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Comprehensive Health Ministry

“Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel” (7T, 59).

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The ratio between the number of Seventh-day Adventists and the general population in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) territory is 1:2,500 while the ratio between the world church membership and world population is about 1:360. This shows that the NSD is one of the most un-evangelized mission fields. The 1.6 billion people in the NSD territory undoubtedly need to hear the eternal gospel of Jesus Christ. How soon and in what ways can this be realized?

It seems evangelism is becoming more challenging as time passes. Many people are indifferent to the Christian message. Materialism, secularism and atheistic philosophy are occupying people’s minds. How can we more effectively approach post-modern people with the gospel message?

Ellen White wrote, “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me’” (MH, 143).

The Bible summarizes Christ’s three-fold earthly ministry: teaching, preaching and healing. “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness” (Matthew 9:35). Jesus came “to give them health and peace and perfection of character” (MH, 17).

When Jesus sent out the twelve disciples to preach the gospel to the people, he instructed them, “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give” (Matthew 10:7-8).

Healing was an integral part of Jesus’ earthly ministry. He healed “every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people” (Matthew 4:23). He also told His disciples to do healing ministry along with proclaiming the gospel. The healing ministry was an effective way to open the hearts of the people.

Ellen White emphasized time and again the importance and effectiveness of health ministry. “Medical missionary work is in no case to be divorced from the gospel ministry. The Lord has specified that the two shall be as closely connected as the arm is with the body. Without this union neither part of the work is complete. The medical missionary work is the gospel in illustration” (6T, 241).

“The medical missionary work should be a part of the work of every church in our land” (6T, 289). “We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work” (7T, 62).

“I wish to tell you that soon there will be no work done in ministerial lines but medical missionary work” (CH, 533).

The comprehensive health ministry is a God-ordained method to reach people not only with health promotion but also with the gospel message of Jesus Christ. May the Lord help us understand how to wisely implement health ministry as we approach people who do not know the God of Creation! Please remember that every church and every one of us needs to be involved in comprehensive health ministry.

NSD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to communicate to all people in its territory the everlasting gospel of God’s love in the context of the Three Angels’ Message of Revelation 14:6-12, and as revealed in the life, death, resurrection, and high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord and to unite with His remnant church; and to nurture believers as disciples in preparation for His soon return, and to equip and empower them for service.

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KOREAN YOUTH CONGRESS: *Adventism, Innovation, Revival*

From June 27 to 29, 2014, there was a youth congress held by the Korean Union Conference (KUC) youth ministries department. Under the theme of “ON AIR 2014: Adventism, Innovation, Revival,” more than 2,000 young people and ministers in charge of youth ministries from across the nation gathered together to talk about Adventist identity and to share each other’s vision for accomplishing Adventist mission. It had been thirty-two years since Korean young Adventists had converged from all parts of South Korea for such a youth congress.

During a worship service on Sabbath, Pastor Kim DaeSung, KUC president, traced the history of the Seventh-day Adventist church and explained what the three angels’ messages means for us. “Our church is not just one of the numerous Christian denominations in the world. We are God’s remnant church chosen by Him and who are supposed to close this earth’s history,” he said.

Pastor Kim JungGon, professor at the Korean Adventist Training Center, gave a series of lectures on such titles as “The Declaration of Independence,” “The Living Cross,” and “Neo Diaspora,” challenging young people

to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ. “The life of Jesus was wholly focused on the mission from God. We should also fix our eyes on our mission in this world. Let us escape from lives without purpose, look beyond limitations, and declare independence from this world full of evil.”

Bienvenido V. Tejano, the Philippines Ambassador to Papua New Guinea and a special guest of the congress, shared a part of his life story with God. “As an ambassador has a right to call the president directly, we all have a right to visit God directly. If we believe in God with all our hearts, He will never abandon us. I hope Korean young Adventists will be God’s loyal subjects who obey Jesus’ supreme order.”

Attention from the World Church

This nationwide congress not only stirred up the Korean Adventist youth but drew attention from the world church. In his video message of congratulations, Gilbert Cangy, director of youth ministries for the world church, said, “I believe it will be the largest gathering of young people in Korea since 1982. It is important that we know

who we are as Seventh-day Adventists and what our unique contributions are to the world today. I have been to Korea, and I know how innovative your leaders and your young people can be. May all the dreams of your leaders and of God come true for your gathering.”

Moon JiWan, associate director of the General Conference youth ministries department, visited the congress to send congratulations on behalf of the 17 million Adventists in the world. He urged young participants to be missionaries.

“I have a conviction that you are the generation who will complete the mission God has given to us. I believe that the gospel will finally be preached to all nations through you when you are filled with the Holy Spirit. Be enthusiastic to preach the gospel to all nations,” he said.

Kim NakHyung, youth ministry director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, cited a Korean proverb, “No one knows which clouds have rain,” saying, “You are the clouds of the latter rain which will pour out on the whole earth. My wish is that you will find the chance to realize your vision and dream to the earth here.” He added, “The word ‘Adventist youth’ is one of my favorite words. You are true hope itself. Challenge the world now.”



Various cultural performances lift the hearts of attendees.



Small group discussion and group activities



Participants listen to the speaker during a seminar.



Full of Creative Programs

The congress included group discussion, prayer meeting, seminars, and concerts, which encouraged attendees’ direct participation.

During group discussion, participants shared their thoughts about how to fulfill their vision in God’s way. Discussions were held on the three themes for the event: Adventism, Innovation, and Revival. First of all, they put their heads together to think about how to restore their identity as an Adventist. It was a time to reconfirm that Adventists need to have the basic qualifications of Christians, but at the same time, keep the distinctiveness of Adventists. Moreover, they discussed how to bring about innovation in their lives. The lives

1. Kim JungGon, professor at Adventist Training Center
2. Kim NakHyung, NSD youth director
3. Moon JiWan, GC associate youth director
4. Ambassador Tejano (left) gives message
5. Kim DaeSung (L), KUC president and Choi HoYoung (R) KUC youth director



Various booths, such as HisHands Mission Movement, ACT, Golden Angels, introduce each group's mission activities.



of Joseph, Daniel, and Apostle Paul were used as a reference for the discussion. Lastly, they tried to figure out how to bring about missionary revival in their individual lives and in the Adventist church.

Young attendees also benefitted from seminars, which dealt with how to handle endless worries and challenges living in the world as an Adventist. A number of professional experts, including a minister, a professor, a doctor, an entrepreneur, a counselor, and a lawyer, were invited to share their wisdom and experience on various topics, such as “Religion and Life,” “Ministry and Service,” and “Major and Career.” At the morning worship service, young Adventists who have successful careers shared their experiences.

Furthermore, various cultural events added to a festive atmosphere. The congress featured various performances by Korean cultural ministry organizations. A wide variety of works, including music, dance, skit, multimedia art, drama and musicals, doubled the impact of the sermons. The reports of mission work in which young people had participated swayed the audience to have a clear vision. At the Booth Zone, Adventist singing groups, such as Golden Angels and Hosanna, held outdoor concerts. On Sabbath, June 28, the Museum of Sahmyook University opened a special exhibition, displaying historic photographs of Adventist ministry in Korea.



1. ACT members perform special event.
2. Participants attentively listen to the message rendered.
3. Oulim Musical Team performs 'Daniel and His Three Friends.'
4. Young participants share their excitement during the meeting.

Booth Festival

The Booth Festival, run by about 20 institutions and ministry groups, added exuberance to the congress. They introduced their mission work and handed out promotional materials and booklets. The youth ministries department of KUC introduced youth ministry in Korea and its plans for the future. The booths of cultural ministry organizations, such as Sulammi Musical Company, ON Media Ministry, and Today Worship, were crowded with passionate young Adventists. Some of the booths, such as Eliezer Project, gave visitors a glimpse of Adventist couple training. For young people who were interested in mission work, 1000 Missionary Movement or HisHands Mission Movement, presented them with various opportunities for mission. Both booth directors and visitors said that it was a great chance for young Adventists to get to know various opportunities of ministry and to get contact information. Also, it was anticipated that the booth festival would boost cooperation and co-work among churches and ministry institutions.

Turning Point

The participants of the congress expressed that it was a turning point in their religious lives, to restore the image and character of Christ in them. "It was a short but precious time for me. Sermons, praises, and prayers

drew me near to Jesus Christ and made me surrender my all to Him. I will testify that He is the only hope in this hopeless world," one participant from Southeast Korean Conference said. "This gathering was successful in turning our eyes toward God and away from being successful in a busy world," another participant said. "Through this meeting, I heard God say He still loves us. If we worship Him in spirit and in truth, we will be changed. I hope all of us decide to live for the Lord and die for the Lord," said Kim JinHo, a member of Gabriel Praise, a praise team.

Youth Congress: What Is Next?

Even though the three-day feast was over, attendees realized that they had just taken the first step toward searching for their own missions. "I am thankful to the Lord for His abundant blessing during this congress. Also, I want to share my appreciation for the great support of our pastors and staff," said Pastor Choi HoYoung, KUC youth ministry director. "I hope you find your mission field with God's almighty power. When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, we can all be God's faithful servants." As all participants wished, KUC has decided to hold the nationwide youth congress every five years.



Chaplain Advisory *for* *the Northern Asia-Pacific Division*



David Ripley
NSD Ministerial Association Director

Chaplains from across the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) gathered at the division office in Ilsan, South Korea, from June 23 to 26, 2014. The first two days were specifically to train chaplain leaders from the division, unions, and conferences. The second two days were for all chaplains.

We were blessed to have as guest speakers two chaplains from the General Conference (GC) world headquarters: Gary Council, director of Adventist chaplaincy ministry for the world church, and Mario Ceballos, associate director for Adventist chaplaincy ministry.

Pastor Council is a retired U.S. Army colonel who has served as a chaplain in many places around the world. Pastor Council has in the past served as a local church pastor and is still active in pastoral ministry in his local church.

His passion for the ministry of chaplains was evident in his presentations. Pastor Council stated, "I see chaplains as pastors in organizations and institutions who are in situations that allow them to share the love of God in places where most other pastors are not even allowed to enter. Adventist chaplains are trusted and accountable stewards of God's Word who are worthy of the enabling support from their church."

Pastor Ceballos served the church for many years as a

local church pastor and then as a conference youth leader. He also served many years as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. Today along with his responsibility of serving chaplains around the world, Pastor Ceballos teaches classes for chaplain ministry in several universities and colleges around the world.

Pastor Ceballos sees chaplain ministry as important for the future of ministry in our church. He says, "I believe in training and nurturing ministers serving God in all aspects of ministry, and especially in the field of chaplaincy."

Monday and Tuesday brought together the chaplain leaders from around the NSD. Throughout the day, the guest speakers shared on many important topics. We were given an introduction into the types of ministries involving chaplains. Chaplains serve in hospitals, schools, universities, militaries around the world, prisons, and other institutions. Then we learned about current chaplain ministry policies, standards, credentialing, and training.

