUC.

Mrs. Sharon Cress who is the GC Shepherdess International Coordinator was one of the resource speakers and her topics were "How To Be A Joyous Ministry Wife", "Emotional Intelligence", and "Private Lives of Public Pastors Wives."



Another subject covered was "Marriage Enrichment to Empower Team Ministry." This was led by Dr. G. T. Ng. In the morning and evening devotion, Dr. Kenneth D. Mulzac, professor of AIIAS spoke about joy and a peaceful Christian life." Elder John Duroe and Kwon JohnHaeng spoke about Vision and Mission and Sally Lam-Phoon also led one session, "Managing Your Negative Feelings Positively." There were also some testimonies, Union reports and a Cultural night.

All the pastors' wives enjoyed the seminars and programs. They were inspired and encouraged so much by these speakers' teachings. And they learned many things from each other through sharing their love and good fellowship. The ministers' wives have become healthier and happier from attending this Convention. They would like to meet again in a few years and be nourished by this kind of significant and meaningful event.

Young Ja Nam, Shepherdess,
Family & Women's Ministries

ADRA Korea

Typhoon Maemi struck the Korean peninsula on September 12 during the night. Strong 200 Km per hour winds struck coastal and farming areas, killing 100 people, forcing 25,000 people from their homes.

ADRA Korea is supporting the victims in the restoration of their homes. 197,900,000 Won including 50,000,000 Won subsidized by the local ADRA branch has been given to help 839 families.

Healthy People Conference 2004

Loma Linda University's annual *Healthy People* conference will feature a selection of topics of current popular interest to chaplains and ministers as well as health professionals. The theme of the conference is *Spirituality, Culture & Health* and will be held March 9-12, 2004 in the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California.

Science is increasingly supporting the role that spirituality can play in health and healing. Leading researchers will present the latest findings on the relationships between spirituality and health and show how these are being applied in practice.

The importance of cultural competency within the context of health disparities and how healthcare providers can close the gap between client and provider will be presented on day three.

The half day workshop on the last day of the conference will explore the latest intervention strategies to prevent child death and improve child health locally and internationally.

Keynote speakers include Harold Koenig, Kenneth Pelletier, David Williams, William Strawbridge, Toni Yancey, Carol Easley Allen, Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, Neal Krause and Stephen Post. This conference has been approved for 21 hours of CE credit.

Don't miss the *special early bird rate* which expires December 31, 2003 and please visit our website for more information and to register. <http://www.llu.edu/llu/sph/cpe/healthy/index.html> Dianne Butler (dbutler@sph.llu.edu) will be very happy to answer your questions. Tel. 800-854-5661

Golden Angels Singers

Seven young people have been chosen to represent the Northern Asia-Pacific Division as musical missionaries with the mission of bringing Gospel music to the 8 countries in its territory. They warmed the hearts of many as they sang together at the dedication service for PMM Missionaries on Sabbath, November 8. They will serve from January to December 2004 residing in Goyang City, Ilsan near the NSD office as they focus on preparing special musical offerings for the 2004 *Year of Evangelism*. Five straight weeks of evangelism with the PMM missionaries in Japan are planned. They will also attend the *Youth Alive* projects to be held in Hong Kong. In Korea they will visit all our Adventist Middle Schools, High Schools and Colleges to encourage a spirit of mission in the hearts of the young people through their excellent music. The young people chosen are: Lee Soo Yong, Soprano; Baek Soo Kyung, Soprano; Park Mujigae, Alto and Piano, Park Joo Ik, Tenor; Jang Min Soo, Tenor; Lee Hee Sung, Baritone and Midi; Kim Jin Hyung, Bass and Engineer.



