

# News & Views

April/May 2005

## Ordination Celebration in NSD

**F**ebruary 26, 2005 in the Taichung Church, Taiwan the first ordination of PMM pastors was held. Jung, Dae Sung, Choi, Woon Sung, and Chai, Gwang Byung had just finished their Chinese language studies prior to their ordination. They have been assigned to areas where no Seventh-day Adventist church exists, to plant a new church. There have been other ordinations in Taiwan in the past. This year 10 pastors will be ordained to the gospel ministry. However, for those involved in the Pioneer Mission Movement, this was a first. A real time to celebrate.



During this past year of language study they have been active in soul winning. They began Bible studies with a Korean lady. She accepted the message. So as they begin their church planting experience they already have a church member to start their congregation.



Pastor John Ash III, Taiwan Conference President presented the ordainees with a commemoration of their ordination. Pastor Ke, Shr Kuang, Conference Secretary presented each pastor with their credentials. Pastor Hong, Sung Sun,

Ke, Shr Kuang, Taiwan Conference Secretary, giving the charge to the newly ordained families

KUC Ministerial Association Secretary read the Certificate of Ordination before presenting it to each of the pastors. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, presented the Sabbath morning challenge to both the pastors and congregation to remember that our mission is to carry this message to all those we meet.

More than one-third of these PMM families have given a year to the 1000 Missionary Movement. In some families brothers, brothers-in-law and sisters, sisters-in-law all participated in the 1000 MM gospel sharing. Many of these families desire to be life time missionaries.



Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, presenting the NSD plaque to Choi Woon Sung while the other candidates await their plaque

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# Japan Celebrates PMM Ordination

General Conference General Vice President, Armando Miranda, representing the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist gave the charge to the newly ordained Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) pastors on Sabbath, March 5, 2005. This historic day was celebrated by the church in Japan with three PMM pastors set aside for the gospel ministry through the sacred rite of ordination. Pastor Miranda spoke of the commitment to ministry as a way of life. This unique church planting movement launched by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD)



General Conference General Vice President, Armando Miranda

in 2002 has increased the spirit of missions within many young Korean pastors.



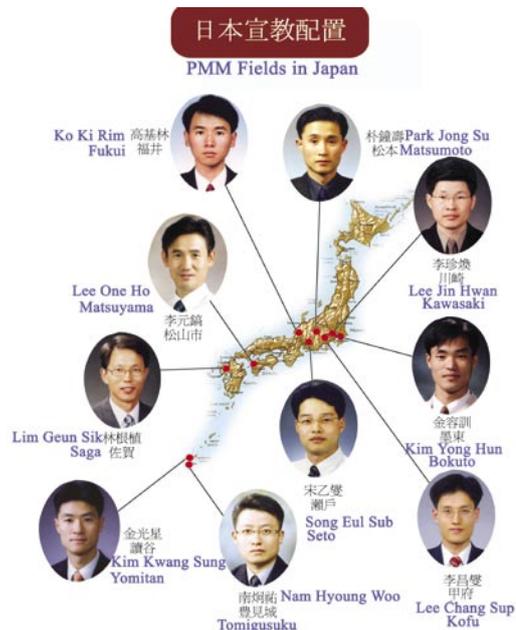
Ordination of Kim, Kwang Sung, Park, Jong Su, and Lee, Chang Sup

This special ordination service held in Granger Hall on the campus of San-iku Gakuin College, Chiba, Japan was the result of cooperation between the Korean Union Conference and the Japan Union Conference. These three Korean PMM pastors met the qualifications of their home Union. The Japan Union Conference where they are currently working, verified the qualification. Pastor Hong, Sung Sun, KUC Ministerial Association Secretary read the Certificate of Ordination that was then presented by Pastor Masaki Shoji, JUC Secretary. Pastor Takashi Shiraishi, JUC President in his welcome to the PMM pastors also commented on how appropriate that Korea should be sending missionaries to Japan when 100 years ago the Adventist message came from Japan to Korea. Pastor Hong said, "I wish they had had a PMM program 35 years ago when I began my ministry."

Kim, Kwang Sung, Park, Jong Su, and Lee, Chang Sup after finishing their year of language study were sent to plant new churches in un-entered areas. Currently small companies are meeting regularly. Souls are being baptized.



