

# News & Views

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## The 1st Women Pastors & Elders Convention of Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The first Women Pastors and Elders Convention was successfully held from May 31 to June 4, 2004 in Beijing, China by the Ministerial Association and the Women's Ministries Department of Northern Asia-Pacific Division. A total of 53 people attended this historic event, including Jairyong Lee, the President of Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Takashi Shiraishi, President of Japan Union Conference, and Glenn Mitchell, Communication Director of Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Dr. Jairyong Lee, on the opening night, delivered a message, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (I King 19:9) to remind all the attendees that they are the Elijahs in these last days, and they should carry with them the mission of Elijah, preparing people for the coming of Christ. Each day was started with morning devotion. With the theme "Great Teachings of Christ for His Leaders," our guest speaker Clarissa Worley, a women pastor in Beaverton Church in the United States, spoke on topics which are very relevant to our women pastors and elders: The Art of Forgiveness; Suspending Judgment; Speaking Truth; Profound Love; Profound Trust; Profound Faith; Profound Humility. The various sessions focused on the personal spiritual growth as women pastors, elders, and leaders in the church and how they relate and help their church work.

Discussion time was given for the delegates to share and discuss the current situation, problems, and challenges they are facing as women leaders. After two days of intensive sessions, the delegates enjoyed touring the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, and other places in Beijing. At the end of the convention, Dr. Jairyong Lee challenged each delegate to be like Moses, leading God's children to the Promised Land.

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# Church Leaders Visit Believers in China

Leaders from the General Conference and Northern Asia-Pacific Division made an official visit to the People's Republic of China April 22 - May 2, 2004, to meet with officials of government as well as Seventh-day Adventist believers.

The delegation was headed by Pastor Matthew Bediako, general secretary of the world church. Others from the General Conference were Dr. Lyn Behrens, president of Loma Linda University Medical Center, and Dr. William Johnsson, editor of the *Adventist Review*. They were joined by three representatives from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division: Dr. Jairyong Lee, president; Pastor Glenn Mitchell, communication director; and Pastor James Wu, president of the Chinese Union Mission.

The church leaders met with officials of the State [national] Bureau of Religious Affairs and also with representatives of the National Patriotic Three Self Movement and the China Christian Council. During these meetings the delegates had opportunity to explain the nature and work of Seventh-day Adventists and to voice the concerns of Adventist believers in China.

The delegates met with believers for Sabbath worship in Beijing, when Pastor Bediako preached. They also worshiped with believers in Shanghai.



A very friendly Goodbye

William G Johnsson, *Adventist Review* Editor



For more a more complete report see the June 10, 2004 edition of the

***Adventist Review.***



Table Decoration



Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital, Hangzhou, China



A Young Chinese Girl Sharing With a Friend



Pastor Zhou presenting Dr. Lee with a gift.

## Another View

A highlight of the trip for me was to visit the former Shanghai Adventist Hospital. The first impression was how well the hospital and grounds were kept. The hospital is in a very busy part of town, yet provides a very peaceful atmosphere with spacious grounds and lots of trees.

The original Otis elevator is still working as well as the old washing machine. The washing machine has been supplemented with a more modern one. Some of the old hand crank beds are used regularly and still in very good working condition. When constructing new buildings they match the style of the original ones so the premises look like a well planned facility.

The celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital in Hangzhou drew a large crowd of both ordinary people and dignitaries. Our delegation was warmly welcomed and given a tour of the facilities. The association of this hospital with Loma Linda University is highly regarded by both the political and medical personnel.

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## Samuel C. Young

Dr. Samuel C Young was President of the South China Island Union Mission, which is now part of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Dr. Samuel C Young, long-time worker in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division now retired, has been given honors at a graduation service of La Sierra University in Riverside, California.

The "Presidential Citation for Christian Service" was presented personally to Samuel C Young by Dr. Lawrence Geraty, President of La Sierra University in a ceremony before 2000 persons attending the annual graduation ceremonies.