On Wednesday and Thursday we were joined by more than 60 chaplains from across the division. Most of our chaplains were from hospitals and educational institutions. In the morning we had joint sessions that covered training and ethics for chaplains, suicide prevention, and ministry to the greater community around us. In the afternoon, we split into two groups with



More than 60 chaplains from across the division gather at the division office for the Chaplain Advisory.



NSD Chaplain Advisory participants. Most chaplains were from hospitals and educational institutions.



1. Gary Councill, GC chaplaincy ministry director
 2. Mario Ceballos (left), GC chaplaincy ministry associate director
 3. NSD chaplaincy leaders pray together.

emphasis on hospital chaplain ministry and educational institution chaplain ministry. Hospital chaplains were trained on ministering to patients and grieving family members and friends in a healthcare setting, along with discussions on bioethics. Campus chaplains were trained on the uniqueness of campus chaplaincy and developing a spiritual master plan for the institution.

One chaplain remarked, “I really appreciate the emphasis that is being shared that we are to be evangelistic in our ministry since we work with so many who are not Adventists or even Christians.” Another chaplain commented, “I like the challenge given to us to be involved in a local Adventist church in ministry. I will be serving there more fully in the future.” Still another chaplain shared, “I will seek to apply the skills I have learned here in my day-to-day ministry.”

The GC Adventist chaplaincy ministries department serves as the denomination’s liaison with ecclesiastical, government, and professional organizations. Adventist chaplain ministries assists qualified Adventist clergy to transition from pastoral ministry into chaplaincy ministries of campus, community, corrections, health care, military, and the work place. The qualifications required to become a chaplain are church membership in regular standing, holding a current denominational commissioned or ministerial license, meeting all requirements of the employing agency and obtaining ecclesiastical endorsement from the Adventist Chaplaincy Committee.

If you would like to learn more about Adventist chaplaincy ministries, please visit their website at <http://gc.adventistchaplains.org/>.

The 2nd Global Conference on Health & Lifestyle



Babara Choi
Director of NSD Health Ministries

The Second Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle convened in Geneva, Switzerland, from July 7 to 12, 2014, with the theme, “Non-Communicable Diseases: Lifelong Lifestyle Prevention Accessible to All.” More than 1,200 delegates met at the Unimall Building of the University of Geneva.

The conference led by Dr. Peter Landless, GC health ministries director, was supported by all 13 Division health ministries directors, assisting to ensure that the delegates’ needs were met. The General Conference president, Pastor Ted Wilson, stressed the importance of healthful living to keep our minds in tune and alert to the impressions of the Holy Spirit, particularly at a time when Christ’s coming is so imminent.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) sent 14 delegates in total with three from the NSD headquarters, four from Taiwan Conference, four from Chinese Union Mission, one representing Japan Union Conference, and two from Mongolia Mission.

The conference provided plenty of opportunities for delegates to be updated on the concept of a comprehensive health ministry and for them to network with health professionals from around the world. It was a good time for fellowship when they could share their knowledge and expertise with one another. Participants could choose from more than two hundred and fifty presentations given by almost a hundred international health specialists.



Group photo of NSD delegates

Breakout sessions in the afternoons allowed them to pursue their own interests in the area of health.

All were challenged to follow Christ’s example in mingling with people and sharing by example the way to right living. Indeed, the best safeguard against non-communicable diseases is a healthy lifestyle with a vegetarian diet and regular exercise.





Kids in Discipleship participants. About 30 pastors with some of their wives participated and learned essential knowledge for making kids disciples.

Pastors learn what is necessary for training children.

Participants discuss how to implement the KID program.

KUC **Multiplying Disciples** for Korean Union Conference

By Dr. Sally Phoon - Director of NSD Women's/ Children's/ Family Ministries

In 2009, the children's ministries director of the Korean Union Conference, Pastor Park LaeKoo, led a team of 10 pastors all the way to Tennessee to learn about an initiative called Kids in Discipleship (KID). Upon returning, he worked hard on translating all the materials, and KID was launched in some schools and churches throughout Korea. The current director, Ahn JaeSoon, was eager to see KID continue this initiative, so when she learned that the GC children's ministries director, Dr. Linda Koh, planned to stop by Seoul on her way to Mongolia, she seized the opportunity to invite her to work together with Dr. Sally Phoon, children's ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, to train pastors in this vital task.

From June 23 to 25, 2014, for three intensive days, about 30 pastors with some of their wives prayed, sang, interacted and learned what was necessary for making our kids disciples. In order to make disciples, we ourselves need to be disciples, true disciples of Jesus

Christ, learn to connect with Him and be renewed daily at His feet. From there, they learned about engaging parents, grandparents, the home or, in some cases, mentors to be disciples first before discipling their children. Clear steps were shared as to how they could go about initiating this with the church, gaining the support of significant persons, the pastor and the church board. We strongly believe that if everyone is engaged in this program, either praying for this or supporting it in other ways, the Church will change remarkably and will move forward in terms of spiritual growth and church growth.

A meaningful commitment ceremony was held for the participants, and all five of the association children's ministries directors of the five conferences/mission year pledged to run KID in their churches within the next year. We pray that KID will be the answer to not only growing our churches but also increasing the retention of members, particularly young children, in the churches in Korea.

MONGOLIA MISSION CHILDREN'S CAMP

By Dr. Sally Phoon - Director of NSD Women's/ Children's/ Family Ministries



Summer vacation is here in Mongolia. The blue skies match perfectly with the green on rolling hills and valleys. Children have been coming from all over Mongolia, from Adventist churches and schools in Ulaanbaatar, to attend the fourth annual children's camp held at the Khandgait Camp Ground owned by the Railway Authorities.

This year, a total of 160 children between the ages of 6 and 16 enrolled for the 5-day program designed by a group of 14 enthusiastic volunteers from the Balestier Seventh-day Adventist Church in Singapore. A group of local Mongolian volunteers helped with translation and crowd control.

The children learned basic values of compassion, obedience and diligence through daily devotionals, Bible stories, crafts and games. Each child belonged to one of three groups identified by colored caps. The facilities at the campsite were clean and adequate.

The highlight of the camp was an affirmation ceremony held on Wednesday, where children responded to an appeal to make Jesus their forever Friend. Those who came to the front to be affirmed will be followed up with Bible studies. The children have grown through the years; many of them were at the very first children's camp conducted in 2011. It is now time to secure their commitment to Jesus Christ.

The numbers have quadrupled since the very first camp that attracted 40 children. We believe that this camp is an effective outreach to acquaint children from non-Adventist homes with the love of Jesus. We thank the leadership at Mongolia Mission whose children's ministries director, Ms. Purevdulam Jugderjav, worked hard to organize the camp. What a great investment this represents for the church in Mongolia; the returns in terms of souls will surely be great!

1. Singapore team of volunteers
2. 160 kids gather for MM children's camp.



NSD

Atlantic Union Conference Leaders Visit the NSD Office

The leaders of Atlantic Union Conference (AUC) and their spouses visited the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) office in Ilsan, South Korea, on July 30 during their tour of countries within the NSD territories. AUC visitors and NSD members had a short but enjoyable welcome meeting together. At the meeting, NSD president Jairyong Lee offered a brief introduction to the division and let them watch the "Mission First" video for a deeper understanding of what the NSD has done and what it is planning to do. Golden Angels, a music missionary group within the NSD, gave a small concert, deeply touching all attendees' hearts.

Donald King, AUC president, came forward to thank NSD members for their warm welcome and introduced each visiting member. He explained why AUC members were visiting NSD territories including South Korea. "First we wanted to come and see what the work is like in this part of the world. Then we wanted to be inspired by what we saw and take something we learned to our field and apply it to our work. Finally, we wanted to support what we saw." He also briefly introduced the work AUC has recently been doing.

Both AUC visitors and NSD members were touched by each other's passion and commitment for God's work. It was a wonderful time to reconfirm all attendees' hope that Jesus is coming soon.



1. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president, welcomes AUC leaders
2. Donald King, AUC president, speaks to NSD staff
3. AUC and NSD members take a picture together



Dream Charger camp participants visited various places and institutions and gained useful knowledge for their future.

KUC SDA Language Institute Holds Junior Vision Camp DREAM CHARGER

The SDA Language Institute held a Junior Vision Camp entitled "Dream Charger" from June 6 to 8, 2014. Students and faculty members from eight branches of the SDA Language Institute gathered to participate in the field-based experiential learning. Participants visited Seoul English Village, Korea Job World, and Seoul National University. They also went hiking around Namsan Park and had tours of several museums.

At the "Vision Talk Concert," participants had opportunities to receive counseling from successful Adventist professionals, including a soccer coach,

lawyer, investment expert and broadcaster, about finding their dream and establishing plans and goals for the future. Korea Job World provided them with various work experiences, such as being a broadcaster, fashion designer, etc.

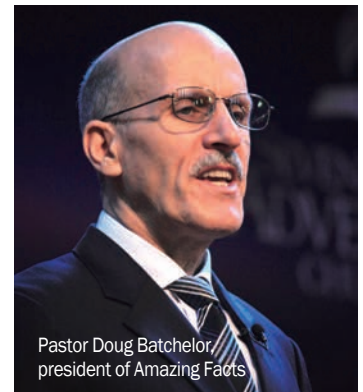
"To search for a dream job, students first need a wealth of experience. I hope this camp would help participants to see the wider world through various angles, realize their dream, and make it come true," said Moon SeongEun, the Junior Vision Camp manager.



CHUM *Amazing Facts Reaps Harvest in China*

Pastor Doug Batchelor, president of Amazing Facts, arrived in the city of Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, China, on April 30, 2014, to hold a seven-day evangelistic series upon the invitation by the local branches of two official supervisory bodies, the Three-self Patriotic Movement Committee and the China Christian Council. It was the first time for Pastor Batchelor to hold major public meetings in that country. The Chinese Adventists were joyful and thankful for this special occasion.

During the seven days, which happened to be a popular week of national holidays, people packed the sanctuary at Zhong Shan Road. On May 3 (Sabbath), as many as 2,000 people attended the worship service. Pastor Batchelor's messages of hope, combined with his humorous style, mesmerized the audience. From Bible prophecies to his personal conversion stories, Pastor Batchelor shared a variety of topics with his listeners. Nearly 200 people were baptized on Sabbath and after the meetings. It was a great harvest for the local Adventist church.



Pastor Doug Batchelor, president of Amazing Facts

MM *Experiencing SUMMER CAMP BLISS*



A Mongolian Adventist member prays at a solitary place on the camp site.

One of the major activities that is awaited with much anticipation is the Summer Camp in Mongolia. Not only is it a good breather from the long winter, but it is a great time to fellowship among the Seventh-day Adventist churches coming from the capital city and from the countryside.