First, second and third group of PMM with Ordination party



Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division president presented the worship hour message just before the ordination. Dr. Lee surprised and delighted the congregation with the presentation of his message in the Japanese Language. This was the first time he had presented a message in Japanese. He shared his burden that every church member become a missionary wherever they are planted. He stressed the point that Seventh-day Adventists are special people with a special message for the world.

The Golden Angels presented the special music as well as a mini concert during the afternoon celebrations. The Golden Angels are part of the PMM initiative of the NSD.

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## Mongolian PMM's

**A**nother NSD first took place Monday, February 28, 2005, one family departed Korea bound for Mongolia for their year of Mongolian language study. Pastor Park, No Young, his wife and six month old child were sent on their way with a special song presented by the Golden Angels at the airport in Seoul, Korea.



## Mongolia: Sabbath School Training Seminar

**A**Sabbath School Training Seminar was held for Mongolian laity March 4 to 6, 2005 in Mongolia. Forty-eight lay members attended the seminar which was conducted by Pastor Elbert Kuhn, Sabbath School Director of the Mongolia Mission Field. The theme for the three days was "How to develop spiritual, practical, enthusiastic and friendly Sabbath School programs."

Pastor Kuhn said "I felt that all of them were eager to learn the knowledge to apply it to help their local churches to spread the Gospel throughout Mongolia. This year we will have many seminars for the laity. Our goal is to develop their spiritual gifts and skills to help the churches. God has a special plan for one of the coldest places on the earth. Please keep Mongolia in your prayers."



At the end of the training seminar, a Sabbath School seminar certificate was given to the participants. They promised to work hard for Jesus and to do their best to share the good news in their places.

## New Accounting Program "SunPlus" Implemented

**T**he new accounting software, "SunPlus," has been implemented at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in March 2005. The General Conference (GC) SunPlus team and a staff member from the East Central African Division visited the NSD to setup the new software and train the NSD accounting team between February 14 to March 18.

The old system, "Sun Accounting," was based on DOS and had been used more than 15 years. Now the new software which is more sophisticated has been already implemented at the GC and some other Divisions. SunPlus operates in the Windows system creating three dimensional or multilateral accounting structures which is a totally different concept from the old system which only had two dimensions to work in. It can provide more detailed accounting information for financial managers. Also the SunPlus software can be switched into many languages including English, Korean, Chinese, Japanese, and others.



Mr. Ray Wahlen, director of the SunPlus of the GC, said "The SunPlus is not just for accounting but strengthens financial management and analysis. The new program is very flexible. Treasurers, associate treasures, and auditors can enter into it on their desk to get easily analytic reports which include items which they are interested in. It also can be customized."

During the software education, the Japan Union Conference accounting staff stayed at the NSD to begin implementing the new software. The NSD treasury department will help the Unions and institutions in the Division territory to implement the new accounting system in the near future. "Although it takes time to introduce this system, I hope that all our church organizations including divisions and union conferences will use the innovative and standardized program which does an efficient and effective job of accounting and financial management," said Mr. Wahlen.

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*Song, Sung Sub*

# Third Korean 1000 Missionary Movement Congress

“Once A Missionary! Always A Missionary!” is one of the most thrilling phrases to our Christian people. It is the 1000 Missionaries slogan who are young and have dedicate their life for one year of service to be trained as a life-time missionary. From February 13 to 18, 2005 the third 1000 Missionary Movement Congress was held with the theme, “You Shall Be My Witness” at the “Deer Mountain” retreat in Gapyung about 40 km from Seoul, Korea.

More than 260 Korean 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) Alumni and their family members attended, including church leaders and officers from the Northern



Dr. Lee, NSD President, challenging the congregation to continue in the spirit of the 1000 MM.

Asia-Pacific Division. Dr. Jairyong Lee, the founder and the first director of the 1000MM, and currently president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, delivered inspiring sermons during the congress. “Once we become a missionary, we should be always a missionary. As you were members of 1000MM, I hope you will be a faithful missionary with the missionary spirit where you live during your lifetime until Jesus comes again,” said Dr. Lee.

Reports were given regarding “The vision and role of the alumni of 1000MM” by Yo Han Kim, director of the 1000MM headquarters, “The vision of the Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM)” by Kwon Johng-Haeng, coordinator of the NSD PMM, “The vision of the

NSD Youth and Children’s Ministries and role of 1000MM alumni” by Joshua Shin, director of the NSD youth department, “The vision of the KUC Youth Ministries and role of 1000MM alumni” by Nak Hyung Kim, director of the KUC youth department.



