

News & Views

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Evangelism in Japan

On September 10, 2004, seven one-week evangelistic meetings started in Japan. Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division President, and the Golden Angels from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division held the beginning meeting at Naha, Okinawa, Japan. It was followed by Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, Associate Ministerial Association Director of the NSD, at Yomitan Church where a PMM pastor, Gwang Sung Kim, is serving. During each of the seven weeks, an evangelistic meeting was held in a different city. The Golden Angels presented beautiful music in English, Japanese and Korean in support of the evangelistic meetings which were held with the PMM pastors.



The first evangelistic meeting was held for eight days in the Naha Church. During the preparations, people thought an eight day series would be too long. No one would come! However, it was marvelous! The church was full throughout the week. Pastor Kwon reports that the Yomitan Church



meeting was also very successful. People stood outside of the church listening to the sermon because the church was not big enough to seat everyone.

“Today is the most meaningful and happiest moment in my life. I want to live a new life from now”, said 76-year-old ShinJoy. For 15 years ShinJoy has studied God’s word with a Literature Evangelist. On Sabbath, September 25, 2004, she sealed her decision to follow Jesus by baptism in the coastal waters of Okinawa, Japan. Northern Asia-Pacific Division PMM director Kwon JohngHaeng officiated.



*Now, the Adventist Church in Japan is saying,
“Evangelism is Possible in Japan!”*

On October 23, PMM Pastor, Im, Geun Shik, baptized 46-year-old Ms. Sakakuchi Keiko in Saga Church, Japan. She

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has studied the Bible with Pastor Im for 5 months, and at the evangelistic meetings she made her decision for baptism.

In Fukui, Japan, Pastor Joshua Shin joined Pastor Ko, Gi Rim and the Golden Angels for a series of meetings that lead to two baptisms. Ms. Kita Minko and Mr. Futchi Kami sealed their decisions by being baptised in the Sea of Japan, Sabbath, October 16, 2004. The congregation welcomed them with flowers and warm hearts.

Exciting days are ahead for the church in Japan.



Hong Kong Delight

It could be argued that Hong Kong is one of the world's most delightful cities, after factoring in the natural beauty of mountains rising up from the sea, gorgeous waterways, sparkling sky-scrappers, fantastic cuisine, bargain prices, efficient, affordable mass transportation, gifted artists, and optimistic people.

There is a darker side to this city, famous for her shady business deals which exploit the poor, the weak, the women, and even the children. Extortion is often the order of the day. The city boasts a teen suicide rate that is one of the highest in the world.

In a world of fear, "a battle is continually going on between the forces of good and the forces of evil." These words written by Ellen White, are currently being shared by a team of 2000 Adventists with their neighbors. A few months ago, the Hong Kong / Macao conference decided to deliver 1.1 million messages of hope - "Don't Be Afraid" - to the six million Hong Kong residents through "Sow One Billion." Provocative pamphlets in Chinese and English, featuring a child's face on the front page with the the words "DON'T BE AFRAID," were designed to attract three demographic populations living in Hong Kong: teenagers, professionals, and families.

It doesn't take long to give 100 pamphlets away. While standing in front of McDonalds, it took me about 45 minutes. But some of the teenagers, during their YOUTH ALIVE EVENT in July, were twice as productive, giving away 250 in one hour.

It is too early to give a complete evaluation, because "Sow One Billion" will be concluded in February 2005. However,

a very creative large city evangelistic follow-up venture is happening right now. It is unique, and may be of interest to the world church.

"Hi-end" Church Planting began September 2, 2004. Occupants of Mercedes and BMWs entered the Royal Pacific Hotel lobby, and proceeded to the third floor banquet hall which overlooks Hong Kong harbor. A team of 40 group facilitators, lecturers, and church, school, and hospital leaders who had been equipped by Pastor Lee, Choke Woh and Dr. John McGhee, met the 200 well-dressed pre-registered guests, welcoming them to their reserved places, decorated with elegant table settings.