This year's attendance of roughly five hundred fifty people was remarkable. The campmeeting took place at Khairthaan Resort from July 24 to 27, 2014, with Pastors Dale Tunnel from Tennessee, USA, and Russ Will from Queensland, Australia, as the main speakers. Their morning and evening sermons were about the lives of Joseph, Abraham and other Old Testament Bible heroes, in line with the theme "In His Step." The campers who came as families were catered to with varied spiritual, musical and social programs for youth, adults, women, and children, including a prayer walk, sports, and health seminars. Among the highlights of the summer camp were the ordination of two Mongolian pastors and the baptism of eleven new church members on July 25 and 26, respectively.

GLOBAL MISSION PROJECTS *in Japan*

Chiba International Project

3H Japanese Language School and Chiba International Church was founded 20 years ago by Pastor Kim SukMan, who was the first missionary to come to Japan from Korea. Since the earthquake disaster in 2011, the continuation of the school has become difficult for many reasons. However, two years ago, Pastor Kim SooHo resigned his professorship from Korea Saniku University and moved to Japan with his family to rebuild the school where the Global Mission (GM) project was re-started. Currently the school has 217 students from nine different countries and is located right in front of the Chiba train station's west exit. Please pray that the church and school can be integrated with strong evangelism.



Tsushima Project

We were able to use a school which was closed down to open the Nature School, in which many parents and children are participating. It has been broadcast on cable television which has been a great opportunity for the people living on the island to know of the school. Mr. Kuniyoshi Kurihara has been invited as a lecturer for seminars for island-wide elementary schools and local public junior high schools. Using the Bible and his own experience, he was able to share the testimony of the Lord. In the children's English school, the number of students has also been stable, and little by little, it seems the trust of the local people has been gained. Please pray so that these activities will lead seekers to come in contact with us and for the church planting of Tsushima.

Toyohashi Project

For about 10 years, Toyohashi Church has been having worship with members from South America. There were no problems with the relations between the Portuguese, Spanish, and Japanese people, but we faced the challenge of not having a translator during our worship service. For that reason, it was decided that Toyohashi Church will start a Brazilian Bible study group where those from Brazil can get together and use their own language. Currently, there are 13 to 15 people attending the Sabbath school, and three seekers have also joined. We hope to cooperate with the Japanese congregation at Toyohashi Church and to continue to develop the evangelism for foreigners in Toyohashi.



NSD Korean Advanced Preparatory Academy 1st Graduation Ceremony



Teachers, students, guests, and 11 KAPA graduates

Korean Advanced Preparatory Academy (KAPA) of Yangpyeong Seventh-day Adventist English Village held its first graduation ceremony on June 22, 2014. Eleven graduates received the school's diploma from the principal, Mr. Kirk Haley.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Dr. Chun BuKwon, the CEO/president of Adventist Education also known as the Seventh-day Adventist Language Institute. Dr. Chun gave a challenging keynote address to those present by drawing from his personal experience when he was a young scholar in choosing his career path. He challenged the eleven young graduates to make good choices with greater vision and passion.

Dr. Chek-Yat Phoon, Northern Asia-Pacific Division

education director, presented congratulatory remarks to the graduates, challenging them to recognize that this occasion marked the turning point for each one of them—the change from being a boy to being a man, from being a girl to being a woman. This may also be the time for them to leave their homes to test their wings of independence.

Mr. Yoon JongTae, Korean Union Conference education director, also challenged the graduates to continue to make a success of their lives and to return to serve their country, nation and church after completing their tertiary and professional education in the very near future.

The most outstanding presentations were the valedictorian's address given by Lee Grace HyeLim and the class salutatorian response by Jo Charles HanHeul in flawless English with wit and substance. It is no surprise that these eleven graduates have been accepted into many well-known tertiary institutions in the United States, such as the University of Michigan, UCLA, Carleton College, Andrews University, Southern Adventist University, Pacific Union College and many others.

Each of these graduates will be personally assisted by the administration and faculty as they make the transition from KAPA to their destination in their life's journey, linking them to the Adventist Church and Adventist families.



Chek Yat Phoon
NSD Education Director



Gary Dodge speaks to 2014 KUC Trust Seminar participants.

2014 KUC Trust Seminar

The Department of Trust Services at the Korean Union Conference (KUC) held the "2014 Trust Seminar" at Deer Mountain from June 17 to 19, 2014. The seminar was held for the first time in six years. Forty-one people attended the seminar, including officers in the stewardship ministries department of KUC and local conferences and ministers who are interested in finance.

Gary W. Dodge, director of the Planned Giving and

Trust Services Department at the General Conference and guest speaker at the seminar, taught five courses. "Pastors are responsible for their church members' trust management, such as giving them proper financial information or writing wills." Also, he explained the reason why the church should be in charge of trust service: "As all we possess is given by God, our property should be used in the right way. It's like mission work. We should help our church members to be faithful stewards even after their death."

"There should be an understanding that the purpose of the church's trust service is not for creating profit but for winning souls," stated Lee ShinYeon, director of KUC trust services department. "Each local conference had a pastor in charge of trust service, but he did not work actively. We plan to develop education courses in trust services and train trust experts." He called on church members to be more interested in trusteeship and to support the church's plan of mission work through trust service.

Women's Convention & Leadership Certification for Mongolia Mission

By Dr. Sally Phoon - Director of NSD Women's/ Children's/ Family Ministries



Above: Shepherdess Choir of Mongolia Mission (MM)
Below: Family and women's ministries directors from GC, NSD and MM

Summer in Mongolia is a busy time as the weather allows many activities to take place and allows people to travel. Forty-three women from churches in Mongolia

traveled to the main city, Ulaanbaatar, to be trained in the fourth level of the women's leadership certification program from June 22 to 24, 2014. Led by Purevdulam Jugderjav, Mongolia Mission's women's ministries director, a number of pastors and leaders helped to deliver the ten classes needed for this certification. As soon as the women's ministries associate director from the General Conference (GC), Raquel Arrais, arrived in Mongolia on June 25, 2014, she helped to deliver a number of classes as well.

Following this certification program was the Women's Convention where close to 400 men and women attended an exciting weekend of inspiring messages from Raquel Arrais, seminars delivered by Dr. Linda Koh, GC children's ministries director, and Dr. Sally Phoon, children's, family and women's ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. The theme, "Bloom Where You are Planted," captured the essence of what women's ministries is all about. There were also lovely musical renditions by a group of Mongolian singers called the Descendants, a group of Korean pastors' wives, and beautiful presentations on Mongolian instruments.

The highlight of the convention was the graduation ceremony for the special group of sixteen women who completed all four levels of the women's ministries leadership certification over a period of several years. Eight people in this group were pastors' wives. We congratulate these women who made sacrifices, persevered over the years and put in extra effort to complete all forty courses to equip themselves to minister to the women in their churches as well as in the community.



Attendees at the Women's convention

ADRA Korea

Helps Rebuild Schools and Churches Demolished by Typhoon Haiyan



Shattered old school remaining in Tacloban City, Philippines. More than 4 million victims were affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

ADRA Korea visited the disaster area hit by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and reviewed the results of relief efforts. They also attended the completion ceremonies of schools and houses which were built by the aid of the Korean Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church.

Last November, the horrific typhoon Haiyan swept through the center of the Philippines, killing about 7,000 people and resulting in more than 4 million victims. Adventists in the Philippines were also affected by the typhoon; one conference building, one school building, several churches, and houses of church members were destroyed. ADRA Korea gave 20,000 USD of emergency aid right after the disaster happened.

The Korean SDA church, including ADRA, has continued to provide support for the devastated area. Last January and February, the East Central Korean Conference and the West Central Korean Conference

dispatched volunteers to the area to help reconstruct houses and churches. Sahmyook Health University College and Adventist Doctors Association worked together to open pro bono clinics to treat those who were injured and to prevent infectious diseases, such as dengue fever, as well as to provide voluntary service for beauty treatments.

Volunteers struggled to rebuild the disaster area because of poor conditions and lack of building materials. They delivered relief supplies, such as food, clothes, daily necessities and stationery to people affected by the typhoon. When visiting destroyed churches, they prayed for their recovery and discussed how the Korean church could support them in an effective way.

ADRA Korea plans to continue to provide relief efforts in cooperation with ADRA Philippines. In addition, Korean local conferences will lend their support.



ADRA Korea rebuilds an elementary school in the disaster area.



The newly recovered and renovated school classroom



Milal Corps Volunteers Help Typhoon Victims in Tacloban City

By Kim KwangYun - Leader of Milal Corps Volunteers

Typhoon Haiyan wiped out Tacloban, the main city of central Philippines last November. When I visited there in January this year, it was simply miserable. As soon as I saw and smelled what was around me, I couldn't wait to get out of there. I had no idea what the many crosses along the road meant. My friend who was guiding me said people had temporarily buried bodies under those crosses.

When I returned to Korea, the horrible scene lingered on my mind. After some thought, I decided to go to Tacloban with my volunteering team, Milal Corps Volunteers, and provide relief efforts. On June 7, 2014, nine volunteers including me headed to San Jose to build a local church.

As soon as we arrived there, we faced an unexpected difficulty. I had confirmed that the accommodation for our team was already arranged, but there was only a small hut with three cats and two dogs and no facilities. I could do nothing but earnestly pray to God, and He heard my prayer. One of the church members called us and let us stay in his sister's house. Even though she was not an Adventist, she willingly provided us with accommodations at an inconvenience to herself. I thank God for solving our difficulty.

The next day we rolled up our sleeves and got to work. The church members had already begun to build the church. Most of them were engaged in farming, and their farms had been extensively damaged by the typhoon. Despite being poor, they brought rice for our team everyday.

1. Completed roof of San Jose Church in Tacloban, Philippines
2. A volunteer of Milal working on the roof
3. The church building of San Jose is under construction after the typhoon.



At first there were misunderstandings between church members and our team due to the language barrier. As time went on, however, we were all eager to complete the church building. It seemed certain that all of us were one family in God putting our hope in heaven.

We could not complete the church in our limited time schedule, but we were glad that on a rainy day the church members were able to have a worship service inside out of the rain. The tough moments flew by and our time came to an end. We exchanged a tearful farewell with the church members.

It was a precious opportunity for us to do volunteer work in Tacloban under God's guidance. God made humans to be happier to give than to receive. Now Milal Corps Volunteers are planning to go to Bangladesh and Nepal next January and February.



Above: Visitors at Sahmyook Food enjoy delicious lunch.
Below: A group of people invited to Mission Day at Sahmyook Food

KUC Mission Day at Sahmyook Food

Sahmyook Food, BongHwa Branch, had a Mission Day on May 26, 2014, to commemorate the Patriots and Veterans Month of June. A total of 32 people who sacrificed for their nation, their families, and employees working in the regional office of the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs were invited. Sahmyook Food emphasized that the Seventh-day Adventist Church finds its strength in mission and that its commitment includes education, food, medical service, publishing, the health message from Ellen G. White and so on. Employees from each department in the factory took invitees to their work stations and introduced them to Sahmyook Food products and their good nutritional value and showed them the manufacturing processes. Ultimately, the Mission Day helped many invitees to better understand the church organization without prejudice. Having good contact with the local residents will be continued to meet with souls who are seeking.

