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Moving of NSD Office to Seoul, Korea

The new NSD office will be located near Seoul, Korea. This was confirmed at a meeting in Seoul, Korea, at the end of February which was held by the General Conference representatives, NSD officers and all Union presidents of NSD including EAA.

From the beginning of the search for a suitable location for the NSD office, Ilsan which is a new city was seriously considered. At the last meeting in Seoul, the city was finally chosen as the best place for the new NSD office. Ilsan is located in a northerly direction from the Kimpo Airport and it is about a one half hour drive from the airport. The city has been developed as a new city for residences and many tall apartment buildings can be seen there. Its population is around 100,000 and it is said the view is nice and the environment is good.

According to the present schedule, the move of the NSD office from Singapore to Korea will be in the middle of 1997. The plan is to use a floor of an office building for the NSD and to find some apartments for the staff close to the office building.

We would like to solicit your prayers for the relocation of the new Division so that we may move in safety and continue to press on with God's work without undue delay.



Lay Public Evangelism Seminar in Korea

This seminar was held from February 28 to March 2, 1997. More than 350 registered lay delegates from all over the Korean Union Conference (KUC) attended at Deer Mountain which is one of the training centers in KUC. The main objective of the gathering was to inspire and to train lay public evangelists and to enable them to serve the Lord in a better way.

Pastor Hong Myung Kwan, Northern Asia-Pacific Division Sabbath School (SS)/Personal Ministries (PM) Director; Pastor Kim Dae Sung, KUC SS/PM Director; Pastor Han Sang Woo, KUC President; and Kim Kwang Doo, KUC Treasurer led out in the seminar. Under the theme text of Hebrew 3:1, Pastor Hong gave a series of lectures on THE MISSION OF THE REMNANT CHURCH, THE BIRTH OF THE REMNANT CHURCH, THE GREAT COMMISSION IS GIVEN TO THE REMNANT CHURCH, RELATION BETWEEN THE MISSION OF ELIJAH AND THE REMNANT CHURCH, AND BEING FILLED WITH THE POWER OF THE LATTER RAIN. Printed materials for evangelism on various topics were distributed to all delegates after the seminar.

During the meetings, testimonies given by several outstanding lay public evangelists and soul winning champions touched the heart of the delegates. They also experienced several inspiring and exciting encounters as a result of the seminar. The lay delegates were very successful in inviting interested people into the felt need programs such as: hydrotherapy service, NEWSTART Seminar, health cooking class, and free medical treatment service.

Before 1993, there were only six organized lay

public evangelism teams, but currently they have organized 25 teams in order to win more souls.

Small Group Evangelism Seminar in Hong Kong

The Small Group Evangelism Seminar was conducted at the Hong Kong - Macao Conference office from March 6 to 9, 1997 and forty lay leaders and twenty pastors participated. Pastor Hong Myung Kwan, NSD SS/PM Director was the speaker for the seminar.

He presented the following topics: (1) God's Plan for Explosive Church Growth, (2) The Role and Organization of Small Group Activities, (3) How Small Groups Function, and (4) The Commission and Responsibilities of Small Group Leaders. The seminar gave practical ideas for conducting small group meetings and for doing outreach in their communities. Those who attended the seminar were inspired and encouraged to carry on with the small group activities in their local churches.

At Last New Church Logo!



SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST
CHURCH

The Cross - The symbol of the cross, representing the gospel of salvation, is positioned in the center of the design to emphasize Christ's sacrifice for us all. This is the central theme of our faith.

The Bible - The Bible represents the Biblical foundation of our beliefs. Notice that it is portrayed in a fully opened position which suggests a full acceptance of God's word. The Bible represents the law and the flame represents the Spirit. Isn't it strikingly beautiful how the two come together at the cross!

The Flame - This shape is formed by three lines encircling an implied sphere. The lines represent the three angels circling the globe and our commission to take the gospel to the entire world. The overall shape forms a flame symbolic of the Holy Spirit.



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

The new corporate logo for the Seventh-day Adventist Church is being released to church entities around the world. On March 31, the General Conference Communication Department will release the logographic standards manual and a packet of materials which include CD-ROM, diskettes and a video. These packets will be distributed to all regional administrative offices, divisions and unions, as well as to the 52 Adventist publishing houses located around the world.

All other church entities may purchase the new logo packet through AdventSource in Lincoln, Nebraska, USA starting April 7, 1997. The logo packet will cost US\$39.95 and will be available for purchase by employees and institutions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The purpose of the Seventh-day Adventist Church logo is to provide a signature that will be easily identifiable and quickly become familiar to anyone who comes in contact with the various entities of the Church. Therefore, it is critical that the design be used in a consistent, uniform manner.

