

News & Views

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Dr. Shin, Kei-Hoon

Former KUC President

The Adventist community in Korea lost a well-known, loved and respected educator, author, Church administrator and spiritual leader. Dr. Shin, Kei-Hoon, 64, former president of the Korean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, passed away on Friday, February 13, 2004 at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

He was born in 1940 in Yangyang City, Korea. He received his education at Korean Union College. His approximately 40 years of service began as pastor of Chunhodong Church, Yongsan Church, and Seoul Central Church. He married Oh, Myung-Joo in 1973. Dr. Shin and his family moved to the United States to study in 1979. He dedicated his life to establishing a solid foundation for Korean churches at Andrews University, Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, and Kalamazoo, Michigan and also in Indiana. He laid the cornerstone for the Korean Adventist Church Council of America. He also held the first Church Leaders' Retreat in Yanji, China, in August 1992.

Receiving a call from Sahmyook University in 1992, he served as chairman of the Theology Department and dean of the Graduate School of Theology. In 1996, he became president of the University.

In 2000, he was elected president of the Korean Union Conference. He established the "Master Plan Vision 100" to commemorate 100 years of Korean Church Ministries in 2004.

He authored many books including, "Darkness Can't Overcome Light" in 1990, followed by "The Latest Study of Daniel" and "Study of the Revelation", as well as 15 dissertations and more than 130 various articles.

He dedicated his life to walking a single path for the Lord and His people. His last prayers were for the church members' faith rather than for himself. In a final message for church members, he appealed: "Now I want to ask you, my beloved church members, at the last moment while I arrange my life, please dedicate your whole life to love God and serve

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Golden Angels Begin Their Ministry

The Golden Angels praise team recently built a recording room for practices and CD recording at the NSD office. The members are putting their best efforts into practicing and producing recordings each day from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. to support the mission work of the Pioneer Mission Movement in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division territories. They still need support for more equipment to outfit this recording room for their ministry.

In order to be better equipped for the mission field, the Golden Angels members are studying English one hour every day. Michael Park, a teacher who works at the Ilsan SDA Language Institute, is volunteering his time in the evenings to help with this English program.

The Golden Angels held a concert at the Ilsan International Church on January 17, 2004. All 150 church members were impressed by the vocal quartet, duets, instrumental music, and mixed quartets they performed. During February, they presented music for the Lay Evangelists' Convention and the Division office Week of Prayer. When they are not engaged in overseas mission work, the Golden Angels will be doing mission work here at home for the Lord.



*Yoon, Sung Soo (John),
Personal Assistant,
NSD Youth Department*



PMM families welcomed to Taiwan by Elder Bob Folkenberg, Jr. and his staff

with the best possible opportunity to learn Mandarin Chinese, the common language of Taiwan. Upon completion of their studies, they will be assigned to areas where a new church will be raised up. This is not the first time some of these people have served as missionaries. Previously, several served as a part of the 1000 Missionary Movement.

A year ago the first group of PM's moved from Korea to Japan for their year of language study. March 27, 2004 will be a day of celebration for the church in Japan, as this first group has finished its study and each one will begin working in his assigned area. Several of these PM's are already preaching in Japanese in local churches near where they have been studying. Five new families from Korea will begin their language study in Japan in March 2004.

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Beyond Church Walls

“STRETCH OUT AND PREACH THE GOSPEL” was the theme of 430 Korean lay evangelists who met under the shadow of Sokri Mountain in a Buddhist national forest preserve, February 12–15, 2004. Inspiring preaching, delicious food, excellent accommodations, and crisp mountain air made this celebration of grace, unforgettable.

The Korean Union’s director for the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries department who coordinates “Go One Million,” “Sow 1 Billion,” and the “Year of World Evangelism, 2004” is Pastor Lee, Hark Bong. His handpicked team of coordinators, presenters, musicians including the GOLDEN ANGELS, and Korean Union President, Chun, Jung Kwon, simply raised the bar for all who develop high quality, networking seminars.

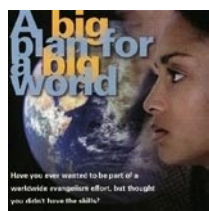
Featured speaker, Pastor Kwon, Man Bok, retired pastor, Korean Union administrator, Sahmyook University professor, and author of 40 books, vigorously challenged the team of evangelists to initiate CHANGE or face the consequences of leading a faltering church of 180,000 members into the final days of earth’s history.

