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Mission Day 2004



The pictures on this page depict the activities of the day as well as the preparation the day before. The outreach activities included a good meal to which non-member guests were invited. The weather encouraged those distributing literature to move quickly.

First Annual NSD Mission Day

Mission Day 2004 on March 17 at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division office began what we hope will become an integral part of every one of our 119 institutions within the division territory. Although the day began with rain, God answered our request to drive the rain away so we could go to the streets of Ilsan, Korea, to distribute Sow 1 Billion invitations. With division president, Dr. Jairyong Lee leading the first team, ten teams braved the -2 degrees Celsius windy weather to distribute 2,700 magazines and Sow 1 Billion invitations during the afternoon rush hour. This was the climax to this special day.

Morning worship time was extended to hear the testimonies of two missionaries. Pastor Lee JangHo, a Korean, spent the last five years in Taiwan leading people to Christ. Jin Jin Soo, a Chinese woman studying at Sahmyook University, represented the laity with her testimony of how she has led six people to Christ this past year.

The NSD offices reside in a seven storey office complex. One of the burning questions was, "How do we reach the people in these different businesses?" Invitations were given to each business requesting them to join the NSD staff for lunch and cake in celebration of *Mission Day*. Seven individuals accepted the lunch invitation. Since many of the businesses are eating establishments, a plate of home-baked cookies and other treats, along with a health magazine, was presented to each business by one of the staff after lunch.

Dr. Lee reminded the staff that we at the headquarters must set the example for all our NSD institutions and members. The spirit of the 1000 Missionary Movement is alive and well in the NSD. "Once a missionary, always a missionary."

Why Mission Day?

Ellen White wrote in *Desire of Ages*, "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary" (DA, 195). When we were born again as Christians (John 3:1-5) we were born as missionaries. By the grace of God we have become missionaries "to proclaim the excellencies of Him who has brought us from darkness to marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). The greatest tragedy for Christians is to live a meaningless, mundane life, having forgotten their missionary identity. Apart from mission, our present life doesn't have much significance. A man without a mission is not worth much.

When Jesus left this world, He entrusted the important task of global evangelism not to heavenly angels, but to us, the followers of Christ. Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15). Since the time of Christ's ascension, for about two thousand years, the church of Christ has continually carried out this solemn responsibility. Satan's attack upon

the church has been intense, and millions of Christians have suffered for the name of Christ. Many have sacrificed material possessions, worldly fame, respect, family, and even their lives for the sake of the gospel commission. Through the faithful ministry of the church of Christ, innumerable people have been brought to the kingdom of God.



"The disciples were not to wait for the people to come to them. They were to go to the people, hunting for sinners as a shepherd hunts for lost sheep. Christ opened the world before them as their field of labor. They were to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (8T, 14-15).

True Christians are missionaries regardless of their jobs, professions and social responsibilities. "It is our work to reveal to men the gospel of their salvation. Every enterprise in which we engage should be a means to this end (CS, 14)." Therefore, as Christians, our first calling is to be missionaries for God.

Jairyong Lee
President

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Filipino Church's Second Anniversary

Sabbath March 20, 2004, Dr. Jairyong Lee, the Golden Angels and members of the Filipino International Seventh-day Adventist Church in Seoul celebrated the church's second anniversary. Sabbath School began with a concert presented by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division's Golden Angels under the leadership of Pastor Joshua Shin. On several songs the congregation heartily joined in the singing.



Dr. Lee's message to a standing-room only congregation, reminded them of the need to continue their witness to their friends and community since this is what has brought about the church growth to date. A wonderful fellowship meal was provided allowing time for getting acquainted.

This church meets in the Sahmyook Nursing and Health College facilities. The afternoon festivities included an International Music Festival.

AIIAS 82nd Graduation

On Sunday, March 7, 2004, the 82nd graduating class from AIIAS included 83 graduates representing 15 countries who received their degrees. The events began with Friday evening's Consecration Service featuring speaker Mark Lastimoso, graduating class secretary. The evening concluded with a candlelight ceremony led by Dr. James Park, class sponsor.