KUC Mission Day at Sahmyook Health University College

Mission Day week was held at Sahmyook Health College in Korea from April 28 to May 3, 2014. Around 1500 students and staff members participated in Mission Day. Pastor Ahn InSik, who is serving at Taerung Church, was invited as the main speaker. Various events also took place on campus during the five days, such as Question Man, Find Jesus, Cooking Class for Health, Find Sahmyook Soy Milk, Free Prayer and so on. In addition, the Sulammi music team and many quartet teams were invited to perform on Sabbath. Through these kinds of events, not only Adventists but also many non-Adventists became interested in the Bible, prayer, service, and the healthy lifestyle and culture that the Seventh-day



Students of a prayer band pray for the success of Mission Day week.

Adventist Church seeks. In addition, about 150 students and staff members came together every morning and made a prayer band for a successful Mission Day and for the Holy Spirit to come upon all the people on campus during the whole week of Mission Day. As a result, a total of 104 young people were baptized by the grace of God and newly born in the name of Jesus Christ.





Southern Asia-Pacific Division YOUTH CONNECT

The Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) held a Youth Leaders Congress entitled “Make Your Mark” from July 1 to 6, 2014. Nearly 200 church leaders and ministers in charge of youth ministries from 15 countries in the SSD territories gathered at Universitas Advent Indonesia in Bandung, Indonesia. As guest speakers, Gilbert Cangy, General Conference youth ministries director, Jonatan Tejel and Moon JiWan, two associate directors, and Kim NakHyung, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) youth ministries director, were invited to share their abundant experience with the participants and to refresh their mission spirit.

Workshops on various topics, such as ministry, volunteering, leadership and discipleship, satisfied the participants’ practical needs. Lectures from experts

in each field provided strategies and ideas which they can apply directly in their churches and institutions. NSD youth director Kim NakHyung gave a lecture on “Fellowship and Leadership,” emphasizing that serving and following God in the right direction is the most important qualification of a leader.

During the congress, the participants did volunteer work at hospitals or on streets around the university. The congress ended with reports and a completion ceremony for missionaries who were involved in the “One Year in Mission” project.



Kim NakHyung
NSD Youth Director

Pastor Kim (4th from the left in the back row) and congress attendees



Pastor Kim and congress participants do volunteer clean-up on streets.





Above: A nutrition expert teaches vegetarian cooking to New Start Camp members.
Below: Doctors and participants of Detox Camp

Eden Adventist Hospital held its first “Eden New Start Camp” from June 12 to 17, 2014. The camp was specifically intended for people whom local churches and local mission counsels wanted to reach. They wanted camp participants to recover not only their physical health but their spiritual health.

About forty people came to this first camp. “I was interested in vegetarian dishes. One day, by chance, I saw a church that was having a vegetarian food tasting event. I went into the church, and that was the first step toward this camp,” said one of the camp participants. “Today I am going to be baptized by the Holy Spirit.” In addition

KUC

Korean Union Conference Supports Local Church Children’s Rooms

The Korean Union Conference (KUC) decided to give financial aid to 97 local churches during the second half of this year to improve their children’s rooms and facilities. The decision was derived from the consensus that children’s ministries could not be expected to grow without investing in it.

According to a survey on children’s ministries conducted on local churches nationwide, half of all churches in Korea have a children’s room. However, many of them lack adequate furniture and equipment for children’s education, such as desks, chairs, televisions, computers, pianos, and educational software.

Ahn JaeSoon, director of KUC children’s ministry department, said, “The survey results showed that we were not investing in children while systems for adults

KUC

Eden Adventist Hospital Places Top Priority on Medical Ministry

to her, ten other participants were reborn through baptism on Sabbath, the last day of the camp.

Recently, Eden Adventist Hospital launched several health programs, including “New Start Camp,” “Doctor Detox Camp,” and “Lifestyle Reformation Movement.” All of these programs were planned for the purpose of evangelism. “It is feasible for local churches to send many souls to our programs who are interested in healthcare or need to restore their health,” said Park ChongKi, president of Eden Adventist Hospital. “The hospital and the local churches need to create a circle of soul-winning.”

“The identity of our hospital lies in medical evangelism,” said Jung ChangKeun, vice president of Eden Adventist Hospital. The hospital put seven people in the chaplaincy department, devoting their best efforts to evangelism within the hospital. As a result, the hospital has held a baptismal ceremony almost every week.

The chaplaincy department executes various in-house mission programs, such as devotionals, prayer meeting, counseling, and Bible studies for newcomers. Also, they closely attend to newly baptized members and help them settle in a local church after they are discharged from the hospital.

Furthermore, the hospital has become affiliated with local churches, encouraging church members to regularly volunteer and donate their talents at the hospital. Local evangelism is the answer they have been looking for.



have been advanced. The churches are spacious and well-equipped, but children still have programs in a run-down environment.

“I do not expect that the subsidy will be enough to change the whole church environment for children. However, it could be the trigger for enhancing children’s ministries in local churches. I hope this subsidy provides an opportunity for church members to be concerned about children’s ministries and to try to lead more children to Jesus.”

NSD A Visit from the General Conference

By Lily Wu - CHUM Women's Ministries Director

The Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) had the special privilege to welcome Mrs. Raquel Arrais, the women's ministries associate director of the General Conference, as she visited the mission territory of CHUM from June 18 to 21, 2014.

Her itinerary began with a visit to Hong Kong Macau Conference and sharing a message with the women's association of Taiwo Church on June 19. Her days were packed with a morning devotion for the Union, videotaping three lectures for the Union website and preaching a sermon at the Hong Kong International Church on Sabbath followed by a women's ministries event in the afternoon. Nearly 300 women packed the Pioneer Memorial Church in Hong Kong that Sabbath as reports were given by each church that encouraged one another.

Besides visiting Hong Kong, Mrs. Arrais extended her steps to visit some women groups in China who felt comforted by her encouragement. Her messages brought blessings to men and women alike, and we thank her for the time she invested in visiting our territory on her way to Mongolia.



Above: Meeting at Pioneer Memorial Church in Hong Kong
Below: Mrs. Arrais in Mainland China

MM Tusgal SDA School Holds Commencement Exercise



Above: Graduating class with Tusgal school staff in Mongolia
Below: Tusgal Adventist Elementary School students sing for the graduation.

On May 8, 2014, seven students at Tusgal Elementary School marched at Ulaanbaatar SDA Central Church to receive their elementary school diplomas. Two of the students were children of the executive secretary and ministerial director of Mongolia Mission and had studied in the school since it opened in 2010. Tusgal Elementary School takes pride that one of its students received a medal from the government for academic excellence.

Due to the lack of Adventist teachers, many of the staff are non-Adventists. The latter who are involved in the program were impressed by how the church conducted the graduation exercise. Apart from academic citations, those enrolled in lower grade levels, including the graduates, were given the opportunity to present musical renditions, including a variety of songs using different instruments. The parents were very glad to see their children well-honed academically, physically, musically and, above all, spiritually. We praise God for the privilege to serve Him through Adventist education.



A group picture of some faculty and students

CHUM *Graduation Brings Tears of Joy on Clear Water Bay Campus*

On July 6, 2014, Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) and Hong Kong Adventist Academy held a joint graduation ceremony on their shared Clear Water Bay campus in Hong Kong. It was a touching event full of thanksgiving and joy.

Among the guests of honor was Dr. Lyn Bartlett, director for School of Distance Education at Andrews University (AU). As an extended campus of AU, HKAC offers three undergraduate programs that award Bachelors of

Science degrees from AU. The three programs are BS in Psychology, BS in Business Management and BS in Health and Fitness. In his speech, Dr. Bartlett congratulated all the graduates for their achievements and encouraged them to aim high in the future.

Mrs. Charlene Pak, chairperson of the Health Department at HKAC, saw the first cohort of graduates from the Health and Fitness program. She was emotional. "All the hard work and effort in the past four years paid off. The students were more like children of mine. We shared joys and sadness, laughter and tears. I'm really proud of them."

Equally touching was the moment when Charlene's 12-year-old son, Joseph Pak, spoke on stage on behalf of all the elementary school graduates. Quoting from Psalm 27:1, "The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?" he thanked all the teachers and parents for their love and support and assured them of God's leadership and protection. Joseph choked up for a few moments during his speech, which triggered immediate emotional reaction among the audience.

Graduation ceremonies are milestones of education. This year, Chinese Union Mission, which oversees the Adventist education institutions in Hong Kong, established the Chinese Adventist Seminary on Clear Water Bay campus. The main instruction language is Chinese. The Church hopes to train more gospel workers for the vast local mission field.

CHUM *Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital Celebrates 50 Years of Services*

Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital (TWAH) held a banquet to celebrate its golden jubilee on May 27, 2014, at L'Hotel Nina Et Convention Centre in Hong Kong. The banquet was also a charity event where more than 300 million Hong Kong dollars was raised for the on-going construction of the new hospital building and its future development. Dr. Ko Wing-Man, secretary for Food and Health Bureau of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, was invited to be the officiating guest. Many prominent professionals from the medical field, entrepreneurs and celebrities attended the event to witness this milestone moment.

In order to serve the low-income community, TWAH began to offer subsidized in-patient care in July. A total of twenty-five beds in five designated rooms are provided for low-income patients. The daily rate per bed per day is only HKD150 (less than USD20) which includes three basic meals and nursing care (doctor fees are extra). The patients who use subsidized beds must be Hong Kong residents.

The new hospital building, which is right beside the current facility, is still in construction, and twenty-two stories have been completed. With the new and modern facilities in sight, TWAH is poised to take its services of excellence in the city of Hong Kong to a whole new level.



Pastor Sigeharu Suzuki:

We Will Miss You

Pastor Sigeharu Suzuki, a spiritual and emotional anchor for 21 Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) families, breathed his last breath on June 22, 2014, and went into his rest awaiting his Master's return. His last words to his bereaved family members was "Let's go . . .," meaning let's go to heaven together. As he requested in his will, without a funeral ceremony, his body was taken to Chiba Medical School for medical students to study during anatomy.

During World War II, Suzuki was drafted by the Japanese Navy and sent to the Navy Aviation Training Center. After aviation training, he was put in the Kamikaze Special Attack Unit. Suzuki's grandmother was an Adventist. When he joined the navy, she asked him to follow the 10 commandments by not killing. While he was serving in the Kamikaze, he saw his fellow soldiers' boots and decided to polish them. From that time on, he would polish his fellow soldiers' boots. Knowing this, his commander crossed his name off whenever Suzuki's name was found on the flight list. Eventually, his name ended up on the flight list, but the day before his scheduled flight, World War II was over.