Every Thursday for one month, they have been eating, making friends, learning about health and spirituality, and developing a relationship with the 8 - 10 people at each table. This will be followed by hospital-based health/evangelistic events, resulting in the planting of a new "Hi-end" cell church by early December, which will meet in the ball room of the Best Western Hotel in Hong Kong's business district.

Pastor Lee, Choke Woh was asked, "So how did you find these people?" His response was, "Two thousand former clients of Hong Kong Adventist Hospital's Health Promotion services were invited, along with those who responded to the invitation for health seminars located on the last page of the "Sow One Billion" pamphlet. Eight percent responded by purchasing tickets."

John McGee
NSD SS/PM Director

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Adventist Church TV Broadcast in Japan

An Adventist television Evangelistic program, "Evidence," began broadcasting in the Japanese language on three Commercial TV stations in early October 2004. TV Kanagawa started on October 2, and, TV Saitama and Chiba TV began on October 3. They will continue to show the program until the end of December this year.

According to Pastor Masumi Shimada, Communication Director of the Japan Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, the broadcast of evangelism on public commercial TV is the first since the 1980s when Dr. Mason hosted a

"It will attract the attention of people who will apply for our Bible Correspondence School. Additionally, other denominations will come to understand that our Adventist Church does not preach heresy," Shimada said.



Dr. Tadaomi Shinmyo, who is the former Northern Asia-Pacific Division Communication Director, now Senior Pastor in Amanuma Church at Tokyo, said, "People in Tokyo can watch through cable TV. I had a phone call from a viewer in Tokyo who said that the second program related to evolution was very impressive and that he would attend Dr. Dwight K. Nelson's evangelistic meetings starting November 5-13, 2004."

Pastor Shimada said, "The host of the TV programs will be the speaker at this coming evangelistic seminars in November. We expect that many from the TV audience will come to these meetings."

"To advertise, the East Japan Conference printed 50,000 copies of the "Evidence" TV program brochure and shared them with the Adventist churches in the greater Tokyo area. Amanuma Church, where Dr. Nelson will come to hold the evangelistic meetings, received 10,000 copies of the brochure to distribute to the houses near the church," he added.

The target areas are in "Kanto" region in the east, which includes Tokyo and Chiba. In Kansai region which is west of Tokyo and includes Osaka, Kyoto, and Nara, they will broadcast the programs April-June, 2005.

"The Evidence" is a half-hour news magazine/docudrama television show that investigates the possibility of God in all its expressions. Host Dwight Nelson takes audiences on a weekly reconnaissance, tracing evidence of God through the world's cultures throughout history.

(For more information, you may visit at <http://www.adventisthope.jp>.)

PMM Group in Taiwan

Wins One

While still in their language training course in Taichong, Taiwan, pastors, Choi, Woon Sung, and Chai, Gwang Byeong began studying the Bible with Hong, In Sun, leading to her baptism. Her husband is Taiwanese while she is Korean. The couple has two sons. She attends the Taichong Adventist Church.



Cafe Church

Dr. John McGhee, NSD SS/PM Director, joined Victor and Cornelia McLeod of Taidong, Taiwan and Pastor Bob McGhee of Ohio in a series of meetings leading to the planting of a Café Church. Attendance included university students and professors, government leaders, high school students and drug addicts.

The McLeod's are working as Global Mission Pioneers. They are the only Adventists in the city. On October 15, 2004 the first Adventist Café Church was planted in Taiwan.

JUC Bible Printed

The First Bible ever published by our publishing house was released December 2003. This was made possible because of several conditions which now seem to be a wonderful help from God. At first, we were planning to publish the Bible illustrated with almost 1,000 full color pictures, using an old translation because of copyright restrictions. However, during our proofreading process, many misprints in the text were found. When we reported this to the Japan Bible Society, they gave us special permission to use their latest translation for our project.



