

News & Views

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Health and Gospel Evangelism in Mongolia

After evangelistic meetings in Taiwan in June by Korean Union Conference women, they then held a series of Health and Gospel Evangelistic meeting in the Tolgoit church in Mongolia, July 25-31, 2004. It was a great privilege for me to lead these Evangelistic meetings. We had a wonderful experience in soul winning.



Fourteen women came from the Middle West Korean Conference Women's Association with me and Dr. Song who delivered the health messages. Since these women have been leading out in evangelistic meetings in their Conference several times a year, they were very helpful in this meeting in Mongolia. This was the first time for them to

hold meetings outside their home country. These women not only sponsored the meetings but paid their own way. People were so inspired by their dedication and sacrificial services. Mornings, the Health and Gospel messages were presented to the people, and afternoons were devoted to body and foot massages and tapping therapy.



Tolgoit church is in a small town where the people are very poor. We have approximately 40 church members. Around 190 people attended the meeting everyday. On Sabbath, July 31, our women prepared a big lunch for all the people, about 350 attended. Fifteen people were baptized in the river on Sabbath afternoon by Elder Dale Tunnell, director of the Mongolia Mis-



sion Field. We were so thankful to the Lord for His many blessings and these new members of His family.

Other great news: this Women's Evangelistic group raised Scholarship funds for the Mongolian pastoral training project, US \$8,000 were donated. Dr. Song donated US \$5,000 for well digging expenses for the Tolgoit church which has no water. Hallelujah!

Nam, Young Ja
Women's Ministries Director, NSD

Look inside ...

Children's Missionary Movement

Centenarian Baptized



LE Retreat



Youth Alive



Media Center Evaluation

Elder John Banks, Associate Communications Director of the General Conference visited the Northern Asia-Pacific Division July 12 – 24. With his experience in setting up media studios in his homeland, Australia and also at the General Conference, the Chinese Union



Connie Chun, Engineer, Lily Wu, Media Center Director, John Ash III, Communications Director and John Banks

Mission requested that he evaluate their studio. The purpose of the evaluation was to prepare them to produce material for Hope Channel – Asia (ATN).

Prior to his visit to Hong Kong, Elder Banks visited the media center in

Korea. Pastor Koo, Hyun Suh, KUC Communications Director, took time from his preparation's for the Centennial Celebration to give Elder Banks a guided tour. He also gave a preview of some of the preparations his department was involved in for this celebration.

At the request of the officers of CHUM Elder Banks visited the Taiwan Adventist College. They have a vision to offer a degree in Communications thereby preparing Adventist young people with the skills needed by the media centers within the division. He was delighted to find a suitable building to house the studio, and also staff with a communications degree already employed by the college.

The media center evaluation showed that there was a high degree of skill displayed by the CHUM staff. The productions already developed are of a quality that can be used by ATN. Of course there were suggestions about how to take production to a higher level which were eagerly received.



Ernest Kao and John Banks observing a recording session.

A newborn joins PMM!

In July, 2004, a precious baby boy was born to Lee, Chang Sub and Choi, Min Hye who are a PMM missionary family in Japan.



NSD congratulates these dedicated missionaries.

AWR

July 28 and 29, the Chinese Union Mission hosted an AWR workshop for the Japanese, Korean and Hong Kong offices. Akinori Kaibe, regional AWR director lead the workshop. Ray Allen, AWR Global Training Director presented two sessions on Segments Productions. Matthew Aimonetti, Distribution Engineer, introduced the computerized Studio Distribution Module.

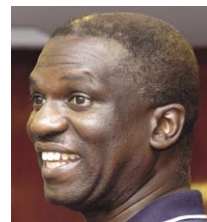


Akinori Kaibe



Matthew Aimonetti

Pastor Kaibe praised the high quality of broadcast material produced by the media centers of all three unions. It was evident from the questions asked that these centers want to produce material of the highest quality. Pastor Masumi Shimada and Haruhito Ohsuga represented Japan. Pastor Lee, Kee Myung, Korean VOH director shared his experiences. Mrs. Lily Wu, CHUM Media Center Director with her staff made sure every need was supplied during the workshop.



Ray Allen

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Health Seminar - Hong Kong

On April 17 a public seminar was conducted at the Chinese Bible Auditorium SDA church in Kowloon, Hong Kong. This was a partnership between the church and the two local Adventist hospitals, Hong Kong Adventist Hospital and Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital. The seminar, organized by Dr. Santos, director of the Lifestyle Management Center at both hospitals, was about Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome, two problems that are prevalent in Hong Kong.

