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Daniel - Revelation Seminar

Evangelistic meeting in Seoul, Korea

A series of evangelistic meetings was conducted by Elder Myung Kwan Hong, Sabbath School & Personal Ministry Director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, under the title of "Daniel - Revelation Seminar" at the Seoul Eastern Church in Seoul, Korea on November 6 (Friday) - 14 (Saturday), 1998.

There were around 500 attendees on two Friday nights during the seminar. The main chapel was crowded with church members and visitors. Other nights approximately 450 attended. The program included a song service, special music, and the lecture. It began with greetings at 6:50 p.m. and closed with prayer at 9:00 p.m.

Each night Elder Hong spoke for one and half hours with enthusiasm and power. His sermons were based on the Three Angels Messages focusing on the



Participants filling the meeting place, Seoul Eastern Church.

prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. This seminar attracted Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Jehovah's Witnesses and many other Christians.



Elder Myung Kwan Hong with a remote control in his right hand for computer presentation.

Evangelist Hong conducted many evangelistic meetings with color slide presentations during the past 10 years when he was Ministerial Association Secretary of the Korean Union Conference, but this series was his first experience in using computer power point pictures for the presentation. He and his office secretary, Sonja Kim, have spent a lot of time and energy producing new programs for this seminar. Elder Hong said, "A computer presentation is much more attractive than color slides. It is more sophisticated." His lectures for nine days were recorded by video camera. The video tapes were used by 41 local churches in Korea for a series of evangelistic meetings from November 19 to 27, 1998.

This evangelistic effort was sponsored by eight churches in the Eastern Seoul area. The largest church among them has 907 members and the smallest has 35. According to the church record, the total membership of all eight churches is 1,837. Over 150 newcomers attended the meetings. As a result, 33 persons were baptized at respective churches on November 14, 21 and 28, 1998.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communication/PARL Director*

Outstanding Outreach Project

by Taiwan Adventist Hospital

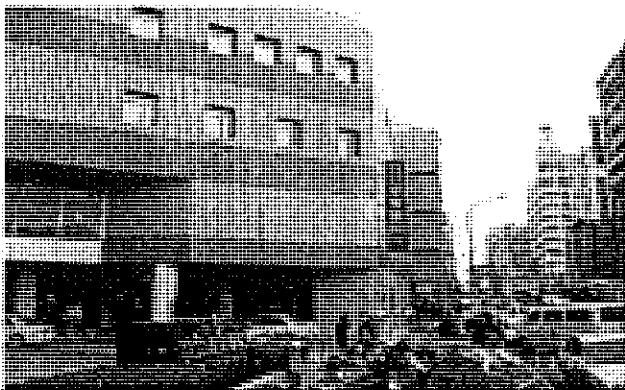
NEWSTART & Healthy Community

The writer was very much moved by listening to a report of the Taiwan Adventist Hospital during the South China Island Union Mission Annual Council. The meetings were conducted at the Yu Chi Health Promotion Center on the campus of Taiwan Adventist College, November 17 - 19, 1998. An outreach project by the hospital is outstanding and the results are excellent.

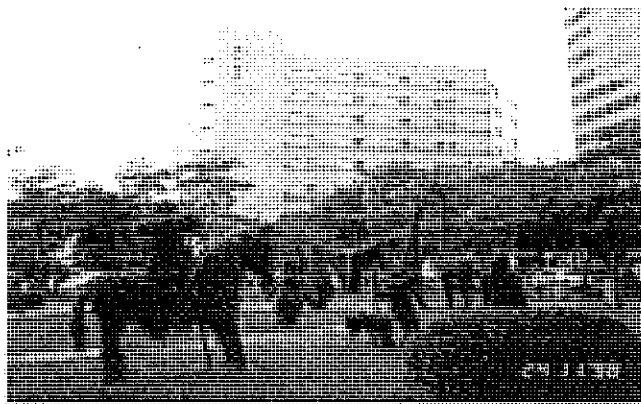
The hospital has been conducting the NEWSTART program regularly since November, 1997. NEWSTART is an acronym. Each letter stands for a word: N = nutrition, E = exercise, W = water, S = sunshine, T = temperance, A = air, R = rest, T = trust. This program is mainly led by Rudy Tsai, M.D. of Taiwan Adventist Hospital and his team.

Dr. Milton Crane from overseas, a professional of NEWSTART program, was invited by the hospital on May 5-11, 1998. The hospital had a media presentation about the program. June 1, 1998, the hospital expanded the program to the campus of Taiwan Adventist College.

November 15, 1998, the first official NEWSTART alumni session was opened. It was organized and officers were elected on November 4, 1998.



Taiwan Adventist Hospital which is located in a busy district.



Trees of animal images in the garden of Taiwan Adventist Hospital.

This NEWSTART program has attracted 330 persons in the past year, from November, 1997 to November, 1998 in both centers - Taiwan Adventist Hospital (13 classes) and Taiwan Adventist College (5 classes). Each class is conducted for 16 days. The seating capacity is around 20. This program is so popular, that it is fully reserved until May, 1999.

The schedule of each day is as follows:

6:30	Getting Up
7:00	Breakfast
8:15	Spiritual Talk
9:15	Exercise
10:00	Health Lecture
11:00	Warm Water Treatment
12:00	Lunch
13:30	Walk & Rest
15:00	Water Treatment, Massage & Exercise
17:30	Supper
19:00	Song
19:15	Question & Answer
20:15	Sleeping

Pastor James Wu, vice president of Taiwan Adventist Hospital, reported that the hospital has a plan to study how NEWSTART is effective for chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes.