West Japan Conference *Holds Women's Meeting*

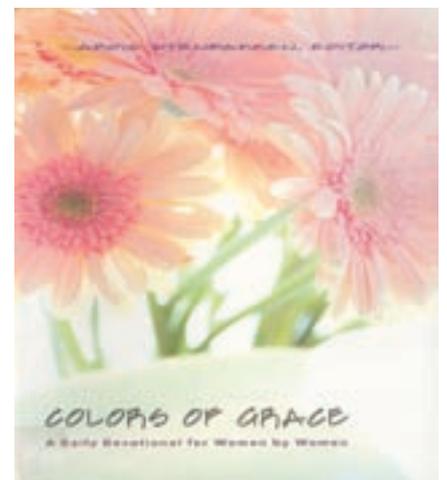
On September 19-21, 2003, there was a West Japan Conference Women's Meeting held in the city of Shintanabe. Some 50 women attended the three seminars offered; "Counseling" by Yoshiaki Takagi, "Family Violence" by Hiloshi Tabuchi, Women's Ministries Director of WJC, and "Women Ministries Activity" by Yumi Yoshimuro. Mrs. Young-Ja L. Nam, who is the NSD Women's Ministries/Family Ministries director spoke twice to the whole group in general session. Her subjects were "The Woman Who Changed the World" and "God Is Calling You, Woman."



In the "Women Ministries Activity" group, the women discussed about the need for women's ministry and finally organized a Women's Association. They chose to call it: "West Japan Women's Channel" ("channel" indicates the channel of life, blessings and support). All the women were so happy to have this organization. Although most of the women were not very young, they were very energetic and courageous to do work for the church. They are planning to meet once a month and to have projects and programs for the work of God. It seems that Japanese women are about to start a new era of service for the Lord. Okinawa Women's Association which was organized last year was a kind of beginning for this new era.

2004 Women's Devotional Book

The Women's Devotional Book for 2004 is available through the the Division Women's Ministries Department. To order call 031-910-1530 or email [cfwmy@m@kornet.net](mailto:cwmy@m@kornet.net). The cost is US \$16.99. Profits from sales will fund the GC Women's Ministries Scholarship that will benefit women who are committed to serving the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and who would otherwise be unable to afford a Christian education. Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, financial need and community outreach.





A Short Time — a long story

The first session of the Adventist Mongolia Association began November 14, 2003 with the Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the beginning of the work in Mongolia. Sabbath School convened at 10:00 a.m. with about 300 mostly young people ready to share in worship. The four churches in Ulaanbaatar joined together with members from other districts to praise God for His marvelous leading during the past 10 years.



Small groups of about 10 people gathered around the auditorium to share what they had learned during their week's study of the lesson. Animated discussions about the story of Jonah ensued by young and old alike. Lesson time ended all too soon. Dr. Clifford Jones, Chairman, Christian Ministries, Andrews University, dynamically presented the worship hour sermon.

Three hundred people were served lunch in about 20 minutes to the satisfaction of all after which two hours of remembrance and celebration followed. Ten years ago, two missionaries, Brad and Cathie Jolly, came to Mongolia with the dream of sharing the three angels' messages. They began their work by opening an



English language school and offered health training. As the celebration continued, several, including those who first accepted this message, gave their testimonies of how God led them to become part of God's remnant church.

The actual session began after vespers. Twenty-nine delegates gathered in the Mission office where Dale Tunnell, Mission Director, officially opened the session. Since this was the first session for this new field, Dale explained the privileges and responsibilities of delegates. Organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was discussed so all could understand how this new organization is a part of the world church.



The first item of official business was to vote the schedule and session committees. Once these were voted, the session adjourned for the night so the nominating committee could begin its work. Under the leadership of Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division President, this committee recommended to the session the first group of individuals to serve in elected positions in the Mongolian church.

On Sunday morning Dr. Clifford Jones reminded us of the necessity for the Holy Spirit's leading by directing our thoughts to book of the Acts. After a season of prayer, delegates began studying their new Constitution and Bylaws. Elder Stanley Ng, Northern Asia-Pacific Division Secretary, clarified specific points to the delegates.

With a population of 2.4 million, the church in Mongolia has 1 member for every 4,545 Mongolians. The growth from 3 members in 1993 to the 528 at present in this predominantly Buddhist country can only be attributed to the blessing of God and the hard work of those who have given of themselves to spread the good news of a soon to return Saviour. Currently 18 churches and worship groups gather each Sabbath around the country.

From the mission director's report to the session, I share the following: "From the beginning, retreats have been a special part of the training process for the Mongolia Seventh-day Adventist Church. Every year camping and teaching retreats have been held. This year more than 260 individuals attending campmeeting were inspired by the messages of Pastor John McGhee. A special celebration for couples to renew their wedding vows in a Christian ceremony followed by a child dedication ceremony brought special blessings to those who participated. The blessings continued on Sabbath as 24 individuals dedicated their lives through baptism."