Pastor Yo Han Kim presented the 5

year plan (2005-2010) for organizing 20 branches of the 1000MM and the recruiting plan to send 1,000 missionaries every year. Pastor Shin encouraged the attendees to be the forever-missionary from the cradle to the grave, with explanation of the consecutive missionary life introducing a chain of “Children’s Missionary Movement (CMM),” “1000MM,” “PMM,” and “Silver Missionary Movement (SMM).” According to Pastor Kwon, 18 of the 1000MM members joined the 2nd and 3rd groups of the PMM.

So far, in the NSD territory, 767 from Korea, 27 from Mongolia, 13 from Hong Kong, 10 from Taiwan, 6 from Japan have been sent as the 1000MM members. The headquarters of the 1000MM is located in the Philippines and has 5 branches in other countries. Since the first group of 22 missionaries, after four months training, were sent to the fields on March 5, 1993, 3,206 people from 47 countries have been sent to 34 countries including the Philippines, Myanmar, Bangladeshi, Russia, Indonesia, and Mongolia. They baptized 31,011 individuals, constructed 322 church buildings, and organized 523 companies in various places.

## “NEWSTART” Evangelism in Taiwan

Recently the “NEWSTART” health evangelism began to attract interest among the churches in Taiwan. January 15 to 22, 2005, the Adventist church in Taichung and Taichung Christian Ministerial Association co-hosted the “NEWSTART” Health Evangelism to bring more than 200 people to the Taiping Elementary School in Taichung city. The speaker was Dr. Sang Lee who is the founder of the “NEWSTART” Lifestyle Program, and Professor at the Weimar College and Institute.

During the evangelistic seminar with entitled, “21 Century is “Time of Gene Medicine,” Dr. Lee delivered 8 presentations: “How to strengthen your Immune System, Lower Your Blood Pressure, Conquer Diabetes, Solve Problems with Osteoporosis, Postmenopausal Syndromes, Can You Avoid Alzheimer Disease, How to Suppress Aging Process, Successful Fight against Cancer, and How to regenerate your Brain cells and recover from Stroke”

This health evangelistic series especially impacted other denomination church leaders and members who attended. Pastor Norman Tu, Taichung Church pastor, who translated Dr. Sang Lee’s lectures said, “More Sunday churches became interested in our Adventist church message. More people began to know about the Adventists, and to be positive to us.” As the result of the programs, 30 people decided to join the NEWSTART Programs and Bible Study.



Dr. Sang Lee, speaker, Pastor Norman Tu (l) translating

## 2005 Literature Evangelists' Retreat in Japan

Within sight of the famous Mt. Fuji, about 90 Seventh-day Adventist Literature Evangelists met for a retreat, February 10 - 13, 2005. Meeting in the Hakoneland Hotel gave the participants an opportunity to breathe the fresh mountain air as well as receive the spiritual blessing they came for.

The opening devotional message was given by Elder Takashi Shirashi, the Japan Union Conference president. He also presented the Sabbath morning message stressing the Unity in Christ that each of us must have.



LE leaders sharing a special song for worship



A report of the publishing work in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division territories was given by Elder Glenn Mitchell, NSD publishing director. Elder Tadashi Yamaji, JUC Editor-In-Chief, Japan Publishing House also gave a report of the work in Japan. The Literature Evangelist's report was given by Yoshikatsu Nakamura, JUC Publishing Director. During the ceremony presenting awards for years of service, Mr. Michiya Yuda and Mrs. Toyoko Yuda were especially honored. Mr. Yuda has spent the past 55 years serving the Lord in the literature ministry, while his wife, Toyoko, has given 50 years of service.



Mrs. Toyoko Yuda

## Golden Angels' First Mission Trip

The second group of the Golden Angels began their first mission trip on March 3, 2005. The eight member team was featured for 18 days in various places in Japan as they supported the Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Pastor evangelistic efforts. They also did the song services for the PMM Welcome and Ordination and the Sabbath afternoon services in Saniku Gakuin College at Chiba-ken on March 5. Then from March 6 to 12 they supported the evangelistic meetings with music at the Saga Church where PMM Pastor Lim, Geun Sik is serving. Their beautiful songs im-

pressed people even on cold streets, patients in hospitals, and the elderly at caring houses. A local public newspaper in Saga on March 8 ran an article about the Golden Angels' concert at the elderly caring house. After the meetings in Saga, the Golden Angels moved to Matsumoto Church where PMM Pastor Park, Jong Su is pastoring. The singing angels touched the new souls at the church with heavenly music during the evangelistic revival series March 13 to 19. There were two baptisms, one each in the Saga and Matsumoto churches.