In the Citation, information was given regarding his work for the Seventh-day Adventist church over several decades. He first served the church for seven years as Headmaster for the Sam Yuk Secondary School in Hong Kong. He then came to America for further education and service. Later he was President of Hong Kong Adventist College.

Dr. Young then returned to the Far East where he served in a number of educational and administrative posts in Hong Kong and Taiwan. He had many opportunities to visit China to encourage young churches. His administrative service allowed him to strengthen the medical work in hospitals in both Hong Kong and the New Territories.



Dr. Lawrence T. Geraty, La Sierra University president presenting Citation to Dr. Samuel C. Young. Kristal Tonstad, student of the year

## James H. Zachary

Elder James H. Zachary, best-known for his passion for proclaiming the message of Christ's soon-coming around the world, died at the Community Hospital in Redlands, California on April 22, 2004 of acute leukemia. A memorial service was held on May 23, 2004 at the Calimesa SDA Church where he had attended for the past eight years.

The seventy-five-year old Cherry Valley, California resident had served as a former ministerial secretary of the Far Eastern Division for nine years and an associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association from 1990-1995.



He taught Bible at Broadview, Illinois; Lynwood, California; and Monterey Bay, California and was ordained to the gospel ministry at Hinsdale, Illinois in 1957. In 1970 he and his family went to the Philippines where he taught Bible for six years at Mountain View College in Mindanao and the Far East Theological Seminary in Manila.

Memorial gifts should be directed to the Zachary Memorial, "The Quiet Hour," Redlands, California 92373

Don Roth, General Conference Representative, Loma Linda University



Newly Dedicated Conference office for the West Central Korean Conference, June 10, 2004.

## Four Layers of Protection

Consider Gortex - just one layer is enough protection. It's the hi-tech answer for the age-old technique of layering clothes for protection against cold or hot elements. Is there spiritual Gortex - one covering of Christ's Body that could prevent Mongolians or anyone from the bitter chill of a selfish heart? "Of course," you answer. "The robe of Christ's righteousness is like Gortex."

A few years ago, I would have agreed. But now, I'm not so sure. It seems to me that the Bible exposes four layers of protection which are absolutely necessary to prevent a Christian from frostbite.

On March 26-28, 2004, twenty-nine Mongolians from eighteen worship centers, converged atop a snowy mountain at the Science Observatory to learn how to protect their Sabbath School members from frostbite. Dr. John McGhee taught. Nimdava interpreted. Dr. Jonathan Kuntaraf prepared the curriculum.

The four layers as identified in Acts 2:42 - 47, are fellowship, prayers & praises to God, Bible study, and missionary action. Together, they add up to Worship. It's how early Christians kept Christ's Body from freezing.

by Dr. John McGhee

## The Auzzies Came

The first of a number of Australian mission teams travelling this year to Mongolia returned recently with a report of lives changed and a community blessed in the small town of Bulgan.

The Bulgan church is now the first church in Mongolia with its own baptismal font. Twelve people were baptised on the final Sabbath of the team's three-week visit, in what is believed to be the first baptism in the town.

One of the local missionaries reports that a further 30 interested persons are attending follow-up meetings and continue to worship with the Adventist group— doubling their original attendance.

The multiskilled team of 10 Australians, aged from 18 to 70, was led by Pastor Michael Worker from Caboolture church, Qld.

“Our specific goal was to raise the profile of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bulgan, to build its credibility and to generate good interests for the missionaries to follow up,” says Pastor Worker. “As a secondary goal, we went with the desire to assist the local community through gifts and practical support so that they might create a more sustainable future. I believe these goals have been achieved to a greater level than we thought possible.

From the South Pacific Division Record

## KUC Subway Advertisement

On May 1, 2004, the Adventist Church in Korea started to advertise the 100 year Anniversary of the Korean Adventist Church through destination billboards in subway stations in Seoul, Capital of South Korea. According to Pastor Koo, Hyun Suh, Communication Director of the Korean Union Conference, the billboards at seven stations will show the centennial messages to the public for 10 seconds repeatedly everyday for a year.