Pastor Davis Kong, church pastor and leader of the 35-plus team of volunteers, including young people, that worked during the afternoons to provide lectures and health assessments for about 100 people. Dr. Santos talked about Metabolic Syndrome and Dr. Lam Ming Yuen about Diabetes. Helen Yue, dietitian of the Tsuen Wan Advnetist Hospital, translated for Dr. Santos lecture. It was a very interactive seminar with intense participation of the audience, during the questions and answer section.



Volunteer drawing blood

After the lectures, a series of body assessments were done by the volunteers in a separate room. Body fat percentage, weight, height, blood pressure, and blood glucose were all offered for free. The food company, Eden's Synergy - run by the church in Hong Kong - also participated giving healthy food samples for

the participants during the seminar.

This was the first seminar done in conjunction with the hospitals and the church. There are plans to continue with those seminars and develop other health activities for the local Chinese community with the intent to promote health and break the ice for them to know the gospel.

Ten minutes before starting the lecture, we invited some young musicians to play instrumental music for those waiting for the seminar. Also we created a puppet group to deliver health messages before the main lecture. Five young people played the puppet family - dad and mom, two children and grandfather. It was exciting both for the youth puppet group and for the audience. Young people were responsible for the body tests: checking the weight, height and body fat. Nurses took blood pressures, and the blood tests.

Dr. Hikdermar Dos Santos
Lifestyle Management Center Director

Korean LE Retreat

Korean Literature Evangelists gathered at Namwon, Korea, June 24 - 27, 2004, for their annual Retreat. Two hundred fifty enthusiastic LE's filled the ballroom. Pastor Um, Gill Soo, Korean Union Conference Publishing director welcomed everyone. The four day retreat began with the presentation of awards for the highest sales and most baptisms. Han, Jai Gook, received the top award for 10 years of top sales. The top female sales person award went to Kang, Ok Sun. The top soul winner award was presented to Kim, Young Bong. She introduced 30 individuals to Christ during this year.

One of Kim, Young Bong's contact's was a pastor of another denomination. In the course of her contacts Bible Studies were started which lead to the pastors baptism. He then brought his whole church to the Adventist message. Currently Lee, Yang Hoon, is associate pastor in the Bonboo church in Seoul.

Korean Union Conference President, Chun, Jung Kwon, delivered the opening message. He challenged the participants with "How to be the Happiest Person". Pastor Glenn Mitchell, Northern Asia-Pacific Division Publishing Director, reminded those in attendance during his message that it is the little things that make the difference.



Kim, Young Bong receiving award as top soul winner

"The energetic and inspiring testimonies warmed my heart. I could have listened to more testimonies," said Glenn Mitchell. These well planned meetings gave these workers an opportunity to fellowship and encourage one another.

The object of our mission is the same as the object of Christ's mission.

- RH, June 16, 1904

Love begets Love

In 1897 the Seventh-day Adventist Church began the Community Services programs in the United States. For more than 100 years Seventh-day Adventists in over 200 countries have participated.



Pastor Philip Bohyun Yun and wife visit Moyorian Ger church

In October 2003 the Mongolian Mission Field appointed their first Community Services Director, Philip Bohyun Yun.

January 23 – 26, 2004 brought 32 leaders from 16 worship groups together for a Community Services Leadership Training Course. These leaders returned to their areas and organized their people for service.

With the support of ADRA Korea these leaders have been active in their communities. ADRA Korea sent a container with 24,000 articles of clothing. The Dorhan Village Church distributed 29 boxes of clothing to the benefit of 400 individuals. In the true spirit of Community Service they have also reached out to the poorer neighbors by repairing their homes. Erdenet Church has been very active in distributing 30 boxes of clothing.

Those who have received the help have wanted to know more about the people who would so unselfishly help them. More than 30 individuals are attending church in response to the love shown them.

*Philip Bohyun Yun
Community Services Director, MMF*

AnAWR Letter

Dear Brother

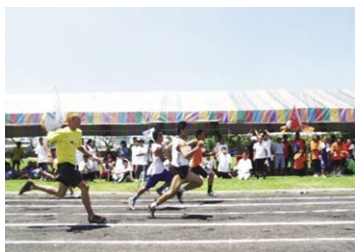
How are you today. Now I am giving a very good news to you ok. Few month ago I write a E-mail to you. Then you gave a information and space sentence. Everywhere God is present. Rely your hard is so kind .Today I change my religion SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISH BANGLADESH IN

CHITTAGONG. Now I am converted Christen, I learn the bible too. Your information is true. Today I am feeling another type of space which feeling not feel past days .