Dr. Samuel Gaikwad invited the graduates and congregation to consider, "Where Are We Going?" during his sermon for the Baccalaureate Service on Sabbath.



AIIAS Management Committee vice-chair cited aspects of Joseph's life to charge the graduates to give glory to God in the way they respond to life's circumstances.

The conferral of a Doctor of Divinity Degree, Honoris Causa, to Elder P. D. Chun in recognition of his exemplary leadership and pursuance of academic excellence in the Asian region was a significant part of the event. He and his wife, Chung, Chung Hee, came forward after the citation had been read, and Elder Chun received his gown, hood and testamur.

Julian Melgosa, PhD, President
Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS)

The commencement address given by Elder Armando Miranda, a vice president of the General Conference and

PMM Dedication - Japan

Early Sabbath morning, March 27, 2004, the Tokyo Central Church was astir as church members began arriving to ensure they had a seat. Extra chairs were in the aisles. The celebration was about to begin. For a whole year, five Pioneer Mission Movement pastors and families had been studying the Japanese language in preparation for ministry. Another group of five families who had just arrived to begin their study were also present for the celebration.



First PMM group to Japan



Golden Angels sing for Sabbath School

To support the work of the PMM pastors in their evangelistic work the Northern Asia-Pacific Division has organized a group of seven young volunteers who are giving a year of their lives in music ministry. This group has been named the Golden Angels. NSD Youth Director, Joshua Shin, is their Music Director.

Sabbath School began with a thirty-minute concert given by the Golden Angels singers. This set the mood for celebration as the Golden Angels sang in Japanese a special song by Mr. Jun Nemoto, Hiroshima Academy Music Department Chairman, just for this occasion.



The worship hour sermon was presented by Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, and was emphasized by the Golden Angels' presentation of "So Send I You" JUC President, Takashi Shiraishi's, welcome included these thoughts: "After one hundred years, the Seventh-day Adventist churches in Japan and Korea are starting a new era in evangelism. I am sure



Takashi Shiraishi, JUC President

the dedication of the 10 PMM families who have come to a foreign country for the sake of the salvation of the people in this field will be an inspiration to Japanese pastors and church members alike. Let us pray for the success of the five families who are going to start their soul winning program next month and another five families who beginning their preparation at

Saniku Gakuin College."



Yujiro Sagawa,
WJC
President



Hidenori
Kojima, OM
President



Tsutomu
Sengaki, EJC
President



Yoshibumi
Takahashi,
Saniku
Gakuin Col-
lege President

Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD PMM Coordinator, and Pastor Akeri Suzuki, JUC PMM Coordinator, gave the congregation a report of the PMM work. Following these reports Pastor Kwon introduced the second PMM group.



First Group Families Special Music



Akeri Suzuki,
PMM Coordi-
nator of JUC
and organizer of
this celebration

Pastor Tsutomu Sensaki, East Japan Conference President, Pastor Yujiro Sagawa, West Japan Conference President, and Hinenori Kojima, Okinawa Mission President, had the pleasure of welcoming the pastors from the first group to their respective fields of labor.



First group with banners for their assigned church

Osaka Evangelistic Meetings

There are about 200,000 Korean people living in Osaka, Japan. Many of them are Korean-Japanese who were born in Japan. Last September, a retired Korean church elder, Mr. Chang-Kil Lee, moved from the USA to the city of Osaka to work for this special group of people. At that time, there was only one Korean church member in the Osaka Tobu Church. Mr. Lee started to search for some of his old friends who had been his elementary school classmates more than 50 years ago. The attendance of the church increased and 13 Koreans are attending the church now. Three of them are studying the Bible to prepare for baptism.

From March 31-April 4, 2004, the Golden Angels and Joshua Shin, NSD Youth Director, led small group evangelistic meetings. Sung, Sun-Je, pastor of Tokyo Korean Church, was the speaker for the meetings.