## NSD Picnic Day

The annual NSD picnic found the staff on the bus at 8 a.m. for an educational field trip to Shamyook Food Factory, a Korean Seventh-day Adventist church institution. We went to see how soybean drink was prepared. We were excited to learn that they produce 2 million packs of milk a day for domestic use and export. During the lunchtime, vegetarian cuisines prepared by the factory pleased us very much.

The afternoon was spent at the Korean Folk Village in Suwon, about 100 kilometers south of Seoul. We were able to see the unique styles of traditional houses and costumes. We also viewed folk performances: Farmer's Music and Dance, Acrobatics on the Tightrope, Traditional Wedding, etc. The atmosphere and performances in the village took us back in time in Korea.



## ADRA Korea Helps Blast Victims

On May 4, 2004 the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Korea sent 26,000 pairs of clothes to North Korean victims of the train explosion which occurred on April 22. The devastating blast at Ryongcheon train station killed 160 people and injured about 1,300, leaving 8,000 residents homeless and badly in need of food. Shamyook Food Factory, which is sponsored by the Adventist Church in Korea, delivered 100,000 units of soybean drink (KWR 34 million valued) through the ADRA Korea for those victims in Ryongcheon, near the northern border with China.



The Korean Union Conference appealed all Adventist Church members in Korea for support for the blast victims. They received special Sabbath offerings on May 1 and May 8 to help the relief aid. Also, Korean Adventists in the United States donated money in Church to send through the ADRA International. According to ADRA Korea, it will keep close communications with the ADRA headquarters, to be able to provide support for the renovations of the children's hospital and the bakery in North Korea.



## Mid Year Meetings

Mid year meetings this year were held on the beautiful island of Jeju, Korea, May 12 and 13. Since this meeting was preceded by the Stewardship Summit the Union Treasurers were invited to attend the Mid Year meetings.

Besides the regular business, one important item that was discussed was the preliminary draft proposal from the General Conference to the 2005 General Conference session of an additional Fundamental Belief dealing with *The Fundamental Beliefs and 'Growing in Christ:.'*

The discussion on distribution of General Conference session delegates generated lots of negotiation. However, great good will was displayed among the leaders.



Dr. Lee, President, Stanley Ng, Secretary and R. Martin Moore, Treasurer conferring on a policy



Elder Masaki Shoji listening to the presentation on the draft Fundamental Belief



Elder Shrishi, Japan Union President, giving a report on the Lord's leading for JUC to print an updated version of the Bible and then advertise in the major newspapers for Bible Studies.

## Stewardship Summit

Elder Kwon, Elder Sung and I arrived in Jeju Island one day early before the Summit started to set up things. I had been told that this meeting was one of the most important conventions organized by our department so I tried to be always careful and did not want to make any mistakes.

We had several boxes of binders which would be distributed to all the attendants. I, a rather strong woman yet, felt exhausted after moving boxes and running around here and there for hours. However, through our effort and God's mercy, we could minimize troubles. In the Friday night every one went up to their rooms after the first Stewardship Summit program, we three knelt down on the floor and thanked God for helping us thru the day when we safely started the meeting.



It was a great experience for me to meet many pastors from different countries and share love each other. I really thank God for allowing me to participate in His Mission.

Choi EunHye

## Stewardship Seminar in Korea

A Stewardship Seminar was held for Adventist Church leaders in Korea from May 17 to 19, 2004 at the Dear Mountain Adventist Laity Training Center. About 80 Pastors from 5 local conferences participated in the seminar.



Kim, Jong Moon, Director of Stewardship for the Korean Union Conference, organized the program by inviting Benjamin Maxon, General Conference Stewardship Director to be the main speaker. His theme was "Biblical Foundation of Stewardship."

## Oh, for a Millstone!

The governor of Bayanlik Soum (County) visits my office from time to time. He travels over 1,400 km to get to see me. I have helped him with some food-for-work projects and vegetable garden training. Together we cleared a few hectares of land, built a wall around it and planted gardens inside where the miserable goats and sheep could not get in. One of the crops he planted was a grain I have not seen before. It looks much like rye. It is milled and makes a really good porridge that is as wholesome as the best full grain ones I know. He said that he needed at least 15 millstones so that the families could mill the grain themselves for sale. I tried to find some mill sets for him. It is two stones that are very flat on one side and have a hole through the center. Another hole is drilled towards the one side that houses a wooden handle to crank the stone milling the grain as it is added into the center. It is ground fine between the two stones flat surfaces.