Dear brother past days I said to you I have no any brother or sister. So I gave my property as my house in SEVEN DAY ADVENTISH for men kind. Which use a charge and old shelter center. Hope you will respond to me and SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISH IN CHITTAGONG BANGLADESH.

Love in Action

On July 11-12 the Taiwan Mission held an island-wide Sports Festival with the theme of “Love in Action.” The event was held on the campus of Morrison Academy in Taichung in central Taiwan. Over 500 participants registered for the various events which



included basketball, volleyball and table-tennis competitions. A full day was also dedicated to track and field events with individual events being run as well as team events.

The Lord blessed with wonderful weather and fellowship. The event encourages district wide cooperation and team-building as well as encourages the membership to pursue and enjoy vibrant physical health.

*Bob Folkenberg, Jr.
Taiwan Mission President*

Student Apartment Rising

The construction of the new NSD sponsored apartments is progressing well. The contractor assigned a new consulting engineer to the project. As a result of this change, we are delighted with the improved communication and working relationship at the job site. The third floor was poured last week and within the next week or so the fourth floor will be poured. Despite the rain, which slows the work down, the contractor assured us that construction is slightly ahead of schedule and, God willing, the apartments will be ready to use this coming November.



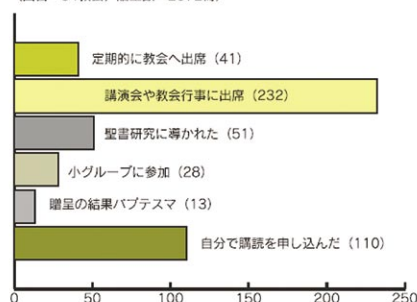
Student housing groundbreaking

*Julian Melgosa
AIIAS President*

“Signs Magazine Contact Evangelism” in Japan

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of “Signs Magazine,” the Adventist Church in Japan started an evangelistic mission movement 3 years ago. “Signs Magazine Contact Evangelism” designed for “One-for-One Soul Winning” through the year 2005.

サインズ贈呈の結果
(回答=54教会、贈呈数=2072冊)



According to replies that 54 churches' submitted to a questionnaire in May 2004. These churches have a combined membership of 1,947. Six hundred forty-one (33 %)

members have been involved in distributing the Signs Magazines. Among those who receive the magazines are 1,261 by personal contact, and 539 by mail.

As a result of this personal contact, 41 new persons are attending church regularly, 232 have participated in seminars and church meetings, 51 requested Bible Studies, 28 are involved in small groups, 110 subscribed to the Signs themselves and 13 have been baptized.

From the survey, Church members said “Through Signs Magazine Contact, we could visit non-believers' homes and invite them to take Bible studies and to worship with us. We hope that this mission movement will continue.”

* For more detailed information, visit <http://life.fukuinsha.com>, or look at the “Adventist Life, August, 2004” which is the Japan Union Conference Magazine.

Children’s Missionary Movement, a First For the Church in Northern Asia-Pacific

Adventist church members in the Northern Asia-Pacific region are not satisfied with just sending out missionaries who are already young adults. Now, they are training children to have a “mind for mission.”

The Children’s Missionary Movement, voted in Hong Kong in June by church children’s ministries directors from the region, aims to develop a “missionary consciousness” in children and train them to be missionaries.

“Right now [the church in the Northern Asia-Pacific region] is going full-force in missionary work,” says Linda Koh, children’s ministries director for the world church. She explains that the church there has set up an office, headed by Kwon John Haeng, that trains missionaries to go all over the region planting churches and become Global Mission “pioneers,” volunteers who give their time to begin Bible studies and eventually churches.

The goal is to prepare 10,000 children to develop a sense for mission, which includes saving a certain amount of their allowances for their missionary fund until 2010. “By then, they can use this missionary fund to do missionary work,” Koh says. Out of this 10,000, the hope is that 1,000 will ultimately join the 1,000 Missionary Movement when they are a little older.

“The Children’s Missionary Movement will serve as a feeder organization for the 1,000 Missionary Movement, which has successfully sent out hundreds of young people as mis-

sionaries annually to Asia and to other parts of the world,” Koh says.