While this project was in process, the JUC was planning to print Sow 1 Billion advertisements in two major national newspapers. But one of the newspaper companies refused to print our advertisement because inviting people to enroll in our free Bible correspondence school was considered too much religious solicitation. At that time our new Bible was released. When we consulted with the advertising agency, they advised us that advertisement of the Bible should not be a problem with the newspaper company. So, we decided to print the Bible advertisement together with the invitation to study the Bible message. If we had not published the Bible at this time, the JUC would never have been able to print the S1B advertisement in one of the major national newspapers.

Tadashi Yamaji
JUC Publishing Director

ADRA Korea Helps Blast Victims

On May 4, 2004 the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Korea sent 26,000 units 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 (valued at KWR 34 million) through ADRA Korea for those victims in Ryongcheon, near the northern border with China.



The Korean Union Conference appealed to 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 to send to 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.

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



PMM Taiwan

On February 18, 2004, five Korean families left their homeland, Korea, as part of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division's Pioneer Missionary Movement initiative. These families had spent the past year in study to prepare themselves for their church planting mission. With their arrival in Taiwan, another year of study would begin--this time language study.

They were welcomed to Taiwan by Elder Bob Folkenberg, Jr. and his entire office staff. Special plans are in place to provide these missionaries 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 was 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.

NSD Geoscience Research Institute Established

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.



Dr. Choi, Chong Geol

New Arrivals to Mongolia

Elbert and Cleidi Kuhn arrived in Mongolia on November 17, 2003, from Porto Alegre, Brazil, to serve as inter-division workers.



Elbert comes to the Division most recently having served as senior pastor of the 800-member Cam-aqua SDA Church in Porto Alegre. He has been pastoring since 1996. Since 2000, Cleidi has been working as a teacher supervisor in the Capa School, one of our largest academies.

Youth Camp Korea

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



Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern 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.

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.

Second Bi-Division Women's Convention

The second Bi-Division Women's Convention was held January 14 -19, 2004 in the Federal Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. About 490 delegates, representing 13 unions, attended this convention. These



delegates came from various parts of Asia: Bangladesh, China, Guam/Micronesia, Hong

Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, the United States, and Vietnam. There were 114 delegates from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division: 23 from the CHUM, 20 from the JUC, and 71 from the KUC.

"Empowered to Lead" was the theme throughout this convention. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, and Dr. Alberto Gulfan, SSD President, made welcoming remarks during the opening ceremony. Ten seminars were offered to the delegates, including the topics: Problem Solving and De-

cision-Making Techniques, Principles of Effective Public Speaking, Goal Setting and Visioning, Professional Appearance & Department, and Principles of Effective Leadership.

The delegates were encouraged to work toward Women's Ministries Certification or to take classes to promote their ministries. Seven resource speakers conducted these seminars: Mrs. Nancy Van Pelt, Family Life Educator; Mrs. Ardis Stenbaken, GC Women's Ministries Director; Dr. Linda Koh, former SSD Women's Ministries Director, and currently the GC Children's Ministries Director; Dr. Sally Phoon, Southeast Asia Union Mission Women's Ministries Director; Dr. Song Sook Ja and Dr. Choi SunHae, NEWSTART Health Messengers and Dr. Ellen Missah, SSD Women's Ministries Director.

All delegates learned songs in different languages, and had opportunities to share with one another the blessings they received and the challenges they were facing. The Union Directors gave reports on the work of women's ministries in their countries. The delegates enjoyed the seminars and programs. They came to this convention with great expectations, and they left, transformed into women with a mission, with empowerment from Heaven, ready to return to their countries and lead their fellow sisters in Christ to greater service in women's ministries.

*Silver Ng,
Personal Assistant,*

Women's Ministries, Family Ministries, Shepherdess International

Golden Angels Begin Their Ministry

The Golden Angels praise team recently built a recording room for practicing 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.