Pastor Park, Jong Su with baptismal candidate

## Two 1000MM Missionaries in Mongolia

A small airplane accommodating about 60 people landed on an unpaved runway. It was windy. Everywhere was snow covered. There were two young men, named Bobo and Tsogo, who are working as 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) members for the Mongolian Mission in spite of -55°C temperature and the difficult environment in Gobi Altai. Bobo and Tsogo stay in an apartment building which doesn't have doors for each room, so it is very cold inside. They must cover themselves with two or three folded comforters while sleeping. Water and electricity are provided through a central system which doesn't send warm water even during the winter time.

Bobo and Tsogo were trained in the 1000MM branch in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and were sent to Gobi Altai in August 2003. There are 20,000 people in the small city, mostly Buddhists. The two young 1000MM missionaries focus on evangelism for young students. Currently they have about 20 members who attend the company regularly. This group developed from a cell group of Bible study students. These two young missionaries use an internet site for evangelism, "www.1000mmmongolia.tk" which attracts students and ranks 18th among Mongolian websites. Recently Tsogo is trying to teach people the Bible through ham radio. They both have a dream to organize a church before another six months passes and their term expires.



Bobo, lower left front and Tsogo, center back with glasses with members of their company

Joshua Shin, NSD Youth and Childrens Ministries Director

# Sister Church Appreciation

Tuesday, January 25, 2005, the Northern Asia Pacific Division PMM Coordinator, Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng honored the cooperation between the Kamenokoyama church and the Kawasaki group where PMM Pastor Lee, Jin Hwan is planting a new congregation. Pastor Susumu Shibata representing the Kamenokoyama church received a plaque expressing appreciation for the support and cooperation.

The support of the Japanese Union Conference as well as the churches and members in the area where the PMM pastors are working have encouraged these pastoral families. The ceremony was attended by officers and staff of the Japanese Union Conference and church members.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division honored the contribution of the Matasamoto PMM sister church in Nagano on January 26, 2005. Pastor and Mrs. Kwon JohngHaeng and Pastor Glenn Mitchell met with the Nagano church to present them with a plaque of appreciation. Pastor Kwon gave a little history of the PMM. Local elder Kobayashi read the message on the plaque to those present before Pastor Kwon presented it to Pastor Gohama, the Nagano pastor.



Nagano Church

Refreshments were served while Pastor Kwon answered questions. Pastor and Mrs. Park, Jong Soo, Matasamoto PMM pastor translated. Each member present were asked to tell a little bit about themselves. Everyone enjoyed the short biographies.

Surrounded by snow covered mountains, beautiful Toyama is located on the edge of the sea. There is a beautiful Seventh-day Adventist church located there with many beautiful people as members. Pastor Ikemiyagi is the shepherd of this flock and the mentor of the Fukui PMM Pastor Koh Kirim. A very special welcome was extended to Mrs. Kwon

who accompanied her husband Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng.

January 28, 2005, will be a day these members remember as the time when the NSD showed its appreciation to this sister church of the PMM work in Japan. Pastor Ikemiyagi received the plaque of appreciation on behalf of the church. Church Elder Murasawa Kenji read NSD's President, Dr. Jairyong Lee's message on the plaque to the congregation. Mr. Yohama read JUC President Elder Shiraishi's message.

During a lovely lunch the church members commented that PMM Pastor Koh, Kirim's inflection when speaking Japanese is perfect.

Kurume, Japan, original home of the Bridgestone Tire Company is also the home of the sister church for the Saga PMM church. The church is situated on a corner lot that was given by the Bridgestone family 65 years ago. The Bridgestone's founder's sister was a member of the Kurume church till her death. Kurume is also the site of an ancient Christian church currently buried beneath the City Hall building.