When the war ended, Suzuki accepted Jesus and went to Japanese Adventist College. He served as plant manager of Japanese Publishing House, dormitory dean of Hiroshima and Okinawa Academy, and a local pastor in West Japan Conference.

After his retirement, Suzuki, together with his fellow workers from the Japanese Publishing House, visited East Visayan Adventist Academy in the Philippines every year. In addition to giving monetary donations, he and his wife went to the school and built dormitories for boys and girls, classrooms, a bakery, an archgate, and more. To provide scholarships for needy students, he ate two meals a day. In 2000, the school dedicated the yearbook to Pastor Suzuki.

In 2003, when the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) started the Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) Project,

Kwon JohngHaeng
NSD Adventist Mission/Stewardship Ministries/
Global Evangelism Director



he decided to support PMM families for the rest of his life. Besides his regular visit to each of the PMM families serving all over Japan, he himself donated vehicles to all 21 PMM families. He always wore a white shirt or jacket embroidered with the words "PMM Supporter."

The PMM missionaries continued to communicate with him even after they finished their missionary terms. A memorial service was held at Kofudai Adventist Elementary School Auditorium on July 13. Seven PMM pastors from Korea and China together with Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng on behalf of the NSD attended the memorial ceremony to express their deep sorrow and gratitude.



1. Pastor and Mrs. Suzuki visit Korea to meet PMM missionaries.
2. Kofudai Elementary School where memorial service was held.
3. Pastor and Mrs. Suzuki visits Saniku Gakuin College during PMM language training.



A marching band celebrates students' graduation



Graduates and the honored guests

CHUM Taipo Sam Yuk Secondary School Celebrates 106 Graduates

Taipo Sam Yuk Secondary School held its graduation ceremony on May 18, 2014. There were 106 high school graduates this year. Upon invitation, James To Kun-sun, a veteran Legislative Council member of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, attended the ceremony and served as the main speaker. In his speech, he encouraged the graduates to trust in God's leading and

to dedicate themselves to serving the society.

Pastor Chiloee Fan, president of Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) and chairman of the school board, and Pastor Heywood Cham, executive secretary of HKMC, attended the event. The graduates presented lively performances to celebrate their achievements.



Mr. Nagano and Mrs. Nagano (next to him)

JUC Winning Those We Love Most

By Dr. Sally Phoon - Director of NSD Women's/ Children's/ Family Ministries

Kiyoto Nagano worked for a beer company in Sendai, Japan. He was addicted to drinking beer to which he had free access. At 58, he became very sick, landed in a hospital, and was forced to retire. Upon retirement, he and his wife moved, by God's providence, next door to a Seventh-day Adventist family.

Through their neighbor's witnessing efforts, Kiyoto's wife, Seiko, was led through a series of miracles to learn about our beliefs. After she was converted, she realized

that her prayers for divorce were wrong, and instead, she started praying for the salvation of her husband. Seiko was elated that she had found a church that believed in the evils of alcohol, and she insisted that Kiyoto join her in church. Because of his illness, he was impressed to obey his wife, had Bible studies and was baptized.

After becoming a church member for a year, he was called by the Lord to active ministry—a friendship ministry called the Adult Members' Association, with the target of reaching non-believing spouses.

In Japan, it is a challenge to win non-believing husbands because of the responsibility they have to tend to the graves of their parents and ancestors. Many think that once they become Christians, they will have to give up doing this, which is furthest from the truth. Now, pastors attempt to explain how we can still fulfill our responsibility as well as be full-fledged Christians.

Now, fourteen years later, the Adult Members' Association is comprised of four key couples in their community. Their joy is to share their own testimonies, organize social events to draw non-believing spouses, particularly husbands (since they are the greater challenge), into their social circle so they can be reached with the gospel. Besides seeing the joy of baptisms, the group has gone around to other churches to help them get organized in this important task of winning those whom we love the most.



MM Two Mongolian Pastors Ordained to the Ministry

During the vesper program on July 25, 2014, an ordination service took place at Khairthaan Resort, Ulaanbaatar. Sodnompil Sodbyamba, aka Sodo, and Moonon Ganbadral, aka Gana, together with their respective families were dedicated to the ministry. Sodo started his missionary work back in 2003 serving at Tolgoit Church. Presently, he is the youth director of Mongolia Mission. Gana joined the church work in 2002 and was first assigned to Selenge Church. He is now the

church pastor at Erdenet.

A good number of people in the congregation witnessed the ordination, which was held during summer camp. Pastor Elbert Kuhn, president of Mongolia Mission, offered the charge and the prayer of dedication. The ordained pastors gave their commitment response in closing. The following day, they performed their first baptisms as eleven precious souls received Jesus Christ.



Two ordained pastors' family members with other ministers



Pastor Gana baptizing a new member

MM Recipient of Women's Ministries Scholarship Graduates

By Dr. Sally Phoon - Director of NSD Women's/ Children's/ Family Ministries

We congratulate Ms. Purevdulam Jugderjav, the children's and women's ministries director of Mongolia Mission, on her graduation from Ulaanbaatar University in June 2014. Ms. Purevdulam has been making sacrifices over the last four years to better equip herself to serve her people. She has completed a four-year bachelor's degree in the area of family studies, a new major which is much needed in Mongolia as the country is catapulted from an agrarian under-developed society into a vibrant agricultural industrial market economy.



Dr. Sally Phoon and Ms. Purevdulam Jugderjav

CHUM

Kowloon Sam Yuk Secondary School Is Proud of Its New Graduates



Graduates and the honored guest

“Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One. . . .” Beautiful singing flows from the sixty-year-old sanctuary of the Kowloon Adventist Church on Boundary Street, Kowloon District, Hong Kong SAR. It is May 25, 2014, graduation day for the 100-plus graduates at Kowloon Sam Yuk Secondary School.

It is the 42nd graduation ceremony in the school’s history. Dr. Wong, a Sam Yuk alumnus and a professor at Lingnan University, is the honored speaker. He challenges the students to never stop learning and to bravely go forward in the days ahead.

Twenty-three outstanding graduates are awarded scholarships for their excellent school performance. Graduates sing “Shalom to you, my friend” as a way of saying goodbye. It is a bittersweet moment in the lives of these promising young people.

CHUM Adventist Media Team in China Wins the Bronze Eagle Statue in Gospel Short Film Competition



Tony Chou (left), Taiwan Signs of the Times Publishing Association manager

In the first Chinese Gospel Short Film Competition in Taiwan, organized by Christian Tribune, a short film by Adventist media team Qifang titled “My Father” won the bronze eagle statue.

The award ceremony was held on the evening of August 8, 2014, in Taipei. Signs of the Times publishing house manager, Tony Chou, received the statue on behalf of Qifang team.

The organizer received 65 submissions of short films from around the world, and 20 were chosen to be considered for the final awards of gold, silver and bronze statues.

The theme for this competition was father and son relationships—to illustrate our relationship with our Heavenly Father. The Qifang team’s short film tells the story of a runaway son who finally understands the love of his father through trial and hardship.

KUC

Dr. Kim, KwangKyu, President of Sahmyook Health University College, Receives *Presidential Citation*

Dr. Kim KwangKyu, president of Sahmyook Health University College (SHUC), received a presidential citation from the Korean government on July 21, 2014, for his dedication and contribution to the operation of the college and the establishment of an exemplary college system.

“SHUC considers ‘sharing happiness’ a core value of college operation,” Dr. Kim said. “Professors should first be happy in order to make students happy. The students will then share the happiness with their colleagues and neighbors when they graduate and enter society. Then our God, who has established this college, will be glorified.” Dr. Kim was the first president to ever receive a presidential citation in the history of SHUC.

Because of this citation, SHUC will receive about USD 13 million over the next five years from government funding. They also have the opportunity to be recognized by the public as an excellent college. Dr. Kim’s leadership and his college-operating principles will now be used as a benchmark by other colleges.



Dr. Kim, KwangKyu, president of SHUC

CHUM

ADVENTIST HEALTH MISSION

in Golden Triangle

A mission trip was organized from March 21 to 30, 2014, by the Health Mission Department of Adventist Health Hong Kong to provide free clinics for the villagers in three Chinese villages of Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai in northern Thailand. The Adventist Health mission team consisted of 27 members, including five doctors, two medical students, four young women from Bible Auditorium, seven missionaries from China, and many others. During the 10-day mission trip, the team traveled back and forth to different villages, serving 954 patients, including 781 patients at the eye/general clinic and 173 patients at the dental clinic. Prior to the arrival of the team members, the missionaries worked in the villages, doing visitations, giving Bible studies, teaching kids Mandarin and running a school of 50 kids. The team brought with them 300 mosquito nets, 70 kgs of Bibles, spiritual books and children's stories, \$50,000 of dental supplies, and many medical supplies. Also, a motorcycle and a projector were donated to the mission work there. We praise the Lord that at the end of the trip, the team witnessed 40 baptisms and 1 profession of faith, for a total of 41 people joining the Chinese Adventist Church.



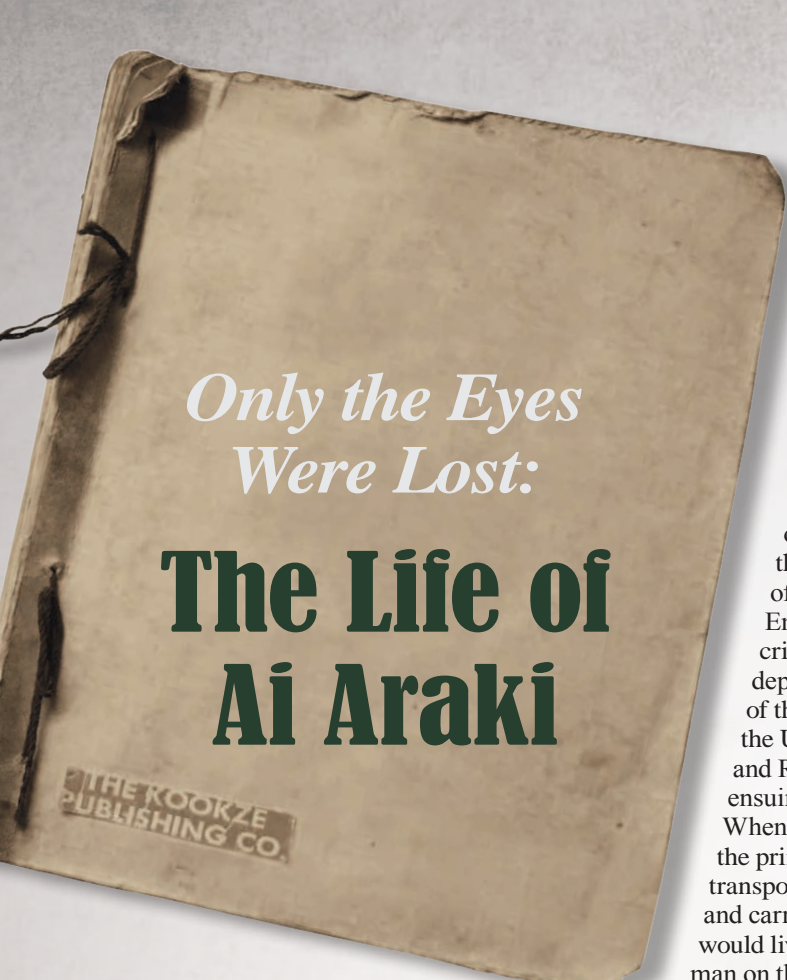
1. New congregation
2. Dr. & Mrs. Huang from Adventist Health Hong Kong
3. Mission work results in Baptisms.