He called for three changes which would confront this crisis and catapult the Church into a cosmic revival:

1. We must be changed every day by the Holy Spirit.
2. The doors of our churches must be opened early every morning for prayer.
3. Every serious member should participate in a weekly, mission-driven cell which is a small Bible fellowship group.

*John K. McGhee,
NSD SS/PM & Health Dept. Director*

The Sow 1 Billion plan is to share one billion invitations to study the Bible, and to involve church members in active follow-up. Every church member, every congregation, every organization, every nationality, every age group willing to share this invitation will be involved in this initiative. From Asia to the Americas and from Africa to the South Pacific, this worldwide effort involves every church member.



One billion brochures...One billion opportunities to share Jesus.

And it all starts with YOU! Every region of the world church is producing brochures that are adapted to meet the needs and interests of local people. These 1 billion brochures could reach two-thirds of the world’s households.

If only one percent of people respond, there will be 10 million requests for Bible study. If only three million church members handed out one invitation each day, one billion brochures would be distributed in less than a year. ...The result? “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14, NIV).

Are you willing to take up the Sow 1 Billion challenge? Working together, we can reach the world with an invitation to study the Bible. It starts with one person willing to hand one brochure to one friend.

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Sow 1 Billion brochures are designed to spark questions such as: “How can I live a life filled with hope?” and “How can I have confidence in the future?” The brochures invite people to study the Bible through correspondence schools, the Internet, or local church Bible study ministries.

Do you want to get involved? Organize a Sow 1 Billion team from your Sabbath School class, youth group, small group Bible study, women’s or men’s ministry group and create a distribution plan for your team. Offer to help your local church Bible School ministry. If there is no such ministry, ask your local conference for resources and information to start one.

Contact your local conference office and tell them you want to take the Sow 1 Billion challenge. Sow 1 Billion is a global evangelism initiative of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries.

Taiwan Island-wide Camporee

More than 500 Pathfinders, Adventurers, and staff, under the direction of Taiwan Mission's Youth and Children's Ministry Director, Joseph Ma, gathered February 1-4, 2004 for the annual camporee in southern Taiwan's, Pingdong County. The theme for this camporee was "The Temple in our Hearts." The emphasis was to help make Jesus, the Lord and Savior of the life of everyone present.

Many government officials were present for the opening ceremony. After seeing the excellent marching performances of the clubs, they invited the Chingshan Church Pathfinder Club to march in the opening ceremony of a county-wide cultural celebration the next day. With thousands in attendance, the Pathfinders completed their marching routine smoothly and to the glory of God.



The Youth Director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, Elder Joshua Shin, also attended this camporee. His presence and friendly interaction brought encouragement to all the participants.

Every morning and afternoon, special honor classes were held. Each Pathfinder had the option of choosing which class he wanted to attend. The Taiwan Mission also had a replica of the wilderness Tabernacle on display. Pathfinder Club members took turns viewing it and listened to Elder Bob Folkenberg, Jr., Taiwan Mission President, as he gave a brief introduction and explained about its structure and meaning.

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



Dr. P. D. Chun received a second honorary doctoral degree, conferred upon him by Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, Sunday, March 7, 2004.

Year of Evangelism

Hong Kong / Macau

Evangelism is the first priority of our church mission. This is the year of world evangelism, so every church member should be involved in evangelistic activities. The Hong Kong/Macau Conference Spirit of Prophecy (SOP) Department has developed an incentive to encourage members to read Spirit of Prophecy books on evangelism. The first 10 people who finish a Spirit of Prophecy book in Chinese will receive a free Chinese SOP book and the first five people who finish an English SOP book will be given one English SOP book.



"Prophet's School"

The 18th "Prophet's School," is organized for middle school and high school students, was held at Sahmyook University, February 17-20, 2004. The program was supported by the theology students at Sahmyook University.

"Acts 29" was selected as the theme for this program. Pastor Kim Ki Gon, Ji Sung Bae, and Choi Kyung Chun were invited as the main speakers. From all over Korea, 358 "Little Prophets" came to attend this program. Sixteen lessons were taught including training on prayer, obedience, worship, and meditation. The "Little Prophets" had a chance to go door to door to practice what they had learned in their evangelism lessons. They prayed, they sang, and they served the Lord. Each participant came with great expectations, and left with a great vision and a great mission, -- to return to their individual schools and be "prophets" to their fellow students and friends.