The Golden Angels have provided concerts in conjunction with evangelistic meeting held by NSD officers and staff throughout the division territory. They have also

produced a compact disk (CD) to support the evangelistic work. Their music continues to share the love of Christ long after they have moved to another area of ministry. They are appreciated where ever they go to present their music.

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



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.



Pastor Zhou presenting Dr. Lee with a gift.

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 Johnson, 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 the 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.

*William G Johnson,
Adventist Review Editor*



Centennial Anniversary of the KUC

Celebrated with Satellite Evangelism

KUC (the Korean Union Conference) began its celebration of the 100th centennial anniversary mission in Korea with a major satellite evangelistic series, held November 7-15, and its theme was "Discover Bible Keys for a Bright Future." The invited speaker was Pastor Doug Batchelor, the well-known author of the book,



"The Richest Caveman." Every night, more than 20,000 people watched and participated in the evangelistic series from 565 different churches in Korea. And more

than 3,000 people attended the program in the Sahmyook University main auditorium.

At the close of the meetings, 534 new souls were brought to the feet of Jesus Christ through baptism, and there are now 4,185 interests who desire to study the Word of God.

*Yoon, Sung Soo (John),
Personal Assistant,*



Kim, Young Bong receiving award as top soul winner

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, the 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 contacts 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 his message "How to be the Happiest Person".

Taiwan's First IRLA Congress

For two days, August 30 to 31, 2004, the International Religious Liberty Association held a congress at the Holiday Inn Hotel, in Taipei, Taiwan with the theme of "Religious Freedom, Human Rights, and Security."



Dr. John Graz presenting gift to Dr. Ying-jeou Ma

There were more than 200 delegates from Government, NGOs, different religious groups including Christians, Buddhist, Muslim, and Taoist. 12 experts on religious freedom delivered speeches during the congress.

At the opening session, Taipei City mayor, Dr. Ying-jeou Ma, stressed the importance of religion and freedom of conscience.

The highest Catholic leader in Taiwan, Cardinal Francis Tseng, a "model of peacemakers," declared that people should value religious freedom. He urged people of all faiths to work for freedom and peace as a top priority.



Dr. John Graz, IRLA President



Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President

The IRLA secretary-general, Dr. John Graz said, "Religious Freedom, Human Rights, and Security are focused on the importance of maintaining such fundamental freedoms as a major contribution to global security."

Dr. Jairyong Lee, the IRLA president for the Northern Asia-Pacific Region, said "Religious liberty is important because man's dignity is based on freedom of conscience,"

The IRLA vice president, Eugene Hsu who is originally from Taiwan, said "There is so much discrimination going on in many places, and after 9/11, even those countries where religious freedoms were well-established, governments now restrict freedoms previously enjoyed. So people need to work together to promote and defend religious liberty."



Dr. Eugene Hsu, IRLA Vice President

This Taiwan IRLA congress brought to the attention of different religious groups and leaders the religious freedom issue. Also, the atmosphere itself was peaceful and gave an opportunity for inter-religious dialogues. The Congress was meaningful to the attendee's because national security is one of the top issues in, Mainland China, Hong-Kong, Taiwan, North and South Korea, and Japan. This first IRLA congress in Taiwan sensitized those attending to the issues of religious freedom.

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
Ministerial Department Personal Assistant*

SDA Language Institute New Corporate Identity

On September 21, 2004, the SDA Language Institute declared its new Corporate Identity to the public with the new Logo to strengthen and promote its identity and ideal. The CI is established to become a Global Leader and to accomplish a long term strategy.

The word mark of the Logo as flag shaped symbolizing the language institute as a progressive pioneer who equips global people with ability in the present as well as the future. The institute is aiming to be the best foreign language institute in order to deliver the Goodness and Grace of God to Korean's nationwide.