KUC Seoul National Family Center and West Central Korean Conference Hold Couples Training Seminar



Couples participating in couples training seminar take picture together.

Seoul National Family Center opened a couples training seminar in cooperation with the West Central Korean Conference (WCKC) family ministries department on June 15, 2014, at Nowon district office. About twenty soon-to-be-married couples living in Nowon district in Seoul attended the seminar. WCKC was in charge of one of the classes, "enhancing the relationship of married couples." Pastor Lee JungWah, director of WCKC family ministries, said, "It is expected that the Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church will broaden its field of activity as well as improve the church image through this co-work project." WCKC is not going to make it a one-time event. They are planning to keep in touch with class members, give them marriage counseling, and, above all, share the Gospel of Christ.

The image shows the front cover of an old, weathered book. The cover is made of a light-colored, textured material, possibly paper or cloth, and is bound with dark string on the left side. The title "Only the Eyes Were Lost:" is printed in a white, serif font. Below it, the author's name "The Life of Ai Araki" is printed in a larger, bold, dark green serif font. At the bottom left of the cover, there is a small rectangular stamp that reads "THE KOOKZE PUBLISHING CO." in a sans-serif font.

*Only the Eyes
Were Lost:*

The Life of Ai Araki

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The year Aiko Masaki was born in 1890 on the island of Kyushu, Abram La Rue, the tenacious itinerant evangelist, was handing out Adventist publications on Honshu. Later that year Stephen Haskell visited Japan and reported in the *Adventist Review*, “We baptized one man in Japan. There are others who are interested; and we learned that the Sabbath question has been discussed among the Japanese, and that there are some of them keeping the Sabbath.”

Aiko, or Ai, as she would be known throughout her life, was born in the southernmost town in the Japanese archipelago called Kagoshima. The tiny girl entering the world had no idea what she was getting into. All in all she would live through the most devastating conflicts the earth has ever seen, the two World Wars, in which approximately 100 million people lost their lives. In the second of these wars a military tactic unprecedented in history was perpetrated on Japan: the deployment of the atomic bomb.

Japan would undergo several political upheavals, forever jettisoning

isolationism, forever transforming its cultural outlook. Ai lived through the fall of the Ottoman Empire, several crippling economic depressions, the rise of the superpowers the United States and Russia, and the ensuing Cold War. When she was born, the primary mode of transportation was horse and carriage, but she would live to witness a man on the moon.

Ai would have mountains and valleys in her personal life. She would not grow over five feet tall and would remain slight her entire life. In her teenage years in a space of weeks she simply went blind—just like that. The doctors had no diagnosis. As an adherent of Tenrikyo, a sect of Shinto, Ai was assured that Hinokishin (acts of charity) could restore her sight. However, after she gave away all her money and possessions, she still could not see. Next she tried Tanno (joyous acceptance) to cope with her tragic loss, but she could find no peace, for her condition was always before her. The young girl seriously entertained the thought of ending her life.

Somehow she coped, and life began looking up for her—for a time. A traditional occupation for the visually impaired in Japan was massage therapy, and Ai determinedly trained in the art. She gained renown as a masseuse and also as a teacher in a school for the visually impaired. In her early twenties she married a man named Araki who was dying of tuberculosis. They had a son. Shortly

after, Ai lost her husband to the dreaded illness.

During that dark period, Sakurajima, the volcano mountain looming over the city, erupted, the most powerful in the 20th century in Japan. The volcano had been dormant for over a century, but on that day in January 1914 the fire spit forth in its fury, generating rare eruption columns and pyroclastic flows, drowning the city in lava and terminating 35 lives. The eruption actually altered the region’s topography: Ai’s hometown that was once an island becoming a peninsula. Months later the lava was still flowing from Sakurajima.

It seemed as if God had forsaken the diminutive, blind, widowed, young single mother, but He hadn’t. As kingdom rose against kingdom, and World War I commenced, Ai met Hide Kuniya, one of the first in her country to be baptized and later ordained by Seventh-day Adventists. A giant of a pioneer, Kuniya began the Adventist work in Korea. As he did with hundreds of others, the humble man led Ai to Jesus in an extended series of Bible studies that covered Genesis to Revelation. Ai Araki was baptized at age 26 and began working for the church as a Bible instructor.

Ai developed into an uncanny soul-winner. One of her tried and true techniques was this: She’d take her Bible—not the braille one, the normal one—to a neighbor and ask him or her to read it to her. Of course, out of compassion, the neighbor would read to this blind women as requested. The clever Ai always selected a particularly compelling passage, and upon reading, the neighbor’s interest would be heightened, a conversation would ensue, and Araki would lead the neighbor to Christ. In this way, many souls were won to the kingdom of God on the island of Kyushu.

In the interwar years Ai became a significant church leader on the island of Kyushu, credentialed as a licensed missionary and a member of the executive committee of the Kyushu Mission. Growth in the non-Christian country was never explosive, but progress was steady.

On the horizon, though, a more devastating war was fast approaching, destined to not only rock the globe but the fragile presence of Adventism in Northeast Asia. In the summer of 1937 Japan invaded China, thus initiating the war in the Pacific theater. With the onset of the Second Sino-Japanese War in 1937, Araki's world again began closing in on her. Government paranoia manifested itself in surveillance of any secret meetings, especially of Christian churches, which were seen as foreign and thus suspicious. Adventism in particular was viewed as an American export, and after Emperor Hirohito (Japan), Benito Mussolini (Italy), and Adolph Hitler (Germany) inked the tripartite pact in late 1940 and the Axis alliance was cemented, Adventism's foreign missionaries in Japan were persona non grata. In 1941 the General Conference withdrew all missionaries from the nation.

Things got worse. While Ai quietly shared the truths of Scripture, the Seventh-day Adventist church was officially dissolved in Japan in early 1943. One of the main reasons for this was the church's emphasis on the second coming of Jesus, which cut crosswise with the cult of the emperor and the reign of the imperial house. On September 20, 1943, 42 Adventists across the Japanese archipelago were imprisoned by the Japanese government. With the majority of those imprisoned being Adventist leaders, and the membership in Japan being fewer than 1,300, this seemed to be the death blow. Ai Araki was among those imprisoned, for she had been spreading Adventism in the country for a quarter of a century.

Ai had her braille Bible confiscated by the police. She was closely interrogated but because of her blindness and unimposing stature and manner she was released, after being commanded to not speak of Christianity again. That September morning the lone woman exited the prison building with nowhere to go (her home had been destroyed by air raids), nothing to eat, many of her fellow believers imprisoned, and

the doors of her little modest church bolted. The city, like so many others throughout Japan, had been ravaged by bombs, and where there were no active conflagrations, there was only charred ash.

As she did at every other time in her turbulent life, Ai persevered. Tempered by the vicissitudes of life, immune to all the devil could throw at her, and quite frankly tough as nails, Ai Araki rallied the scattered and terrified believers throughout her seaport home of Kagoshima. With the church officers locked up, Ai Araki became pastor, elder, deacon, treasurer, stopping at this house, that apartment, this dwelling, that home,



Ai Araki reading braille Bible

praying, encouraging, uplifting. Of this time she said, "My life is always filled with prayer. In fact, my life is prayer."

Araki rallied the 40-some Adventists in the seaport town. It is said that her very presence was like a jolt of courage to them. Under her leadership through those impossible war years, her church, those 40 believers, did not miss one Sabbath service. On this Sabbath they gathered in the mountain forests, on that Sabbath in a Japanese cemetery park where gatherings would raise no suspicion. At each meeting the tiny figure of Ai could be spotted, whether wrapped in a blanket in winter

or under an umbrella in early summer. She was always marked by a patient determination that was stronger than all the power of the warring nations.

Periodically, Ai and her band of believers received word that an Adventist prisoner had died or certain members had been killed in blasts. When the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Ai's home nation seemed on the brink of extinction, but she kept her eye on her flock. By the time the brutal war was over, only a quarter of Adventists in Japan could be found. However, all 40 of Ai's group was intact, the only congregation to emerge from the smoke of war.

Within a year after the war, the *Missions Quarterly* reported that Araki had led thirteen new converts to Jesus Christ. Ai's Kingdom of God outlasted the most powerful kingdoms of this world. It was quiet, it appeared to suffer loss, but it would not be defeated. When the final round of ammunition rattled off in the distance, His truth marched on.

The sun rose over Sakurajima Mountain on Tuesday of January 1, ushering in the new decade, the 1980s. The 90-year-old blind woman, now very frail, each line on her face telling the tale of struggle, rose early to pray and trace her fingers along the raised dot characters of the Words of Life. Later in the day she ambled unsteadily out of her house, clutching a Book in her left hand, and was kindly led to the door of a family who had just recently moved into her neighborhood. When the mother of the family opened the door Ai greeted her warmly and was ushered into the home. After socializing for a bit, Ai asked her new neighbor if she would be so gracious as to read her a passage from the Book she held in her hand.



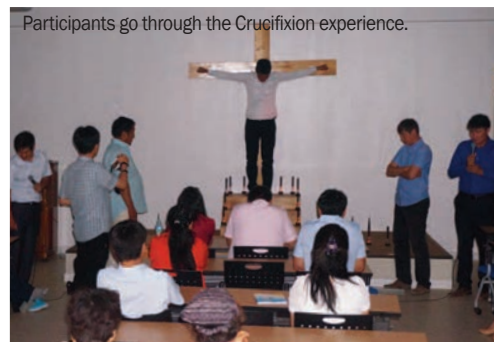
Benjamin Baker
Assistant Archivist
at the General Conference

A Taste of Spiritual Immersion

From June 5 to 15, 2014, Mongolia Mission sent fifteen couples to Jeju, South Korea, to attend a family retreat co-sponsored by Northern Asia-Pacific Division at its newly constructed Training Center. The group was the first batch to use the Center, and the meeting was such a rare privilege and an experience to remember.