A very warm welcome was extended to Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng and his wife and Pastor Glenn Mitchell. Pastor Kwon's sermon was on the "Everlasting Gospel". Mitsuru Sunagawa graciously provided the translation for the morning message. The message was followed by the presentation of the NSD plaque of appreciation for the support of the PMM Saga Church and it's Pastor Im, Geun Shik. Church Elder Kazuo Mori read NSD President, Dr. Jairyong Lee's message from the plaque for the congregation. The Kurume Pastor, Taizo Hirata insisted that church Elder Shichhiro Mori receive the plaque on behalf of the church.



Church elder Shichhiro Mori receives the plaque from Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng

## Sowing Seeds for 20 Years

Adventist World Radio recently rededicated Guam Station to mark the completion of its modernization project. I clearly remember the day when I first heard the Mandarin broadcast on the radio in 1987, and the sheer joy of knowing that the Adventist messages were on the radio was overwhelming.

Currently there are 10 hours of Mandarin programs coming from Guam everyday, within which 5 hours are new programs produced by the Chinese Union Media Center.

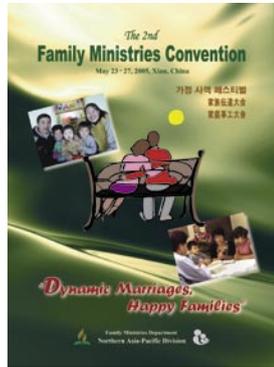
Continual emphasis on radio does not mean that we are oblivious to other mediums. CHUM has been the leader in Internet ministry, and was one of the first Unions to have a full time Internet evangelist. There have been more than 120 baptisms as the result of this ministry.

CHUM is also in the process to develop a Communication/Mass Media degree in Taiwan Adventist College, in order to train more workers in editing, script writing, translating and producing program for the AWR and ATN.

*Tsui, Man Yuen, CHUM Secretary*

# Family Ministries

We are happy to inform you that we have made every effort to keep this convention highly economical while maintaining the highest quality familymoon seminar. This Family Ministries Convention will be held in Xian, China, on May 23-27, 2005. The main speaker will be Dr. G. T. Ng, the General Secretary of the



Southern Asia-Pacific Division and an expert in FM. His topics will be; DYNAMIC MARRIAGES, HAPPY FAMILIES. Detailed information are as follows:

Venue: Jianguo Hotel (4 stars)  
Xian, China (www.jianguohotels.com)

Date: May 23-27, 2005

Cost: US\$235 (twin sharing);

registration fee: US\$5.

April 22, 2005 will be the deadline for registration.

Package: \* Return airport/hotel/airport transfer

- \* 1 and 1/2 day tour (The half tour depends on your flight schedule.)
- \* 4 nights hotel accommodation
- \* 5 breakfast, 5 lunches, 4 dinners
- \* 4 tea-breaks

This convention will be opened to the public; FM leaders, church members, pastors, even non-Adventists who are interested in marriage enrichment. Please promote and invite as many people as possible. The list of attendees with payment should be sent to NSD before April 22, 2005. Let's pray to God for the success of this meeting and that it will be a memorable one.

## Friendship Award

*The following was written by Llewellyn Juby, ADRA Mongolia Director. His staff submitted his name to the President of Mongolia's office for an award in recognition of his leadership of ADRA. Since we were unable to have anyone from our staff present we asked Mr. Juby to share the experience with us. The award was given March 7, 2005.*

I went to the Mongolian Parliament today to receive an award from President Bagabandi. This friendship award is given to foreigners who have made a significant contribution to the welfare of Mongolians. This award has been over a year in the planning and it was kept a secret from me. It was first passed through parliament and then a police clearance from South Africa had to be procured. ADRA has worked in Mongolia for 10 years doing development and relief work and we have built up a team of amazing colleagues. They had put forward my name for this award. Although I accepted it from the President of Mongolia, it was really on behalf of ADRA and our team in Mongolia that I did so. It was an amazing privilege to have this special time to talk to the president and have his full attention. I thanked him for the honor and told him briefly that ADRA was so happy to collaborate with his government and serve in Mongolia. He said that ADRA was well known for our teaching and training people to work for their own change. He thanked us for the contribution we had made to the improvement of Mongolians in this period of transition.