“We need to train and raise more qualified and prepared missionaries,” says Joshua Shin, Children’s Ministries director in the Northern Asia-Pacific region, who helped begin the 1,000 Missionary Movement. “If we do this, then more young people will dedicate their lives for the Lord.”

He says in Korea, men are required to serve in the military for two to three years. “Since we serve the government for years, why not serve the Lord for a year?” he says. “I really want to train our children to be the best and faithful missionaries for God ...”

Children’s Missionary Movement participants are encouraged to attend a camp every year, and participate in training courses, seminars and short-term mission projects. A Children’s Missionary Movement magazine, to be published quarterly, will also be sent to those involved.

“Many church members and children are already very excited about this movement and they started to join this program,” Shin says.

The church in the Northern Asia-Pacific region also has a missionary program for pastors, as well as a Silver Missionary Movement for retired people, which is in the planning stages.

Adapted from ANN
Windi Rogers

A 100-Year-Old Baptized.

A 100 year old grandfather was baptized on June 12 at Junghwadong Church in Seoul, Korea. Kim, Sam Soo, who accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior recently, said “Good! Good! There is no place to go and nothing to trust as I am getting to the last destination. I only should believe in Jesus and leave this earth.” His baptism is very meaningful to the Korean Adventist Church, as it prepares to celebrate it’s Centennial Ceremony this November.



VBS Hong Kong

The children’s evangelistic series were held during the last 2 weeks of July. Fourteen churches ran their Vacation Bible Schools separately, and a combined graduation ceremony was held on August 1 at HKAC, Clear Water Bay. This was the largest of all the VBS’s in the history of our Conference. We adapted the GC VBS materials for 2004, “Lava Lava Island: Where Jesus’ Love Flows,” which were conducted in Cantonese. The local church leaders went through a training session 6 weeks earlier.



Volcano included for VBS

All the involved churches erupted in excitement and put forth their greatest effort to prepare for the programs. Church members took leave from work and helped to transform their churches into amazing adventure islands. Young student members took on the role of team leadership in guiding the young participants. Non-Christian parents of the participants also became involved whenever they could.

Six hundred people attended the graduation, and over 320 children took part altogether. About one-sixth of the children were from the community. At the graduation, when the appeal was made to dedicate their lives to Jesus, all the children responded with the most inspiring and touching scene one could imagine. The Holy Spirit can certainly work in the hearts of children in a most wonderful manner.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Day of Spiritual Emphasis: June 29, 2005, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. & June 30, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

58th General Conference Session
June 30 - July 9, 2005

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IN BRIEF: THE ADVENTIST CHURCH IN ST. LOUIS

The Iowa-Missouri and Central States Conferences have a large impact on the greater St. Louis area through their churches, schools and community service programs. The Iowa-Missouri Conference has seven churches in St. Louis with a combined and growing membership of more than 1,000. The Central States Conference has four churches in the St. Louis area with a membership of some 2,200. The Iowa-Missouri Conference also has a grade school, and in cooperation with the Central States Conference, a junior academy, and a community service center jointly run by four of the area churches.

“It will be a wonderful opportunity for the people of our conference, and thousands of others across the Midwest, to experience first-hand how the church functions and develops policies,” said Pastor Walter Brown, president of the Iowa-Missouri Conference. “I hope this will give the people of St. Louis a clear view of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and will be a benefit to future area evangelistic efforts.”

—Michelle Miracle

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Youth Alive

Three hundred forty-eight teens and young adults, most living in high-rise Hong Kong, joined 30 friendship groups led by 89 teen and adult facilitators during a historic YOUTH ALIVE summer camp overlooking the South China Sea on an Adventist College campus at Clearwater Bay, July 5 - 11, 2004. YOUTH ALIVE reduces high risk behaviors through building friendships that emphasize small group activities where everyone is a winner.

Pastor Lee, Choke Woh, "Go One Million" and Youth Evangelism coordinator of the Hong Kong Macau conference directed YOUTH ALIVE. Dr. Kathleen Kuntaraf, GC Health Ministries associate director, led the programming while Two General Conference departmental directors, Dr. Alan Handysides, Health Ministries, and Dr. Garland Dulan, Education, assisted her.



Interactive games and health education curricula were designed by the General Conference Health Ministries, Youth Ministries, Education, and Family Ministries departments.

By design, 60% of the attendees in Hong Kong were unchurched friends of Adventist teens. When asked what they enjoyed about YOUTH ALIVE, I heard the following responses:

"I made many new friends."