Everyone had a taste of spiritual immersion during the 10-day program at a place a good distance away from the city with no internet access to distract the minds. Adding serenity was the “no-talking policy” for an entire week. The silence indulged the group in prayer, Bible reading, and most importantly, in listening to the voice of God. As early as 5:30 a.m., Pastor Hong KwangEui, together with Pastor Jo JangJin as translator, started the lectures that mainly discussed family relations, healthy diet, seeking of the Holy Spirit, Jesus’ death and being born anew with Christ. He also encouraged the group to participate in fasting that lasted for two days. The physical hunger the group endured paved way for a more spiritual drive to be like Jesus. Thus, they all felt emotional when they participated in the symbolic reenactment of Jesus’ crucifixion during vespers.

The testimonies the group gave in closing were, indeed, moving and inspiring. Everyone attested to the power of prayer, fasting and meditation. Each departed the place with a renewed spirit and a conviction to walk as Jesus walks.



NSD Leadership Training Center Admits the Second Batch of Trainees from Taiwan



Spiritual Training participants from Taiwan

On June 13, 2014, twenty-two trainees from Taiwan entered the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Leadership Training Center in Jeju, South Korea. The trainees included Huang Qingfu, minister of Taipei Church, five other pastors, Bible teachers, and lay members. Among the trainees were some who had left the church for years and had recently returned and others who had just started attending the Adventist church. One woman attended the program with her 10-month daughter and two sons, ages 8 and 5. It was not easy for her to fully concentrate on the training, but she eagerly participated in all the classes, setting a good example for the rest of the trainees.

The trainees had the opportunity to reflect on their past spiritual lives. Their earnest prayers to restore themselves

to God echoed around the training center. One person prayed all night in a prayer room without electricity. Their faces were expressive of the joy of seeing Jesus Christ. Everything in the training center was unfamiliar to them, but their relationship with God was getting stronger. They testified that it was time to experience the power of prayer and God’s word.

The Leadership Training Center recently opened, but the construction is not finished yet and the center is not fully equipped. The prayers and devotion of church members are greatly needed. Pastor Hong KwangEui, director of the Leadership Training Center, asked the trainees for help. At that time, one church elder from Taipei declared that he would make a donation of 10,000 USD. His declaration led others to make a decision. All trainees decided to make donations so that their families, friends, and church members could also attend. They truly hoped that their families and friends in Taiwan could have an opportunity to be renewed in the spirit just as they had been.

It was a blessing that Pastor Chung DaeBok, who had served as a PMM pastor in Taiwan for ten years, was together with the Taiwanese trainees. His translation not only helped the Taiwanese trainees, but he was able to deliver testimonies from them to Korean trainees.

After the two-week training course was completed, the twenty-two trainees returned to their home country with God’s holy calling. It is anticipated that they will lead the spiritual revival of Adventists in Taiwan.



Spiritual Leadership Training participants from Japan



Japanese participants attentively listen to the message.

34 Trainees from Japan Enter NSD Jeju Leadership Training Center

On June 29, 2014, thirty-four trainees from East and West Japan Conferences arrived at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Jeju Leadership Training Center. The Japanese trainees ranged from retired pastors to young ministers in their internship. The number of trainees was larger than those of the first or second batch from Mongolia and Taiwan, but there was no disorder or confusion during the training. Everyone participated diligently in all the training programs without any complaints despite the lack of facilities.

After completing one week of training, one retired pastor spoke from his heart. “Since my wife died, I have spent so much time in tears. I came to this center to comfort myself. However, what I discovered was that in my life I have never been genuinely sad about my sins. Also, my broken heart was mended through the training here.”

Pastor Toshiharu Yamaji, president of West Japan Conference, said it was a very blessed week being able to spend days in prayer in the beauty of nature God created for us. “When I decided to come here, I had no idea what it would be like. Now I am so glad I did. More people should come here to hear what God says to us and to meet Him. I hope that more Japanese Adventists will make a decision to dedicate their lives to God,” said Pastor Yamaji.

The first training of Japanese Adventists at the center rekindled the mission spirit in their minds. As Pastor Yamaji hopes, the trainees will spark a restoration in the Japanese Adventist Church. Their one-week of training, including fellowship with God, meditation of His words, and moderate life with healthy food and fasting, will serve as a small but powerful engine for Japanese Church revival.

At the end of the training, many of the trainees voluntarily promised to support the training center. They are going to continue praying as well as contribute sponsorship money. They have promised to lead more people to the center so that others can have wonderful experiences as they did.

The NSD Leadership Training Center is now planning to construct a church building. When the church is built, there will be enough prayer rooms for trainees. The progress of the construction is behind schedule due to lack of funds. There is great need of earnest prayer at this center.

The good news is that the Japanese Adventist Church saw the need for a house for prayer and determined to build one in Japan. We hope that the prayer house is completed soon and that it will help hasten the second coming of Jesus Christ.





Golden Angels 11: Music Ministry in Korean Schools and Churches

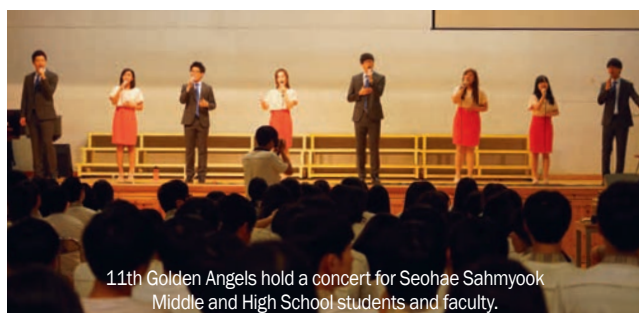
By Park JaeHyuk - Golden Angels 11

We, the Golden Angels 11th group, visited several Sahmyook middle and high schools and also some local churches in Korea.

Visiting Schools

We visited three schools: Seoul Sahmyook Middle and High School (June 10), Seohae Sahmyook Middle and High School (June 23), and Donghae Sahmyook Middle and High School (July 1).

At the schools, we had a chance to talk to the students. Pastor Kim NakHyung and Pastor Park KunChun said some encouraging words, and we sang a song to help them connect with the Holy Spirit. During that time, we also felt that the Spirit was with us! We had a great experience. We praise the Lord our God. He really listens to our prayers and praises.



11th Golden Angels hold a concert for Seohae Sahmyook Middle and High School students and faculty.



Golden Angels visit the Cornerstone Church.

Visiting Churches

We also visited some churches in Korea. First, we visited Cheongso Church and Daecheon Church on June 28. In Korea, there seems to be more older people than young people. I think we need to overcome that situation. If time passes without any changes, our church will lose the power to spread the gospel. We still want to spread the gospel, and to make this dream come true, we need to raise the younger generation.

Next, we visited the Multicultural Family Center on July 12. We sang praises during the Sabbath school program and in the afternoon. During the concert, the music suddenly turned off, so we had to sing without the sound track. Despite the situation, by God's grace and mercy we were able to finish gracefully.

After that, we visited Hwasoon Church on July 18. It took a long time to get there, but God gave us strength and energy so that we could spread His words and praises to every church member. It was a great experience feeling that God is with us.

Our next stop was the Cornerstone Church on July 19. This is a new church, and they have a passion for God's words and are eager to spread the gospel. When we were having our program there, we sang together, and all of us were touched.

Our fifth stop was Bitgoeul church on July 19. This church is really big, and our equipment seemed inadequate. We tried to connect with theirs, but we couldn't, so we ended up having to use our equipment. Fortunately, we were still able to cover the church. Surely, God must have helped us.

The last church was Toegyewon Church on August 1, where Sunny, our soprano singer, used to attend. When we went there, we sang our new songs, and we spread the message through the lyrics. In addition to the church members, we were also touched by the lyrics of the song.

Thanks to the prayers of those who were praying for the Golden Angels mission trip, we were able to overcome the situation we faced at every moment.



HisHands Mission Movement Hosts a Booth at the Korean Youth Congress

The East Central Korean Conference youth ministry department participated in the Korean Youth Congress held at Sahmyook University from June 27 to 29, 2014, as a host of a booth to promote the HisHands Mission Movement (HHMM). Like other booths set around Solomon Plaza at the university, the HHMM booth introduced its ministry to visitors. About 500 young Adventists visited the booth and sought information about HHMM activities and other details. For them, the HHMM booth had an event of making a handprint craft, demonstrating the purpose of HHMM, going out to seek people “as His hands.” It is anticipated that their small but symbolic experience will be expanded to actual mission work in their own mission fields.



The HHMM booth has an event of making a handprint craft.



Above: Pastor Han SukHee, NSD communication director, serves as the speaker.
Below: Children enjoy art activities.

HisHands Evangelism at Banqiao Happiness Church

Banqiao Happiness Church in Taiwan held a children’s Bible school and an evangelistic meeting from July 21 to 26, 2014, with the help of HisHands missionaries from Korea. Pastor Han SukHee, communication director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, served as the speaker.

The Korean HisHands members distributed pamphlets in the morning, and in the afternoon they together with Taiwanese young people held Bible class, Korean language class and health cooking class.

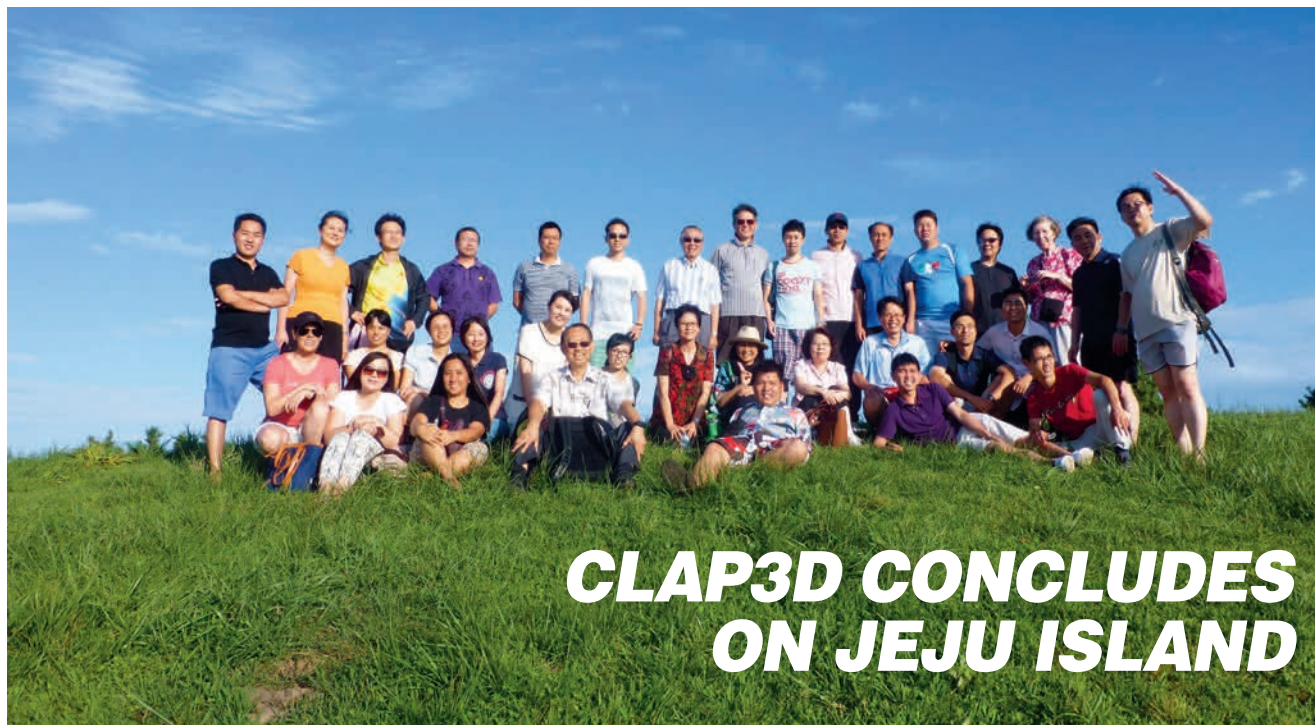
The members were worried about the big typhoon in Taiwan. However, they ended up being thankful to God for the situation. Because of the typhoon, all schools and companies were temporarily closed, allowing more people to attend the meetings.