In the mornings, the Golden Angels singers distributed Sow 1 Billion tracts to Japanese people at Tsuruhashi Station and Osaka Station and each afternoon they sang beautiful songs for the people attending the evangelistic meetings. The Osaka Korean Church was much encouraged by their sincere service and help with the meetings.



Golden Angels in Osaka literature distribution

Shin, Dong Hee (Joshua)

Youth and Children's Ministries Department Director

ADRA Japan in Laos

ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) Japan has activated an international project to help those in neighboring countries who are in need. This year, ADRA Japan launched a new project in cooperation with the Setagaya Asia Project (SAP) to send abandoned bicycles to people in need in Laos. On February 5, 2004, a bicycle donation ceremony took place. Representatives from the SAP, ADRA Japan, the Laotian government, and the Japanese Embassy in Laos participated.

According to the SAP, the Setagaya Ward in Tokyo, alone, spends almost \$1 million of taxpayer's money to pick up and dispose of the 20,000 bicycles that are illegally left on the streets every year, most of them still in very good condition. Mitsuo Chris Ishii, director of ADRA Japan, said, "In February, seventy units were sent to Laos. The plan is to send a total of 500 units. The beneficiaries of the bicycles will be poor children who live long distances from local schools in areas named by the government as the poorest provinces in Laos."



"In July, a second shipment of about 30-40 bicycles as well as computers and sewing machines will be sent to a vocational training school in Vien Chiane that will open in June. This school will mainly support children who are victims of HIV/AIDS, mountain hill tribe minority children and orphans," said Mitsuo.

Song, Sung Sub
NSD Communications

Japanese Youth Volunteer

Eighteen high school and college Adventist youth from Japan joined six staff members on an overseas mission trip to build a church in Bijury Village, Sarawak, Malaysia from March 14-30, 2004.

The population of Bijury Village includes 90 families (500 people). The Adventist membership of the village includes 24 families (100 members). Most of the members have to spend more than one hour walking the six kilometers to worship with other believers on Sabbath. For this reason, they had requested help to build a church building nearer to their homes.

On Sabbath, March 27, a special ceremony and worship to celebrate the completion of the building was followed by a baptism in the river near the church. Two Japanese students, Ikuru Hirata and Masami Fukita, from among the volunteers, along with one local person, were baptized.

This youth overseas volunteer project was sponsored by the Japan Union Conference Youth Department and has been in existence for 17 years. Over 730 volunteers have participated in projects sponsored over the years.

Excerpt from Youth Department News - <http://www.sda.or.jp>

Taiwan Holds Missionary Retreat

The Taiwan Mission held its second annual missionary retreat in Guguan, Taiwan. From March 5-7, 2004, fifty-five missionaries gathered to enjoy fellowship, spiritual renewal, and to hear the Chinese Union Mission Executive Secretary, John Ash, share messages related to the theme for the weekend, "Renewing the Faith - Renewing the Vision."

In attendance were missionaries from the English Bible Centers, Yang Ming Shan Christian School, Adventist Preparatory Center as well as some Global Mission Pioneers who are doing church planting in various locations around the island. There were wonderful times of worship, fellowship and prayer as well as outdoor recreation.



Please continue to pray for the missionaries who willingly hear and obey the call of God to serve Him in cross-cultural settings. Pray that the Spirit of Pentecost will strengthen, encourage, and embolden them to share the love of Christ with all whom they meet.

Bob Folkenberg, Jr., President
Taiwan Mission of Seventh-day Adventists

Spring Teacher's Retreat

The theme for this year's SDA Language Institute's annual Spring Teacher's Retreat was "A God of Surprises." It was held near Naksan Beach in Yang Yang, Korea, April 2-5, 2004. Over 230 missionary teachers and their families gathered together for a weekend of fellowship, worship, edification and fun at Freya Condo on the shores of the "East Sea." They traveled by bus, train, van, and plane, from each of the 35 institutes around Korea.