I was able to trace some prisoners who's warden wanted me to pay \$30 to \$50 for each set of stones depending on the size. I was very keen, but then I did some calculations and realized that I did not have any money left in my little "assistance fund" that I keep. I had to turn the governor away empty handed. How I wish I could help him by loaning these families the money and having them slowly pay it back from the grain sold.

[Email from Elder R. Martin Moores, NSD Treasurer] At the Sabbath session of the Stewardship Summit held in Jeju a week ago, an offering was taken. This amounted to KRW 416,630 (USD 359.16). On discussion with Pastor Kwon it has been agreed that we would send this amount to ADRA Mongolia to assist with the project of providing millstones.

[Email reply from Llewellyn Juby, ADRA Mongolia Director] Thanks a million for making my day. A few minutes after your phone call I opened a letter from someone else who had kindly sent me another \$100 bringing it to the amount we need. God is so good.

Llewellyn Juby, Director, ADRA Mongolia

## Tri-Union Education Council

"One snowy day, a group of school children were dismayed by the total change of the world which happened overnight. All the pathways and the main route to their countryside elementary school were covered with snow.

Luckily, they found a line of footprints leading to the gate of their school. The footprints were those of their principal who deliberately walked to the school at the break of dawn, for younger ones were, for sure, to come to school when the sun is out. They followed the footprints with joy and reached their school that morning. Yes, we are privileged to walk on the footprints of Jesus, Our Master Teacher." This is one of the illustrations made by the special speaker, Elder Chun, Jung Kwong, the KUC President.

The Three Union Education Director's meeting was held by the NSD Education Department at the KUC, June 15~16, 2004. The participants were Elder, Chun, Jung Kwon, the



President of the KUC, Dr. Verna Chuah (CHUM Education Director), Elder Yutaka Oshiro (JUC Education Director), Elder

Yuji Amano (JUC Associate Education Director), Elder Jung, Chang Keun (KUC Education Director), Elder Park, Kwang Soo (ECKC Education Director), Elder Son, Ki Won (MWKC Education Director), Elder Kim, Jae Ho (SWKC Education Director), and Elder Hwang, Choon, Kwang (WCKC Education Director). All were newly elected directors except the two from Japan.

**The purposes of the meeting were:** To have closer coordination of educational evangelism with the "NSD Strategy." To develop a stronger sense of commitment to Adventist Education. To develop deeper a understanding of the Directors' role in "a secularized educational environment." To develop a sense of brotherhood among the three union education directors.

Reaching out with the Good News remains the fervent hope and the fondest aspiration of everyone in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division's six colleges and university, 17 secondary schools, 21 elementary and primary schools and five kindergartens. We, the leaders of the Educational Institutions, focus on the Christian Servant Leadership to better serve our students, children, parents, teachers, and chaplains.

Masaji Uyeda, Education/Language Schools Director

## Jeju Evangelism



Joshua Shin translating Dr. Folkenburg's message

During the Mid Year meetings Dr. Bob Folkenburg, Taiwan Mission President, and Shin, Dong Hee (Joshua), NSD Youth Director did double duty. Nightly Joshua enthusiastically translated Dr. Folkenburg's message. Two huge screens presented the message one screen for English and the other for Korean. Attendance ranged from 175 - 200 nightly. Everyone was greeted first by two ladies at the parking lot. Then another two ladies greeted us at the building, while two more welcomed us at the front doors. By the time one entered the auditorium you knew you were welcome as two more ladies greeted you at the auditorium doors.

Elder Kwon JohngHaeng, NSD Assistant Ministerial Director, worked with the churches on Jeju in preparation for these meetings. He brought about a sense of unity and mission as he shared with them the steps to successfully prepare for the meetings.