Currently there are 17 individuals preparing to become Seventh-day Adventist pastors. In a historic step, in consultation with the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and Sahmyook University in Korea, 13 students have begun the Pastoral Certificate training program. The instructors come to the students in Mongolia rather than sending them to study abroad. The other four students are carrying out their studies in the Philippines.

October 26, 2003 stands out as very a special day for the work in Mongolia. Adventist World Radio (AWR) began broadcasting on shortwave the first gospel message in the Mongolian language.

The phrase “the Aussies are coming” is a wonderful phrase for the Mongolian field. Australia sent a group from the Wantirna Seventh-day Adventist church to partner with the Ulaanbaatar Church in holding a health EXPO, community outreach projects, cooking school and small group evangelistic meeting. Eight were baptized from their efforts. This relationship with Australia will continue during the coming year as nine Australian teams will be adopting sister churches in Mongolia.

The Korean Union Conferences are also sending teams this coming year to hold evangelistic meetings.

Church growth is also the result of 20 of our church leaders, plus 16 other members, having taken the 1,000 Missionary Movement training. To augment the work of these church leaders the Northern Asia-Pacific Division has sent Pastor Kim, Young Sik and his wife as the first intra-division missionary family to serve as Pastor of the Seventh Trumpet worship group.

Two hundred forty-nine individuals have been trained in the Go One Million and Sow One Billion programs. Sow One Billion invitations have been printed in Mongolian, and each worship group is distributing these invitations.

Mongolians offered ‘New Beginnings’

A 16 member team of Australians from the Wantirna SDA Community Church in Melbourne along with members from Perth, Toowoomba and Sydney came to conduct evangelistic meetings and offer other services to benefit the community in Ulaanbaatar Sept 16-Oct. 12. Evangelist Mark Baines, team leader Rebecca Reye, and team members Jenny King, John Clark, Tom Labas, Lesley Clark, Lawrence Ng, Leon Coombs, Julie Pink, Jaki Derrick, Geoff Ripplingale, Sheryl Garley, Sandi Sidney, Danae Godfrey and Chris Widuch, preached, taught English classes, did health education and programs for schools, kindergartens and orphanages.

The ***New Beginnings evangelistic series*** ran for 17 nights in the Philharmonic Concert Hall. A health expo based on NEWSTART was offered before the meeting for eight of the nights. Tamira Sandagsuren and Dolgormaa Battsengel, MMF health workers, along with the team members, did health testing and therapeutic massage. One-on-one health assessments were offered at the mission health clinic in the afternoons.

Each night included music, a health talk, and a Bible subject followed by small group discussion of questions drawn from that night’s topic. Local Seventh-day Adventist members led the groups inviting participants to join a cell/home group. A Bible was given to those who needed one. Fifteen people joined a baptismal class and 15 more joined cell groups.

On October 11 eight people were baptized. Most had been preparing for baptism before, but three were baptized as a direct result of the ***New Beginnings series***.

One team member who is a talented pianist laid down keyboard tracks to record a CD of worship music. This CD’s primary focus



is for the churches throughout the country that do not have instruments or musicians making it difficult for them to praise through music.

Free English classes were conducted for, local university teachers, NGO workers and other students. These were well received in the community providing increased awareness of the church and it’s English language school. Students from some of the classes began attending the evening meetings. Team members conducted an Australiana program in local kindergartens and schools and orphanages. Stories, puppets, singing, crafts and games delighted the children. The team donated craft supplies, soccer balls and soft toys during the visits.

Medical supplies valued at about \$100,000 were distributed to three UB hospitals. The hand-over of equipment was attended by the press (radio, TV and newspaper) providing the local church with positive publicity.



NSD officers meet with PMM families after Japan Union Conference Annual Council



Elder Akeri Suzuki, PMM Coordinator, presenting to the Japan Union Conference Annual Council the placement of the PMM families



Blood pressure tests by Austrailian team in Mongolia



Chinese Union Mission ordination of Samuel Jiao and Jason Chan, December 13, 2003

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