"I really enjoyed hearing the Golden Angels, (a Gospel group like Heritage), sing."

Micro Finance Expo

Being a practical person, I love to see handicraft displays. It was no hardship for me to take time to go down to see the expo with two of my micro finance staff. They were very keen to take me but I could not understand the urgency. We visited the 20 odd stalls, of which 6 were ADRA trainees, who had done our 3-month business training. I was amazed at the quality of the sewing, leatherwork and woolen products. We bought several objects from each of the ADRA displays and took some photos. I understand now why Nara and Dr Jav were so

"I learned to smile more."

"I learned to hold God's hand while reaching out to my friends with my other hand."

"I learned that sex was made by God for married lovers."

"My favorite part of YOUTH ALIVE was when each of the 30 friendship groups presented a special song, drama, or chant on Saturday night."

"I accepted Jesus as my Friend and Savior for the first time."

Wednesday evening, July 7, 2004, over 90% of YOUTH ALIVE participants surged forward to accept Jesus love and forgiveness. The invitation was given by a musician who shared her story of how she received salvation as a teenager, though abused by her alcoholic father and raised without a mother in a Hong Kong high-rise.

On Friday, July 9, 7:48 p.m., candles were lit by each friendship group showing their commitment to share God's light of love to their friends who could not attend. The Golden Angels commissioned all candle-lighters by singing a passionate rendition of "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

Sunday, July 11, 9:00 a.m. was "crunch time." After saying "Goodbye" to the campers, 89 teen and young adult facilitators fervently prayed for Holy Spirit power as they planned how to keep YOUTH ALIVE alive.

*Dr. John K. McGhee
Sabbath School/Personal Ministries Director, NSD*

proud of their trainee's success. This week the Xas (pronounced Ghaas) Bank approached ADRA offering more money for further loans. Till now they have missed their prime objective of working with the poor and have offered loans to only the middle class merchants who have had collateral. Originally set up to work with the ultra poor, it has been believed that you cannot succeed with this poor group in Mongolia. ADRA has proved them wrong and has had 100% repayments. Now when ADRA-trained people apply for a loan, no questions are asked by the bank.

*Llewellyn Juby
ADRA Director Mongolia*

Youth Camp

From July 26 to 29, 2004, more than 5,000 Korean young people gathered at Kosung Jamboree. 48 new souls sealed their relation with Jesus Christ as their Savior in baptism.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northren Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) President, and Gipson Ondap, former youth director of the Central Philippines Union Conference, delivered inspiring messages at Sorak Mountain, the Jamboree site.

“There is nothing more precious than our Evangelistic Mission to the world. Let’s join the great challenge to spread the Gospel of Salvation!” emphasized by Dr. Lee during the camp meeting.



With the inspirational devotionals, a lot of beautiful music, the hearts of the young people were deeply moved. The highlight musically occurred when about 120 members from Golden Angels, Jesus Choir, and Yehyang, joined together to present the music.

Some students said “We are very proud of our Church. We could praise the Lord and give the glory to Him through the well-organized programs. It has brought all of us grace and joy”

Dr. Lee said, “The Adventist Youth Culture and it’s mission are taking a step higher.” “Our Adventist youth expectation of their Church is getting higher as the society has changed,” commented Pastor Shin Dong Hee, NSD Youth Director.

NSD’s Newest Staff

Brian Stepanek has joined the NSD staff as our Information Systems Services Director. Prior to coming to Korea to teach English, he held several positions in the computer field. His wife Maike, currently teaches English. His smile is because he has a new computer system to administer.



The Korean Union Conference Constituency Meeting will be held December 13-16, 2004, at the Seoul Adventist Hospital Church.

For Kim, Kwang-Doo, KUC Executive-Secretary
Jeong Won-Yong, KUC Asso Secretary

Tokyo Adventist Hospital

On May 23, 2004, the Japan Union Conference Executive Committee approved a plan to build a 5 story clinic building to extend the Tokyo Adventist Hospital. The Adventist Church is planning to extend and rebuild Tokyo Hospital in two phases. The first 20 months phase, a new clinic building will be completed. During the next 20 months the main building will be reconstructed.

Tokyo Adventist Hospital Clinic, construction began in June, and it is expected to be finished by March 2005. The cost is estimated to be 633 million yens (5.75 million USD).

The *Tokyo Adventist Hospital* celebrated 75 years of service to the community in May this year. The hospital received the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001 Certificate in 2002. In January 2004, they received the Quality Management System ISO 9001:2000 certificate.

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