Another amazing outreach project is the "Healthy Community Outreach." The purpose of it is to establish a healthy community. A healthy community refers to a community that has interdependence and belongingness. They consider that Taiwan Adventist Hospital is a community of 763 workers. If family members of these workers are included, this is a community of more than 2,000 people.

The hospital has a plan to conduct health check for the community members from December 25, 1998 to December 25, 1999. In order to increase their health, the

hospital has many kinds of programs including sports, cooking classes, music programs, etc. The necessary budget will be provided by the hospital.

When this outreach project was introduced by the hospital on November 15, 1998, there were 300 to 400 persons participating in the opening ceremony at the hospital. Among them, were representatives from Taiwan Government Health Bureau Department and Taipei Health Department.

The hospital has a special committee composed of 13 members for this project. They have a big dream to expand this outreach project to the neighboring community. This includes a company, a primary school, a secondary school, and a department store.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communication/PARL Director*

A Brief Report of Net '98

Net '98 started on October 9 at the Pioneer Memorial Church, Michigan, USA. It will continued until November 14, 1998. Dr. Dwight Nelson is speaking 5 times a week, besides the Sabbath sermons, for 5 weeks.

His message is downlinked to 5,000 locations in many countries worldwide through the Adventist Communication Network (ACN). Thirty seven (37) different languages are being broadcast. Alfred C. McClure, president of the North American Division, says, "The Next Millennium Seminar is uniting the church in ways we have never seen before."

In the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, each territory has different time schedules and ways to participate in the program.

Japan started from October 17, 1998. The number of participating churches is 56. They use video tapes. The largest number of attendees among them was 92, at the Sendai Church. Churches in the Okinawa Mission conduct 27 meetings the same as that of the Pioneer Memorial Church.

In Taiwan 50 churches are involved in the program. Among them 10 have already begun the series.

In Hong Kong 11 churches launched the program on October 24.

In Korea 41 churches started the series from November 19 and continued for 10 days. What is interesting is that two different programs are on video tapes each day : in the morning a series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Elder M. K. Hong, NSD Sabbath School & Personal Ministry Director, is shown and in the evening the Net '98 program is presented.

East Asia Association has a plan to produce CDs for the Net '98 program and to distribute them to churches in China.

The effects of the program in the NSD is still to be seen. Satellite evangelism is new and first for our Division. Since our Division will participate in another satellite evangelism on September 8 - 17, 2,000, in Seoul, Korea, the experience of Net '98 will be very valuable in helping us with our preparations for the next program.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communication/PARL Director*

*Experience
the Power of God's Word*

"Effective Outreach" Seminar by Former Missionaries

Ireach Up by prayer. God reaches **I**n to me and teaches me through Bible study. God reaches **O**ut through me.

In participating in the seminar, "Effective Outreach", hosted by Drs Rudolf & Anna Klimes at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division on October 20, 1998, I felt refreshed. I had to acknowledge that my heart was not ready to be humble enough to reach out to people while I listened to the interesting stories during the seminar. I belittled others in somewhat sophisticated ways. I didn't think I could keep my creativity unless I exercised those characteristics through my behaviors, attitude, or mentality. I presumed it appeared to be selfish and arrogant to other. Whether the intentions rationalized by my selfish desire or not, it didn't achieve good results in my outreach activities.

I tried to do my best to reach my family or neighbours since I became a Christian. I often experienced failure. After joining Dr. Klimes' influencing lecture on Effective Outreach, I could better understand the reasons for my failure. Unless I humble myself, other people's real need or felt need can hardly come to my mind. It would be just duty centred, so my joy or willingness in performing it will not last.

I am reluctant to use the verb "should" in outreach strategy or even actual life. Too often we use the word "should" in trying to do church activities or to demonstrate Christianity. All the work comes from faith in God voluntarily, if we match individual needs and God's plan. Even in my heart is centred in God, that's not enough for me to reach out to someone else. My attitude and behavior are read by them. If I am regarded important, knowledgeable, or intellectual by myself, it may cause them to feel small or of little importance. It may scare others whom I try to reach. To make myself distinct, superior, or marked doesn't please God. I want to hear "How can I have what you have?" from my neighbours and my friends. Only my humility and thankfulness can move others to ask me such a question.



Dr. Rudolf E. Klimes conducted a seminar for workers of the NSD on October 21, 1998. Drs. Klimes (husband and wife) are 3rd and 4th persons from the left.

averse?" The answer is "God's grace which I believe in is always sufficient for me, and it makes me feel fulfilled." I want to be more beautiful as I get older. Humility, Maturity and self-denial can give me genuine beauty in everything. The overflowing beauty will be the link to reach out people who hunger for true love. The true love comes out of God when we put our will in God's hand.

I may be taken advantage of by others while I live such a life, but it's also my pleasure because I am following Jesus Christ's example in suffering and in doing good. Let's start to take a fantastic life journey with an itinerary that is **Transparent** in relationships, **Love** in emotion and **Heart** in focus by way of **Insider** in a group. The ticket is free. Dedicating this writing to Anna & Rudolf, I feel God's presence more closely.

Lily Cho, Cashier/Risk Management

As a woman I am not beautiful, and I don't have many talents, either. However, I want them to ask "How can I have the confidence you have despite of your handicap or

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