Two very attentive young listeners. Everyone in the auditorium sat on the edge of their seats while Dr. Folkenburg shared about his wedding.

## Best Brands Award

Today, May 18, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., the Korean SDA Language School was awarded recognition from the Korea Management Association Marketing Consultants, Inc., as the best in its category *Best Brand*. The Millennium Hilton Hotel in downtown Seoul displayed a large banner on the outside of the building listing the participants being honored, including the SDA Language School.

The Management Association evaluates companies each year for total marketing, leadership, new products and best brand. This is the first time a language school has received such an award. The brand SDA has earned the highest level of customer loyalty among language institutes. Kim, Si Young, President of the SDA Language Institute, received the award on its behalf.

For 35 years, the church has operated language schools in Korea, teaching English, Japanese and Chinese. Each term, 45,000 students enroll. These language schools employ 1,055 teachers and staff. Yearly, more than 1,000 of these students give their lives to Christ and follow Him in baptism.

Sabbath, May 17, 2004, the 35<sup>th</sup> language institute celebrated its grand opening at Dobong. Pastor Chun, Jung Kwon, Korean Union Conference President, gave the sermon. Kim, Si Young, Language Institute President, welcomed the new institute director and staff.



Kim, Si Young, President of the SDA Language Institute, receives the award.

# The Golden Angels in Japan

**W**e left Korea last May 30 to spend 3 weeks in Japan supporting PMM evangelistic meetings. The first week, we went to Matsumoto to work with *Pastor Park Jong Soo*. The second week we went to Kawasaki. *Pastor Lee Jin Hwan* works there. The last city was Saga, *Pastor Lim Kun Sik* works there.

**Matsumoto:** We arrived about 8 o'clock in the evening in Matsumoto our first mission field. The next day we began the evangelistic meeting. Since the church members consisted of only 4 families Pastor Park planned small group evangelistic meetings where these members invited their friends and neighbors. In each home we began with our music program and followed by a short Biblical message delivered by the pastor. After that we spent time getting to know one another. We expected only 4-5 people. But at each meeting, 14 to 15 people were in attendance. We held 5 small group evangelistic meetings for 4 days in Matsumoto. Many attended without missing a meeting. Total attendance of our 20 meetings surpassed 100 people.

**Kawasaki:** On June 4 we moved to Kawasaki. It was a cultural lecture type of meeting. Sunday we spent the day distributing our invitations and handbills assisted by the Beehive members from the Tokyo Central church. To encourage people to take our invitations we tied the invitation to a balloon. The president of Shamyook Food Company spoke the first night. The second night, the president of the Voice of Prophecy in Japan was our speaker. Wednesday, we presented only a concert. Thursday and Friday Pastor Yamamoto spoke. His topic was *God's Creation*. Kawasaki church has only one church member. Our joy was complete when Sako a backslidden member became involved and recommitted her life to Christ.

**Saga:** Sunday June 13, we flew to Saga for our last series of meetings. Since we had an open air concert scheduled that afternoon we were worried when we heard that a typhoon was approaching. Actually, we were little bit tired at that moment so in our hearts we wanted the typhoon to come, but God gave us good weather. So, as soon as we arrived in Saga, we successfully gave our outdoor concert. June 14 to 18 Pastor TaKagi, Kyusyu district director presented the message for these evangelistic meetings. His topic: *How can we have happy human relationships*. This Saga church has many interests from their Korean and English classes. At least twice a day we gave a concert. And as long as we had time during the day, we distributed invitations house to house. Last Saturday afternoon, we held another open air concert even though it was raining. We were blessed to have a band shell to protect us.

Baek Soo Kyung  
Golden Angel



With Beehive members preparing invitations



Welcome in Saga



Saga Church

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## VBS Satellite Training

**S**abbath afternoon, June 5 and 12, 2004, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. KUC beamed a Vacation Bible School Training program to each church in Korea. For the first time KUC used the satellite for a training program reaching every church. It is estimated that using the satellite will save the Union by not having personnel traveling to various parts of the country.