About 20 children attended the Bible school, and 15 new adults attended the evangelistic meeting. Three of them were baptized and became the children of God that Sabbath.

After the program, Banqiao Happiness Church reorganized their children’s class and youth class, and they decided to continue the Korean class. The church members and the Korean HisHands members were determined to win souls.



Banqiao Happiness Church is happy to be with the three people who were baptized and became children of God.



Just before the Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP3D) began on Sunday, August 3, 2014, Typhoon Kompasu hit Jeju Island leading to the complete shutdown of Jeju Airport on Saturday, August 2. Although winds were still howling, our participants arrived safely in Jeju from all over the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). It was by God's providence that 90 percent of all participants arrived safely on Sunday with a few more coming on Monday and Tuesday due to flight cancellations.

This was the first time that CLAP met at the newly built Adventist Training Center owned by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). Praise God that the next anticipated typhoon changed its course and bypassed Jeju with some light showers. The weather was pleasant for many days which allowed us to visit a few of God's marvelous creations on this unique resort island.

The participants were upbeat in their group work and group discussions in English and in leadership classes. The focus for leadership was on abuse prevention education and how to handle abuse at the church and institutional levels as well as learning about boardmanship. A class in understanding themselves by using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) was also presented.

Guest speaker, Dr. Eugene Hsu, consultant to the Mission and Research Strategy Center of the NSD, came all the way from the United States and shared his ideas on leadership with regards to decision-making,

priorities, pitfalls and rewards. His presentations, which were based on his vast experience and peppered with wit and humor, captured the attention of all participants. CLAP3D ended on a high note with the visit of NSD

Above: CLAP3D members share their thoughts in leadership class.
Below: Interaction and discussion in English class



president, Dr. Jairyong Lee, who personally presented each person with a plaque of completion. The CLAP members responded to his message of encouragement and a reminder of our mission with a rousing song that made its debut one year ago at the International Mission Congress as its theme song—“We are Standing.” The harmony was simply out of this world! A prayer of commitment with all our teachers and with Dr. Lee laying hands on the participants concluded the simple graduation ceremony and symbolically sent the group out to a lifetime of service for their Master.

Many participants expressed their appreciation for this life-transforming program. Pastor Baik InWoo said, “My mind was changed; it was broadened to see things on a wider perspective, to understand our world-wide church a lot more.” Dennis Li from China had this to say: “CLAP for me is more than a program. It is a life-changing milestone. I have been longing for a change in my life. God heard my cry, and in His time He designed this beautiful program to bring me back to His side. As a member from China, I often feel isolated from the World Church. CLAP helped me understand that I am not alone. I belong to this big family.” Pastor Yasuki Aoki from Japan said, “Joining CLAP is a good experience for me because it’s an opportunity to improve my English ability. I can also interact with the participants from other countries, understand and accept their culture and thinking. It’s definitely an unforgettable memory for me.”

The NSD has graduated three CLAP groups over a period of six years since 2008. About one hundred leaders from all its territories have experienced the transformation that CLAP stands for—transformation in



Above: Certificate of Appreciation to Mrs. Erica Hole, CLAP curriculum designer and English teacher
Below: CLAP 3D group picture - We are from everywhere.

their ability to function in English, transformation in their leadership skills and knowledge and above all, a spiritual transformation that promises a deeper commitment to the God whom we serve. May CLAP continue to build and prepare leaders now and for the future.



Sally Lam Phoon
NSD CLAP Coordinator

The Third 1000-Bible Distribution



Pastor Lee EunSup, associate director of 1000 Missionary Movement (left), and Elder Han JongSuk (right) present Cebuian Bibles to two Cebuian children.

The third 1000-Bible distribution, referred to as Unending Challenge, was conducted in Cebu by Elder Han JongSuk and Gwak SamNam (from the 37th group of 1000 Missionary Movement missionaries) on May 31, 2014. The event took place on the last Sabbath of a large evangelistic meeting with 600 baptismal candidates who accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. All those who were baptized were recipients of Cebuian Bibles. It was a wonderful event. This was the third successive event rendered by Elder Han. The first and second distributions were held in Diplahan City in Zamboanga. This third distribution was conducted in Mega City Cebu.

Elder Han is passionate about extending this missionary work in the name of the 1000 Missionary Movement until 1 million Bibles are spread throughout the Philippines. His desire is to quench the hunger and thirst for spiritual food by distributing the living word of God.

NSD Pastors Discuss Mission in UT

Kim SiYoung

NSD PARL Director, PMM Coordinator



Missionaries who preach the Gospel in a land that does not offer freedom of evangelism to foreigners face endless challenges. Thirteen PMM (Pioneer Mission Movement) pastors dispatched in China, labeled “Unorganized Territory (UT),” are such missionaries. In spite of endless challenges, however, they never stop doing their mission work.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held a UT PMM Mission Forum at Jeju Leadership Training Center from July 18 to 20, 2014. At the forum, NSD president Jairyong Lee, NSD PMM director Kim SiYoung, Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) secretary Daniel Jiao, Korean Union Conference personal ministries director Kang SoonGi, and other delegates and 13 PMM pastors working in China joined to discuss missionary strategies for China.

At the opening worship service, President Lee reminded the attendees that the reason the NSD launched PMM was to restore mission spirit and to train spiritual leaders. Citing a Bible verse from Matthew chapter 25, he said, “The ultimate goal of missionaries is to be acknowledged as ‘a good and faithful servant’ by God. God is the one who gives you the mission, and God is the one who sends you there.” He urged attendees to strive to earn praise not from other people but from God.

John Ash, who is director of Adventist Volunteer Services in CHUM and who has worked as a missionary for forty-four years, talked about important qualifications for a missionary. “It is natural that people living in your mission field have both feelings of curiosity and fear. You have to be patient to build a good relationship with them. Also, missionaries should always be interested in what your souls need and satisfy their needs in a creative way.”



Above: UT PMM pastors and NSD leaders share UT mission stories.
Below: Leaders from CHUM and NSD listen to mission reports.

The forum included reports by the thirteen PMM pastors on mission work in their own mission fields. They developed and implemented mission strategies according to each one’s circumstances. Some of the PMM pastors run a pizza restaurant or a farm. Another pastor taught Korean at a university and introduced God to students. Some pastors ran a Pathfinder program, bringing not only children but their parents to church. For some pastors, the Korean Wave was the key to preaching the Gospel. Above all, they trained local church members and helped them build twenty new churches. All attendees were touched by God’s grace which made all of these success stories possible.

In the breakout session, led by Pastor Kim SiYoung, the participants were divided into three groups and exchanged their opinions and thoughts about planting new churches. Everyone agreed that the ministries of PMM pastors would be much more powerful with the support of CHUM, and the CHUM delegates promised to help PMM pastors’ ministries.

The success stories of mission work in China will continue to be made and evangelism will speed up. Until Jesus comes and calls us “good and faithful servants,” PMM missionaries will never stop facing the challenges in China.



UT PMM missionaries together with NSD, CHUM and KUC leaders

TEN DAYS OF PRAYER

January 7-17, 2015

SILVER SPRING, MD – Experience ten life-changing days with the Savior as you start your year with prayer during the Ten Days of Prayer, January 7-17, 2015. The Ten Days of Prayer is a time to organize a group of friends, neighbors, church members, or family to spend uninterrupted time together in prayer.

The theme for this initiative is, “Experiencing the Fruits of the Spirit,” based on Galatians 5:22-25. Each day we will be praying for and learning about these ten attributes of the Spirit. You are encouraged to go to www.TenDaysOfPrayer.org to register yourself or your group. While there, you will find promotional materials as well as downloadable guidelines for leaders, which will enable a first-time leader to easily walk a group through an hour of prayer. You’ll also find daily theme sheets with prayer requests that reflect personal needs as well as the needs of the world-wide Seventh-day Adventist Church. At the bottom of the web page, you can post prayer requests or praises on the Community Comments section. How exciting to be uniting together as a church to pray for specific requests and to see God work by pouring out the Holy Spirit in even greater measure!

Hope Channel and the General Conference Ministerial Association will once again partner to produce live broadcasts of the program, Let’s Pray. Each evening, a devotional thought on the theme for the day will be presented and viewers will be invited to participate by sharing and praying for requests on the program. Let’s Pray can be viewed on DirecTV 368 and streaming online at hopetv.org.

Why do we have Ten Days of Prayer? It is a time for individuals to meet together and experience the power that comes with united prayer and to pray in one accord so God’s power can be unleashed and the great controversy ended. If you or your group is unable to meet during the designated

Teach us to

PRAY

10 Life-Changing Days in the Lord’s Prayer

Day 1	The Secret of His Power
Day 2	Children of the King
Day 3	Name Above All Names
Day 4	Kingdom Work First
Day 5	Walking in Step with Jesus
Day 6	Filled to Overflowing
Day 7	Clean Hands, Pure Heart
Day 8	Victory in Jesus
Day 9	Unlimited Power
Day 10	Pleading for the Spirit

THEMES BASED ON LUKE 11:1-13

days, chose an alternate ten days that works for you so that you can still participate in the blessing.

“Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven’s storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence? Without unceasing prayer and diligent watching we are in danger of growing careless and of deviating from the right path” *Steps to Christ* pp. 94, 95.

A Letter from a Reader



This is a note to express my appreciation for the fine reporting and inspirational stories of faith, outreach and revival and reformation in your NSD magazine *News and Views*. After seeing and hearing of the great things God is doing with the creative and innovative programs developed and maintained in the NSD, your magazine keeps reaffirming and updating how God is continuing to do exploits through the power of His Holy Spirit. May God continue to bless and build the work in the NSD.

Delbert W. Baker

General Vice President
General Conference of SDA

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