In the ceremony of the CI unveiling, the institute also celebrated the completion of publication of the Junior-Text books which they began producing in August 2000. There are 211 volumes, 445 audio tapes, 26 CDs in this publication. They will be used for Junior Classes, Home Schools, and Sahmyook English Centers which are based in local churches.

The SDA Language Institute was established by the Adventist Church in Korea beginning with 7 missionary teachers in 1969. Now it has become one of biggest language institutes in Korea with 260,000 new enrolments a year, 45,000 students are studying at this moment.

In May, 2004, the language school was awarded recognition from the Korea Management Association Marketing Consultants, Inc, as the best in its category Best Brand. Also, it has gotten awards from many high-credited organizations including the Herald Media INC, Hankyung Marketing Awards, and Consumer Monitor Center, as an excellent language institute.

AMiCUS

The first AMiCUS (Adventist Ministry to Campus and University Students) festival sponsored by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Youth Department and managed by SahmYook University and SahmYook College Chaplaincy, came to an end on August 26, 2004.



This five-day, four-night journey began on August 22, 2004. Five hundred students from five countries (24 delegates from Hong Kong, 17 from Japan, 4 from Mongolia, 34 from



Taiwan and the rest from Korea), participated in this event at Nak San Preya Hotel, Yang Yang City, Korea.

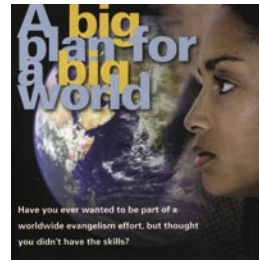


The AMiCUS Festival programs was led by the SahmYook University and SahmYook College Campus Ministry team, Dr . Jang Byung Ho and Pastor Joshua Shin. They organized small group activities for the college and university students. Pastor Joshua Shin was the invited speaker. He delivered a message entitled "I Will Die Free," emphasizing how important it is to surrender our lives to the Lord. He encouraged the students to be faithful soldiers of Jesus Christ our Lord even to the point of death.

Pastor Shin mentioned in his message that university and college students are the "most intelligent, dependable, and passionate people." He said, "All the participants are already leaders in the church." Through this AMiCUS Festival, he hopes the church will recognize them as leaders in the gospel work and everyone will know the necessity and importance of Adventist Youth ministry. "Community Training" at the beach, and the "Missionary Travel" were vote the best programs of the festival. The Hosanna, Anti Flat, and Golden Angels missionary music teams also joined this program with their music.

Sow1Billion Statistic for Year of 2004

KUC: Korean Union Conference
 JUC: Japan Union Conference
 UT: Unorganized Territory
 HKJMC: Hong Kong . Macao Conference
 TM: Taiwan Mission
 MMF: Mongolia Mission Field



	S1B Goal	S1B brochures printed	S1B brochures distributed
KUC	32,300,000	6,000,000	2,186,964
JUC	11,000,000	4,100,000	20,574,006 (including 18,500,000 S1B Newspaper advertisement distribution on Dec 16, 2003)
UT	4,000,000	4,000,000	3,950,000
HKIMC	1,100,000	1,100,000	550,000
TM	8,000,000 (2003-2005)	2,000,000	1,565,165
MMF	1,000,000	500,000 (Aug 2003)	200,000
TOTAL	57,400,000	17,700,000	29,026,135



Sahmyook Foods Best Brand Award

On October 19, 2004, Sahmyook Soybean Milk received high recognition from its customer base by receiving an award in the Best Brand category for 2004 in Korea. The soybean milk is produced by Sahmyook Foods sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Korea.

This award event was co-sponsored by *Hankook KyungJae Newspaper* and *Korean Customers' Forum*. The best brand index is given according to customers' voting for various categories. About 474,000 people voted for the best brand selection during September 6 to 15, 2004. "Selection is highly objective," said the press from the co-sponsor, *Hankook KyungJae* one of daily economic newspaper in Korea.

Sahmyook Soybean Milk has gained brand power recognition with the use of the slogans, "No Food Coloring, No Preservatives, and No Cholesterol" as well as "Honesty and Familiarity."