NSD Geoscience Research Institute Established



Dr. Choi, Chong Geol

Professor Choi, Chong Geol has been appointed as Director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Geoscience Research Institute (NSDGRI) by the Board of Directors which met on February 10, 2004. Last May, the NSD Midyear Committee voted to look favorably on the establishment of the GRI-NSD branch. And on November 19, 2003, the Board of Directors was appointed by the NSD Executive Committee.

CHECK-UP TIME

You're invited!

Take bus number 3300 from Incheon airport and stop in front of Grand Department store at Juyop Station. Walk 30 meters north, turn east into the Sam Hee Plaza building, and take the elevator to the 5th floor. Turn right and receive a warm welcome from Mrs. Park as you walk through the front doors of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Dominating the entry-way, you see a giant message designed by graphic artist, Jondelle McGhee. It reads, **Don't Be Afraid, Go, Sow, Reap, PRAY.** A portrait of two praying female volunteer evangelists is at the center, accented by a globe of the southern hemisphere and flags of Chinese populations, Korea, Japan, and Mongolia. Around the corner is our worship room where a banner communicates, **UNITED IN HIS MISSION.**

According to Bettina Krause, an assistant to the General Conference President, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division was one of the first of thirteen world divisions to enthusiastically accept the challenge to coordinate a three-part strategy to "Go make disciples of all nations." Dr. P. D. Chun fired the starting gun for "Go One Million" on Jeju island, August 24, 2002. Dr. Jairyong Lee prepared for the "Sow 1 Billion" kick-off on September 1, 2003 by appealing to all church entities to pray daily at noon during the month of August, 2003. Elder Doug Batchelor primed us for the "Year of World Evangelism" during his outstanding satellite series in November, 2003 hosted by Sahmyook University in Korea.

Would you like to check up on the NSD to determine if we are still united in His mission? First, please take 30 seconds to answer "yes" or "no" to the following 7 questions.

1. Have you been ordained to make disciples?
2. Has your church started a training school for disciple-makers which includes a Bible School for your community?
3. Have you communicated recently with someone and said, "don't be afraid?"
4. Does your Sabbath School class or Bible study group have an outreach project designed for seekers?
5. Do you have enough resource materials so that you can be a confident disciple-maker?
6. Is your home a "lighthouse" reflecting unselfish love?
7. Will you be "bringing in the sheaves" within the next 10 months?

Your answers affect our NSD report card: **Your answer should be YES.** "All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men." DA 822

If you said YES, your church is one of over **400 church training centers** where Bible Schools are in operation.

If you said YES, you have joined over **9000 members** who have given out **2.5 million** Sow 1 Billion pamphlets since September 1, 2003.

If you said YES, you participate in one of the **1600 small groups** doing outreach.

If you said YES, you join **64,000 Go One Million missionaries** who have resource kits.

If you said YES, ONLY THE LORD knows how many of our homes are "lighthouses."

If you said YES, you will join **4000 harvest teams** in 2004.

Although the report card looks good, it should be measured by three specific goals which we hope to achieve by June of 2005.

Don't Be
Afraid
Go, Sow, Reap

PRAY

Go: 100,000 Missionaries
Sow: 55,600,000 Pamphlets
Reap: 4000 Churches
Plant: 500 Churches

NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION

GO: 100,000 medical missionaries will be using Go One Million kits;

SOW: 55,600,000 Sow 1 Billion pamphlets will have been disbursed;

REAP: 4,000 congregations and institutions will have conducted reaping meetings.

*John K. McGhee,
NSD SS/PM & Health Dept. Director*

Mongolia Mission Field

Workers Trained

Mongolia Mission Field opened the year of 2004 with training, training, and more training. January 4-8, a worker's meeting was held at the Science Observatory. Two classes were held for the workers. Half of the workers were taught the process of massage and hydrotherapy by Michael and Miriam Welch. These workers had not received this training previously. The practical class was enjoyed by the participants. Some of the participants were looking forward to using what they had learned with their families.



Michael and Miriam Welch

The other half was taught about the book of Daniel by Dale Tunnell. Some of the participants had never studied Daniel in depth before. One participant fell in love with prophetic study and is now doing more exhaustive study on Bible prophecy.

The idea is that these workers will return to their churches and share what they have learned. Mark Finley's Daniel seminar material has been translated and those who attended the Daniel training are to hold a seminar in their churches. Those who received the hydrotherapy and massage training are to train their church members and use their skills as a way to reach out to their communities. Each worship group represented was given the basic materials to use in their local community.