Featured speaker, Randy Barlow, Academic Dean, emphasized aspects of God's character which were surprising: God forgetting our sins, but remembering the good in us; using the prostitute, Rahab, to save the spies in Jericho, and using a foreigner, Ruth, to impact the genealogy of Jesus.

Twelve institutes participated in leading the praise and worship throughout the weekend, while six others helped to facilitate the communion service Friday night, and the Sabbath School on Sabbath morning. Helen Eager, representative of Asian Aide, and mother of John Eager, Kangnam Institute, presented a pictorial overview of the non-profit organization which helps over 6,000 homeless, orphans, blind, deaf, and sick people in Nepal and India with food, clothing, education, shelter and health care. The teachers were eager to support this ministry and the offering collected was divided between Asian Aide and the Philippines Project led by Sandra and Daniel Cruz, Seoul Main Institute.

Part of the weekend focused on plans for the upcoming Summer Bible Camp in July. Pastor Kim Si Young, director of SDALI, preached about Jonathan and his

armor bearer conquering enemies through prayer and faith. With over 45,000 students attending SDALI, he challenged the foreign teachers to a goal of one foreign teacher, one baptism. Plans for the summer English Bible camp include a total of 2,000 attendees to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's presence in Korea.



During the retreat, missionary teachers enjoyed vegetarian food, recreational activities, walks on the beach, and a talent show. Though it was a weekend for relaxing, there were also seminars which focused on "Missionary Leadership," "Effective Religion Classes," "Effective Vespers," and "Principles of Worship." The teachers networked and shared their ideas so that they could be more successful at their various institutes.

"It was a wonderful weekend," exclaimed Thalia. "I really loved the theme song," commented Bethany Norton.

Jennifer L. McGhee
Field Teaching Supervisor, SDA Language Institutes, Korea

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Sabbathkeepers GRE Testing

The ETS (Educational Test Service) has recently offered a Monday test date for the GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) in Korea for a Seventh-day Adventist in respect of his right to keep Saturday as his day of worship. Since 2003, the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE General Test have been offered on Saturdays, without consideration for Sabbathkeepers in China, Hong Kong, Korea, and Taiwan.

Jeong, Young Tae, a 29-year-old medical doctor, who plans to study in the U.S., had been requesting an alternative test date for more than six months. He would lose the opportunity to take the June 12 exam unless the situation changed. It was said that Jeong never failed to keep the Sabbath during his six years of medical school. In February, 2001, the Korean National Medical Board Test was changed from Saturday to another day because of Jeong's case. The ETS's decision for considering Jeong's religious faith will be good news to other Adventist students in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan who want to take the GRE but still want to keep the Sabbath.



GC Youth Director Visits

The General Conference World Youth Director, Dr. Baraka Muganda, visited Korea March 9-17, 2004. NSD Youth Director, Joshua Shin, gathered all Union and Conference Youth Leaders in the NSD territory to take advantage of this great opportunity to meet with Dr. Muganda. Eight directors from Korea, one from Japan,



three from China, one from NSD and one from the GC met together with the theme, "Arise, O Mighty Army!" During this important meeting, the youth directors decided to hold the first NSD

Faith & Mission Universiade for AMiCUS (Adventist Ministry to College and University Students). Improvements were made to the Pathfinder Program and the administration and management of Master Guides. The group visited Nomok Natural Resources Institute where Pathfinders and Master Guides receive training to become leaders. They also visited a military camp to encourage Adventist soldiers.

On March 12, 2004, vespers was held at Cheongryang Ri Church, and on Sabbath morning, the Golden Angels provided beautiful music and Pastor Muganda delivered

a challenging message to the Sahmyook University students for the worship service. Sabbath afternoon, youth leaders visited Taerung Church's English Bible School, and Junghwadong Church to see their well-organized Pathfinder program. Sabbath evening, they listened to reports from the AMiCUS leaders and the 1000MM support staff at AMiCUS Church in the East Central Korean Conference.