Additionally, in 2004, the Sahmyook Foods was certified HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point), a food safety supervision standard to strengthen the safety of food products.

The Sahmyook Foods Company is a leading soybean milk producer worldwide.

The Sahmyook Foods started it's business with Soybean Milk in 1982, and now they produce more than 2 million packs of drink a day.



Oh, Jin Gyu, Sahmyook Foods President (center), Chun, Gwang Jin, Marketing Manger (left), Kim, Tae Hoon, Marketing Department Director (right)

Homecoming Celebration

1000 Missionary Movement

After spending one year of dedicated service in the mission field, about 90 young people from the 21st group celebrated their homecoming on January 30 and 31 at the 1000 Missionary Movement main campus. “Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants” was the theme for this celebration.



Pastor Stanley Ng, Secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, the invited guest speaker, quoted from Numbers 14:24, the spirit of Caleb and challenged the 21st group of missionaries to remain in that spirit of mission for the rest of their lives. Each missionary received a certificate of completion as well as a plaque of appreciation and recognition from the 1000 MM. The missionaries then pledged their oath of loyalty: “I take the oath that I will gladly support the missionaries and their activities... I proclaim that having been a missionary, I’ll always be a missionary. So help me God.”

The people in attendance were greatly inspired and blessed by the spirit and testimony of the missionaries.

Hong Kong Buffet Seminar

Hong Kong is one of the metropolitans even though it is only a tinny spot in the atlas. It has been known as “Pearl of the Orient.” It is amazing to see high-rise building every where . Thus it is also called the cement forest. It has around seven million population and there are more than two hundred thousand domestic helpers and illegal immigrants.

Because of the materialistic attraction. Many people are working between 12 to 14 a day in a stressful environment. Therefore, the health conditions are deteriorating. Recently the Hong Kong Heart Association released a report that ten people die from heart attacks everyday. Two are below 40 years of age. It is alarming to the public. In responding to the year of world evangelism the Hong Kong/Macao Conference has conducted three public meetings. There are children, youth and senior meetings. However, we realize we often neglected the middle class.

In order to make this group of people feel relax and comfortable. We held a dinner buffet seminar in a hotel ballroom with the support of our two hospitals. We mailed out more than three thousand invitation. Attendee’s pay for the buffet. It is a faith project as we haven’t done it before. Praise God for His abundant blessings. Each night’s attendance is over whelming. The respond is beyond our expectation.

The program begins with a healthy vegetarian meal, follow by a health and spiritual talk, then a panel discussion. The respond from the attendees was tremendous.

Prior to the dinner buffet seminar, Dr McGhee, NSD SS/PM director, came to conduct a training class for the facilitators. The facilitators will make friends with the participants as they are sitting at the dinning table. Each table has two or three facilitators sitting with them. Most of the facilitators are laity.

Because of the personal friendships developed by the end of the seminar, participants did not hesitate to accept the invitation to attend a ten night evangelistic series.

The seminar ended the end of September and the evangelistic meetings begin early October. We have already have a group of interests to attend these meetings.

We also intend to plant a new church to for this group of people. Thus, we have rented a hotel ball room to begin services in November. The hospital Chinese group has committed to be pioneers in this endeavor.



Pastor Lee, Choke Woh
YWE director

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 presi-



dent, 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. The NSD offices reside in a seven-story 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.”



The First Women Pastors & Elders Convention of Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The first Women Pastors and Elders Convention was successfully held by the Ministerial Association and the Women's Ministries Department of Northern Asia-Pacific Division from May 31 to June 4, 2004, in Beijing, China. 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 Kings 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 began 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 of women pastors, elders, and leaders in the church and on how the women relate to and help their church work.



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 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.



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

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

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.

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 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."



Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President



Takashi Shiraishi, JUC President

Pastor Kwon JohnHaeng, 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.

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.