Community Service Leader Training

January 23-26 was our first training period in 2004 for the laity, and was specifically designed for community service leaders. Each worship group elected a community service leader. These leaders came together at the Science Observatory for four days of intensive training, held by Philip Bohyun Yun, Dale Tunnell and Joo, Hyo-sung. Since some participants were new members of less than a year or not baptized yet, the four-day training was packed full of learning about the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as the "what, why and how" of community service.



Philip Bohyun Yun
and Tamira Sandagsuren

By the end of the weekend, each church represented had developed a community service plan. Mongolia was divided into four districts. Leaders of each district were

elected. Representatives from each community wrote at least two project proposals. Many projects required small amounts of money 500,000 MNT (about \$500) and some projects proposed required up to 15,000,000 MNT (about \$15,000). Excitement was in the air as the representatives returned to their churches ready to make a difference in their communities. Eight churches took 150 boxes of clothes back to their communities for "clothes for work" projects.

Deacon and Deaconess Training

Thirty-three deacons and deaconesses from 19 different worship groups came to the Science Observatory February 6-8, 2004 to learn how to fill their roles. Enkhbayar presented materials from the Church Manual on Friday. Sabbath morning, Pastor Elbert Kuhn preached from Acts 8 on the responsibilities of Deacons. He gave a very interesting seminar in the afternoon, using Powerpoint. Every evening he and his wife Cleidi led Spirit-filled worships.

Sunday morning, Elder Kuhn continued his presentation about the duties and responsibilities of deacons and deaconesses. The rest of the morning until lunch, Enkhbayar covered material from chapter eight of the Church Manual and facilitated discussion. It was evident that all were satisfied with the information they had received about their tasks. Training church members, as well as church leaders, helps everyone grow closer to Jesus and encourages faithfulness.

Stop Smoking Seminar Presenters Trained

Mongolia Mission Field and ADRA-Mongolia teamed together to hold a Stop Smoking Seminar to train presenters. Sixteen worship groups each sent two representatives from their communities to be trained to conduct stop smoking seminars. The representatives included one church member and one doctor or health professional from each location.

The training began with a three-hour hike up a snow-covered mountain to the retreat setting when the vans became stuck in the snow. Each team was given a set of posters, overheads, and training materials. Morning and evening worship was given by Enkhbayar on "Faith through Our Actions" which focused on how to bring our family and neighbors to Christ through our behavior and attitude. Training consisted of group activities, lectures and planning what to do when the representatives would return home. The ADRA-Mongolia anti-tobacco training team included Dr. Uranchimeg, Dr. Purevsuren, and Hishigjargal. ADRA's team is the premier anti-tobacco team in Mongolia.

*Enkhbayar and Dale Tunnell,
Editor and Director, respectively
Mongolian Mission Field*

Forever A Missionary

Hey look! There is Jeju Island! Look at the mountains! We have reached Korea! Wearing shorts and T-shirts, their faces shining, I could see that my fellow missionaries were excited to see our motherland again. I sensed the excitement in their voices as they caught sight of our precious homeland through the plane windows.

It has been a year and 2 months since we left Korea. For three months on the missionary campus in the Philippines, we worked hard training to be missionaries for the Lord. We attended classes on spoken English, revival, and cottage meetings. Then on the island of Mindoro, we practised survival and physical training before we were sent to our individual mission fields--a mission field that was prepared for me!

There were many precious souls that needed the grace of God. I felt weak and lonely in this unfamiliar place, and all I could do was to trust in the Lord. I realized that we could do nothing without God, and He was always with us. God was there with us when we went to meet friends and strangers. He sent lost souls to our evangelistic meetings at the right time, and He spoke through our mouths in all our activities. He was a God who filled our needs. And I found that before I loved Him, He first loved me.

After spending a few months in the mission field, we all returned to the campus for our graduation. We were all

looking forward to the day we would return to Korea, but that was another experience. Before boarding the plane, we were all arrested in the immigration office of the Philippines and sent to a prison. Later, we discovered that we were in prison because something was wrong with our visa extension. During this time in prison, we continuously prayed to the Lord, asking for His mercy. We trusted God's plan for our lives. We were a little worried that this might affect our missionary campus and our fellow missionaries who were still serving in their mission fields, but we did not lose hope and we continued to trust in Him. The prison was filled with songs of praise, prayer, and the Word of God. I was very proud to have a God who could be trusted. Two days later, our case was solved. We were escorted by officials from the immigration office to board the plane. Through this experience, we received further training to be missionaries.