My team met me outside the parliament. Only my wife, Renee, our board chairman, Dale Tunnell and my right-

hand man, Munk-Jargal, had been allowed into the President's office. Everyone wanted to shake the hand that shook that of the president minutes before. My staff gave me a bouquet of roses and all wanted a photo with me. We posed on Sukhbaater square in the icy wind for some photos and then went off to a posh restaurant for a celebratory meal together. They presented me with a traditional dööl (coat) which I had to put on immediately. They had a wonderful meal planned. It seemed as if no-one wanted to leave afterwards. They began to take turns singing traditional songs. I knew that we foreigners would soon be called on to sing too. It was wonderful fun to relax together and to take our turn to sing some songs of home too. It is indeed a privilege to work with such amazing people in this most unusual country.



His Excellency, Natsagiin Bagabandi, President of Mongolia, presenting Llewellyn Juby, ADRA Mongolia Director, the Friendship Award in recognition of the work of ADRA.

# Adventist Education Is Evangelism

“I came back from Japan two days ago. There, the Japanese Governmental Officers took me to Hakone where I saw the beautiful symmetrical Mt. Fuji,” said the Minister Puntsag



Elbert Kuhn, Education and Culture Minister Puntsag Tsagaan, Mrs. Otgaontuya Tserenpil and Masaji Uyeda, NSD Education Superintendent

TSAGAAN, Government of Mongolia Ministry of Science, Technology, Education and Culture of Mongolia, when I dined with him at a Chinese restaurant near the Mongolian government building on March 21, 2005. This was a good ice-breaker since I am Japanese.

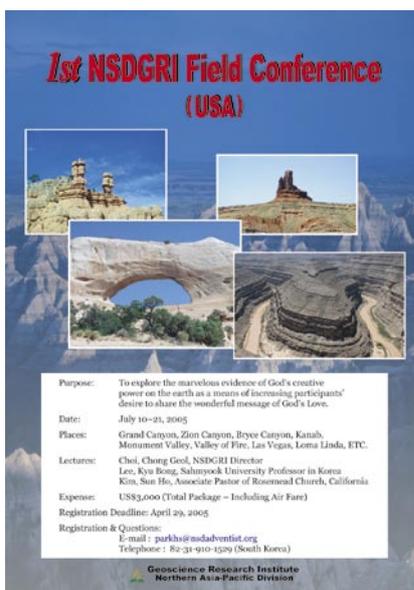
Among us were Pastor Elbert Kuhn, Education Director of the Mongolian Mission Field, Mr. Jargel Munk, ADRA Mongolia, and Mrs. Otgontuya Tserenpil (Mrs. Bold) who is finishing her study in education at AIIAS October, 2005. The Mongolia Mission Field is already operating a nursery school and in the near future, they are interested in opening up the first kindergarten and the elementary school. “The salvation and education is one,” says Ellen G. White, in the book of Education. For the development and the growth of Christ’s church, evangelism and education are inseparable. They go hand in hand and they must!

Minister Puntsag TSAGAAN said, “I am willing to be of any assistance to help you.” I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for President Dale Tunnell, Pastor Elbert Kuhn, Mr. Jargel Munk, and Director Juby Llewellyn, ADRA Mongolia for doing an excellent job in association with the Mongolian government.

“The NSD Education Department shall assist in the initiation of new schools and nurture the elements that help schools to become orderly and productive places where the Holy Spirit and angels desire to dwell.”

This is a part of the Mission Statement of the NSD Education Department and the education department’s strategic plan authorized for the period of 2001-2005. Presently we have close to 6,000 Adventist Schools in the World. We would like to celebrate the birth of the first kindergarten and elementary school in Mongolia soon.

Teachers and students of our Adventist elementary schools in Japan pooled their human and financial resources and to help establish the first Adventist kindergarten and elementary school in Mongolia. The initial donation in 2005 amounted to \$13,500.00. Just a mustard seed! But by God’s grace, who knows what that small seed will do for God’s glory and the service of the community in Mongolia? After all, Adventist education is evangelism.



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Masaji Uyeda, NSD Education Superintendent

# Week of Spiritual Emphasis

This year Pastor Kim, Dae Sung presented the messages January 31 - February 4. His messages emphasized “Practice of Godliness. Morning by morning he took us to the Bible with examples for us to use in our daily life. This was the first time he presented his messages in English.



## General Conference Session News

The March 2005, GC Session News shares with us the new theme song for the GC session. You can read all about it at [http://www.gcsession.org/news/2005\\_session\\_news\\_09.pdf](http://www.gcsession.org/news/2005_session_news_09.pdf). You will want to check this web site regularly for the latest news on the upcoming session.

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