Health and Gospel Evangelism in Mongolia

After evangelistic meetings in Taiwan in June, the Korean Union Conference women, then held a series of Health and Gospel Evangelistic meetings in the Tolgoit church in Mongolia, July 25-31, 2004.



Fourteen women came from the Middle West Korean Conference Women's Association, along with Dr. Song and myself, who delivered the health messages. People were so inspired by the dedication and sacrificial services of these women.

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 the 350 people who attended. Fifteen people were baptized in the river on Sabbath afternoon by Elder Dale Tunnell, director of the Mongolia Mission Field.



Other great news: this Women's Evangelistic Group raised US \$8,000 in Scholarship funds for the Mongolian pastoral training project. 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

Good News

I would like to share the good news.

The good news is now we have gotten the first response from a listener of the “Uighur” programs. This program began with our new schedule at the end of March.

The Uighur speaking people live in the extreme western part of China, bordering to the Central Asian countries, such as Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, etc. They are Muslim. Below is the first response to our newly revived programming in the Uighur language.

“Thank you very much to read my letter. If it is possible, please send me some Bible books. I may tell you my address. ok? I really decision to trust to the God. Since long time I could not know which religion is good. Now, I knew that all. Now I could not listen your voice on radio.

So please sent me some tapes and books. However, let us keep in touch OK?”

I would like to commend and congratulate the Chinese Union and Media Center staff, as well as the AFM volunteers involve in this production.

*Kaibe, Akinori
AWR Region Director*

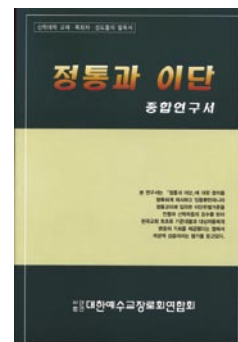
Korean Government Appreciates International Temperance Association's No-Smoking Education.

On September 22, 2004, the International Temperance Association (ITA) Korea received a letter of Appreciation from the Korean Government Defense Ministry Office. The government appreciated the ITA Korea's efforts to help officers in the army, navy, and air force to become smoke-free educators in order to help soldiers live healthy lives and to support national security.

The ITA Korea, which is organized by the Adventist Church, has conducted the quit-smoking education programs for military officers since 2003. The programs are provided mainly for military officers to educate soldiers in their bases to stop-smoking. Two programs were held in the Korean Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Korea: A Presbyterian Church Association's Re- search Book-Adventist Church is Not Heresy

In June, 2004, the Presbyterian Church Association of Korea published a research book with the title of “Orthodoxy and Heresy” which listed the Seventh-day Adventist Church as “not heresy, but a Church based on Evangelism.” Also, there were several other denominations included in the list of Not-heresy which had previously been classified as so-called “Cults” by the majority of Christian denominations in Korea. The Association named “Yejangyeon” has about 120 Christian denominations in Korea.



Historic book indicating Seventh-day Adventists are no longer seen as a cult in Korea

After this publication, a lot of public newspapers ran stories about this issue. Some other conservative Church groups criticize the “Yejangyeon” for its judgment supporting denominations that they don't accept.

It is quite rare that other Sunday-keeping denomination recognize the Adventist Church as not-heresy in Korea. This fact has encouraged the Adventist members in Korea to evangelize more actively.

VOP News – E-Magazine

VOP Japan started sending Gospel messages with E-Magazines to people's personal computers and mobile phones with E-mail. They are issued from the website of VOP Bible School, “www.e-seisho.net” twice a month. The length of text is good for reading swiftly.

* For More detailed information, Look at the “Adventist Life, October, 2004” Japan Union Conference Magazine.



ADRA Mongolia celebrating 10 years of service to the Mongolian people.