Before I left my mission field, one deaconess said to me, with tears in her eyes, "Continue your good works for people until the end of the world." God used an inexperienced person like me for His work in this world. Through these experiences, we all decided once more to be lifelong missionaries, until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

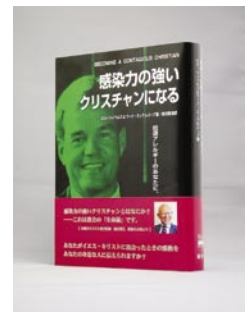


*Um, Soon Il,
21st Batch Missionary
1000 Missionary Movement*

New Church Teaching Guide

Translated and Published in Japanese

March, 2004, the Japan Union Conference introduced a new evangelism guide for people in Japan, "Becoming a Contagious Christian" written in Japanese. It is a reproduction of the Willow Creek Community Church's Teaching Guide by Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg. Two years ago, "Network" was translated and published, emphasizing healthy church making. This guide focuses on how to evangelize through human relationships. It is one of the best ways to evangelize people in this secular society.



The kit contains a Video, Lecturer's Guide, Participant's Guide, OHP Master, and data CD for PC. It can be used for seminars and small groups. It is simpler than "Network." The guide, "Becoming a Contagious Christian," is used in English-speaking western countries.

The Willow Creek Church has done successful evangelism using these guides. The kit shows how to develop each church member's most natural evangelism style, how to cultivate a contagious Christian character, how to build relationships on a spiritual level, how to engage in spiritual conversation and how to share the truth of the Bible using simple words.

Yasuki Miyamoto, Personal Ministries Director, Japan Union Conference, said, "This time, we produced this kit not only for Adventists, but also for other denominations' members. This book shows a starting point of spreading the love of Christ. However, this guide cannot make churches come alive by itself. The most basic point is that you should have a "Vision," that God is present in your Church. I hope all Christians in Japan may develop a contagious love for Jesus and spread it like an epidemic to those who don't know Jesus."

** Source Comment: News & Views condensed the above article from an original in Adventist Life February 2004, JUC magazine, written by Yasuki Miyamoto, Personal Ministries Director, Japan Union Conference.*

Lyu, Dong Jin

Joins NSD Treasury

Lyu, Dong Jin was chosen to be the new assistant treasurer for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. He officially began working on March 2, 2004. He assumes the position formerly held by Pastor Ko, Kab Suk who is now pastoring a church in Iksan in the SWKC.

Mr. Lyu graduated from Sahmyook University in 1986 with a degree in Business Administration. He received his MA in Business Administration from Seokang University Graduate School of Business in 1988.



In 1991, he was married to Yeon, Kyung Ei. They have a daughter, Lyu, Jung In and a son, Lyu, Jung Woo.

Lyu, Dong Jin began his employment as an intern in treasury at the Korean Publishing House where he continued working as an officer until 1997. In March of 1997, he became chief of the Korean Union Conference treasury office until December of 2002 when he accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer for KUC. This has been his title until the present.

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your church which is the body of Christ and then you will feel peace in your heart and you will never have any regrets in your life.”

After a memorial service in Loma Linda, California, Dr. Shin’s remains were brought to Korea where family, friends and colleagues paid their last respects. The funeral was held at Sahmyook University on Sunday, February 22, 2004, followed by the graveside service at the Adventist Cemetery in Pocheon, Korea.

He is survived by his wife, Oh, Myung Joo (Shin), his children, Seung Won and Jung Eun, Im Hyunjoo (son-in-law), and two grandchildren.

*Song, Sung Sub
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Chinese students attending AIIAS celebrate the groundbreaking for 8 new student apartments.

AIIAS
Ground was broken at five o'clock p.m., March 4,



2004, for a new dormitory to house Chinese students on the grounds of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies(AIIAS), Cavite, Philippines. To provide training for the future leaders of the church in China, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division is sponsoring the construction of the eight unit apartment.

Currently there are 15 Chinese students attending AIIAS. However, there are many more who are waiting to attend as soon as a place to live is available. The students who witnessed the ground breaking told Elder Joshua Shin, “We are so pleased that the NSD is really taking care of us.”

The former landowner, herself Chinese, showed her pleasure with the use of the land by attending the ground breaking.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, spoke of how important education is to the future leadership. Currently there are about 30 students from China who are studying at Sahmyook University, Seoul, Korea in preparation for their labors in their homeland.

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