Coming Events

NSD & SSD Communication Advisory
April 7-9, 1997
Division Office, Singapore

NSD Midyear Meeting
April 28-30, 1997
Deer Mountain, Korea

NSD & SSD PARL Advisory
May 12-14, 1997
Division Office, Singapore

South China Island Union Mission World Minister's Council
May 13-17, 1997
Taiwan

Japan Union Conference World Minister's Council
May 23-27, 1997
Shizuoka, Japan

4th World Congress of International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA)
June 23-26, 1997
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

NSD & SSD Education Advisory
July 29-31
Bali, Indonesia

NSD & SSD Youth Camporee
August 12-16, 1997
Sumberwekas, East Java, Indonesia

NSD Lay Congress
August 20-23, 1997
Deer Mountain, Korea

NSD & SSD Global Mission Advisory
August 26-30, 1997
Muak Lek, Thailand

(more coming next month

Thank you for cooperation!

Thank you very much for writing letters to the President of Brazil during March. NSD and SSD members participated in the worldwide Letter Campaign to the President of Brazil where the 4th Congress of the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) will be held on June 23-26, 1997.

According to the Dr. John Graz, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) Director of the General Conference, the purposes of the campaign were as follows:

1. To thank Brazil for its religious freedom;
2. To promote the World Congress in the media;
3. To express the international dimensions of the IRLA; and
4. To test our capacity to mobilize IRLA members at the world level.

The result of the Letter Campaign was quite successful in both Divisions. We were able to send nearly 4,000 letters to Brazil by the end of March, 1997. The readers may be interested in the following information which shows the number of letters sent by each Union.

Bangladesh Union	105
Central Philippine Union	100
East Indonesia Union	89
Japan Union	200
Korean Union	1,671
Myanmar Union	--
North Philippine Union	1,221
South China Island Union	20
South Philippine Union	--
Southeast Asia Union	69
West Indonesia Union	309
Guam-Micronesia Mission	--
Sri Lanka Mission	50
NSD & SSD Division Office	45
Total	3,879

Although we have not yet received any reports from some Unions, we have sent almost 4,000 letters as of March 25, 1997. Since the two Divisions have over one million membership, if one percent of the members had sent letters it would have been more than ten thousand letters. In any case, we appreciate very much your cooperation for this historic project in our church.

World-wide Campaign of New Theme, HOPE

by Tadaomi Shinmyo, Editor

"Seventh-day Adventists will communicate hope by focusing on the quality of life that is complete in Christ."

The Communication Department of the General Conference has taken the initiative to produce and promote the theme of HOPE, "Seventh-day Adventist will communicate hope by focusing on the quality of life that is complete in Christ." This new HOPE theme has been introduced world-wide through the Communication Departments of the world Divisions.

What does the HOPE theme mean? Let's think about it for a while. According to my observation, there are at least three important elements in the theme, which may be expressed by the words of "hope" "quality of life" and "Christ." I would like to explain to you the meaning of the theme by examining carefully these three factors.

1. Hope. We, as Seventh-day Adventists, are people of hope in this hopeless world, because we have a glorious hope in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. At that event all discouragements, failures, diseases, sorrows, fears, wars, and other evils will be taken away. Our God is the God of hope. Even in this world our God is willing to give us hope. He will not disappoint us. "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11, RSV) Therefore we can have hope in God. It is very clear that hope comes from God, and not from ourselves. So first of all, we need to be filled with hope in God. Otherwise we cannot share this hope with other people. We ought to not only enjoy hope, but also to share hope with those around us. This is the meaning of "Seventh-day Adventists will communicate hope."

2. Quality of Life. Now, how do we share our hope with other people? The real need of people today is to believe in God, because by believing they can have hope. Often, however, they don't sense their real need. On the contrary they have felt needs such as health, happiness, longevity, a meaningful life, and so on. They are looking for a better life. But, their felt needs can be met in the life style of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Several studies have shown that we are more healthy than other people and enjoy a longer life. We also have a happy and meaningful life by trusting in Jesus Christ. Thus we have a high quality of life. Therefore we can present our life style to other people as a beginning step so that they may eventually find the ultimate answer to their needs, Jesus Christ as their hope. This is the meaning of "hope by focusing on the quality of life."

3. Christ. This quality of life cannot be produced by ourselves. Human effort is not complete or perfect. Everything is complete only in Jesus Christ. Without Him we cannot have a happy or meaningful life even though we may have a healthy and long life on this earth. In other words the quality of life is complete only in Jesus Christ. Now you can understand the HOPE theme. This is our Christ centered message. This is a very positive approach. Let's memorize the HOPE theme and use its principles as we share our faith with other people. May the Lord bless each of you as you implement the HOPE theme in your community!

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