Mongolia ADRA

August 23, 2004, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Mongolia celebrated 10 years of service to the Mongolian people. One hundred and fifty members of the government, community, other development agencies and church officials gathered in Ulaan Baatar to share this happy time. During the past 10 years, ADRA has been involved in a number of different projects, such as a development bank, business training, Live and Learn Projects, Bio-intensive gardening, Sign Language classes, Poultry farming as well as home building. Often ADRA workers are so busy getting the job done they do not get to see the results of their labors. This celebration gave them an opportunity to reflect on the lives that have been changed for the better because of their efforts.

PMM Third Group

Fifteen young men began their year long training in preparation to be assigned as Pioneer Missionaries. They will be joining the two groups already in the field. Currently 5 families are studying in Taiwan and 5 in Japan. The first group have been assigned territory in Japan. The PMM to Taiwan and the first PMM group to Japan have celebrated their first baptism this past month. (see page 1)



Pioneer Missionaries Group 3 begin their training.

“Unity in Ministry”

This was our workers’ meeting theme, October 11 - 15. During the five days, we studied Bible principles about Unity in Ministry. I’m so impressed with our church leaders. All of them promised to work in unity to spread the Gospel everywhere in Mongolia. Thursday we finished with a very spiritual Communion Service.

Last Sabbath, we organized Erdenet church in a special program. On October 30, we will organize Darkhan. Elders and Deacons have been ordained in all churches. Something good is happening here. Praise the Lord!

God will do much more if we allow the Holy Spirit to use us in His Church.

*Elbert Kuhn
MMF Ministerial Director*

MMF First Ministerial Itinerary

I started my work as Ministerial director in August 2004, after completing my language study time. I decided to take my first trip to far-away Zavhan 1,200 Km away from UB, (one of the coldest place in Mongolia). We have more than 25 people coming to church there and next year we’ll have an evangelistic meeting in this church. After visiting Zavhan, I went by Russian Jeep to Gobi Altai, near the “Gobi Desert”. I spent four days there singing, teaching and praying with our people. In Gobi we have 20 people coming to church.

Ninty Km away from Gobi Altai, we have a small town called Guulin. No more than a thousand people live there, in the middle of nowhere. When I arrived at almost 22:30, I thought, “I’ll go straight to the hotel”, but somebody in the car said, “NO you must go to the church leaders house because people are there waiting for you.” So I went to the house, I was so impressed. More than 30 people were in the house. We prayed and sang and I preached until 12:30 at night. Before we finished, the church leader said, “We have two people to baptize.” The next day we went to the river, (almost frozen) and the two people were baptized.

*Elbert Kuhn
MMF Ministerial Director*

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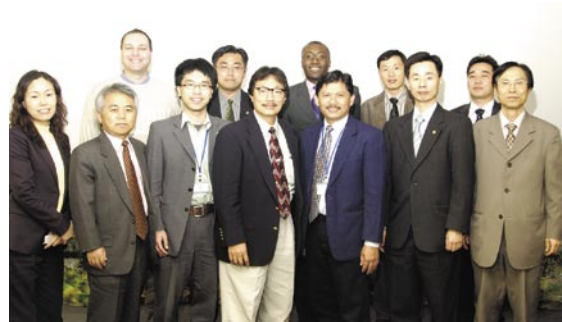
Visiting from Babcock University, Nigeria Africa, Mr Luke Onuoha, Bursar (left) and Dr. Adekunle A. Alalade, Vice Chancellor and his wife, September 20-22.



Marcel Wangner, ADRA North Korea Country Director

A Rare Privilege

September 12 -18, 2004, Marcel Wagner, Country Director for ADRA North Korea, spent a week in South Korea visiting other humanitarian organizations, emphasizing the need to work together. His visit was organized by ADRA South Korea and the Asia Foundation. ADRA NK has some unique projects, including a bakery project and bio-gas project.



Daniel Orillosa, (forth from left) leading the IT and Accounting groups in preparation for of the SunPlus accounting system, October 25-28.



Another batch of cookies mixed and ready to be formed and baked.



The finished product. Sure looks good!

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