During Dr. Muganda's visit, the time was packed with opportunities to encourage youth leaders to lead in the great mission they face. He emphasized that the NSD has the world's largest population and there is much to do for young souls. He charged all youth directors to work with passion in youth ministry.

John Yoon

Personal Assistant - Youth & Children's Ministries Department

"In Quest for Quality"

The third annual Bi-divisional Health Professionals' Convention with Health Care Institutions was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, December 8-12, 2003. One hundred and forty-one delegates from the Northern and Southern Asia-Pacific regions converged to hear Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, give the keynote address. A knowledgeable team of 30 resource persons, who presented a range of topics relating to health ministry work, provided useful information and spiritual challenges. Ample time to fellowship made this an invaluable experience.

An appeal was made for each participant to join the "quest for quality" as they serve mankind in their respective organizations. This was emphasized as being a privilege and responsibility. Fellow human beings deserve the best.

Risk management was presented from many different perspectives including lawyers, practitioners and hospital administrators. Those involved in charting medical records, food preparation, facility management, cleaning, and performance improvement initiatives may affect risk. Clinicians and administrators also have a role in risk management.

Dr. Allan Handysides, director of General Conference Health Ministries, presented the topic: The Adventist Health Care: A Mission of Caring. His special emphasis was on spirituality and how to maintain it. Workshops covering Spiritual Care & Mission, Administration, Nursing, Plant Safety, Food Safety, Dentistry, Internal Medicine, Surgery, OB/GYN and Community Health were provided to meet the needs of the professions represented and everyone felt charged at the end of the convention. All were blessed with the spiritual emphasis throughout the week provided by speakers from the church.

Philip Wong, Chief Financial Officer, Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital, Hong Kong

ADRA Implements Energy Technology for North Korea

Up to 10,000 farmers in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), will be able to keep their crops and livestock alive through the harsh winter due to implementing a system of biogas plants and greenhouses that the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), in partnership with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) are promoting.

Biogas is a biological process that utilizes the cycles in nature that produce energy. The biogas plants will use both anaerobic processes for fermentation and aerobic processes to heat and insulate. Insulating the biogas plant and placing the "digester" in a greenhouse will increase efficiency and allow families to extend the growing season for food within the greenhouse or keep animals warm during the winter. This is the first household plant in DPRK that will work year-round without additional heating required.

Source: Adventist News Network, March 30, 2004

A New Employee of NSD

Ms. Choi, Eun Hye joined the Northern Asia-Pacific Division on April 1, 2004. She began serving as the personal assistant to Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association and Global Mission Director. Before she took the position, Mr. Paul (Kyu Seung) Cho had worked in Pastor Kwon's departments. Presently he is studying at Andrews University.

Ms. Choi graduated from Sahmyook University in 2003, with a degree in English Literature. During her education, she equipped herself in English language studies at Newbold College for one year. She has been working as an English teacher for children at her church and a language institute. We welcome Ms. Choi's dedication to God in the NSD.



Visitors to NSD

Tony de la Mota spent 10 days at NSD assisting the accounting staff during March. His current position is with the Inter-American Division.

His assistance has been appreciated highly by the staff he worked with. Thank you Tony.

Sow 1 Billion Pamphlets Thrown Away

The following two stories from Russia and South America give me courage to keep on giving away Sow 1 Billion pamphlets, even if they are thrown away.

Recently, a Russian took the Sow 1 Billion brochure, compressed it into a small wad, and left it on a train seat. A lady passenger found the paper and ironed it. At her office, she made copies for her colleagues. Soon she began to take the Bible study course as advertised on the brochure. She is now a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A person in South America simply tore the Sow 1 Billion brochure in half and threw it away. Another person found just half of the card - it was the half with an address. Soon he was connected to a local church and has since been baptized.

If you have any Sow 1 Billion "throw-away" stories from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, or Mongolia please send them to John McGhee or Glenn Mitchell."

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