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ACTS 2000

How Much Blessing Will Your Church Receive?



What a marvelous opportunity for a great harvest of souls it is! The long awaited ACTS 2000 Seoul is about five months ahead. Let's expect great things from the Lord and let's attempt great things of the Lord. Thanks to God for the modern technology that makes ACTS 2000 possible.

Pastor Mark Finley, the world-widely renowned evangelist and the Speaker/Director of "It Is Written" a television outreach program, will preach ten nights at Sahmyook University Auditorium in Seoul, Korea from September 29 to October 8, 2000. The whole program will be up linked to a communication satellite and transmitted all over the world. It will be translated into Korean, Japanese and Chinese. At any site in the Asia-Pacific area the whole program can be viewed simultaneously if they install a simple dish antenna and a digital receiver. I encourage as many churches as possible to install the downlink equipment and have simultaneous evangelistic meetings at each site. Those churches who cannot have downlink devices may have the same evangelistic meetings using the video tapes about two weeks later. I urge every church in Korea, Japan and Chinese speaking areas to participate in this historic ACTS 2000 Crusade.

Indeed it is a historic event. No other denomination or evangelists have ever attempted such magnificent evangelistic meetings simultaneously covering the whole world with the gospel message through satellite technology. This is an actual performance of Revelation 14:6. "Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth- to every nation, tribe, language and people." God has given us cutting edge technology not for a worldly entertainment purpose but for the rapid and effective gospel

proclamation. Let's utilize it for His cause. Let's dream big and prepare well. The amount of blessings we receive will be determined by the degree of preparation.

In 2 Kings 4 we read the story of Elisha and the widow's oil. A poor widow was in a great distress. She ran into a great amount of debt. The creditor threatened her to take her two young sons to be his slaves. The prophet asked what she had. The only possession she had was a bottle of cooking oil. Then Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbours for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." So did the woman. The oil flowing out from a small bottle filled large and small vessels until there was no more empty vessel.

I do not know how many empty vessels the widow and her two sons borrowed from their neighbours, but I think they borrowed as many vessels as they believed. If they borrowed ten vessels, they received ten vessels full of blessings. If one hundred vessels, one hundred measure of blessings.

The measure of blessings in terms of soul winning your church will receive from ACTS 2000 will be determined by the degree of your faith and the amount of your preparation. Let's go and borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbours -- tens and hundreds of empty vessels of souls. Set the goal high! Think big! Put an extraordinary amount of effort for preparation of souls in advance.

Remember that the ten-day crusade is not a sowing crusade but a reaping and harvesting crusade. Go far and wide and seek the interests, make them friends, teach them the Bible, nurture them at small group meetings and church, then bring them to the ACTS 2000 Crusade. They will make a final firm decision and be baptized at the end of the Crusade.

I am really excited as I foresee unprecedented great harvest of souls among Chinese, Japanese, and Koreans. Let's make ACTS 2000 the first priority at every church, every organization, every institution, and every member. Remember, we will receive as much as we anticipate and prepare.

Pyung Duk Chun, *President*

Exchange Seminar

Taiwan College & Korean University

An Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Administration and Evangelism Exchange Seminar between the Taiwan Adventist College (TAC)/Taiwan Adventist Academy (TAA) and Sahmyook University (SU) was held from April 5 to 9, 2000 in Korea. Eight people participated from Taiwan, including TAC president, Dr. Alice Magarang and TAA principal, Ms. Eva Liu.

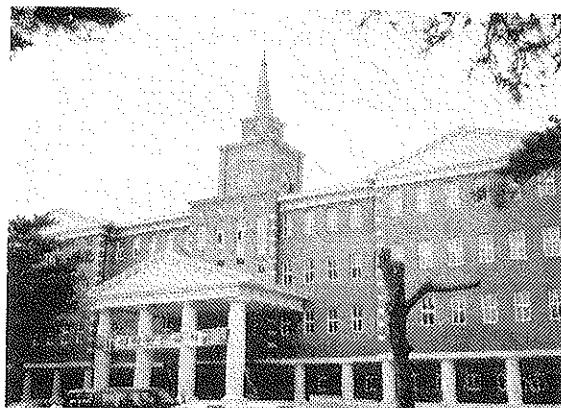
Coordinators for the seminar were NSD Education Director, Masaji Uyeda and the Planning Department Director, Joon Hwan Choi of SU. Dr. Kei Hoon Shin, Dr. Soon Yung Jeong, Dr. Alice Magarang, Pastor Sung Ik Kim, and Pastor Eun Bae Kim were the speakers of this event. Korean/Chinese translators were Professor Byung Woo Min and his wife Professor Hyun Ja Ham. Following the seminar, Dr. Magarang and Chaplain Norman Du of TAC spoke for the Friday Vesper and the Sabbath Worship on the SU campus.

They exchanged very important ideas, ways, and means in the areas of administration and evangelism on the campuses of the SU and the TAC/TAA. The president of the SU, Dr. Shin, the president of Sahmyook College (SC), Dr. Jeong, pastors, and related professors explored the feasibility of sending their Theology students to TAC for a Chinese language study and possible ministry in Taiwan and China in the future. The TAC president, the TAA principal, and their group commended the administrators, pastors, chaplains, faculty, staff, and students of the SU and SC for their dedication and untiring efforts toward the Adventist Education. They admit and admire Sahmyook as a sample of what Christian education can do.



Beautiful Taiwan Adventist College Campus

With over 5,400 students, SU in Seoul is the largest Adventist institution of higher learning in the world. It is known throughout South Korea and other parts of the world as a premier university, marked of its excellence in academic studies, research, and community service. Its graduates have spanned throughout the world and serve with distinction in government, business, and various professions. In 1999 alone the university baptized 894.



New Theology Building in Sahmyook University

TAC faced its greatest challenge last year when one of the century's worst earthquakes hit the island, and damaged several of the buildings. The institution experienced heavy losses but the earthquake did not brake the spirit of the youth and the college staff. The educational program continued without interruption, and the new construction and repairs will help TAC to continue their mission. Enrollment in both TAA and TAC has steadily increases over the last five years. Before they came to Korea, they closed a week of prayer evangelistic campaign with Dr. Carlos Martin as guest speaker. The series led fifty people to baptism including students, people from the surrounding community, and non-SDA teachers.



Dr. Kei Hoon Shin



Dr. Alice Magarang

Each party learned a lot through the seminar and rededicated themselves to the Lords' command, "Go and teach and baptize all the nations." They started on their way home to Taiwan with a blessed determination and hope. Many thanks to SU for their kind hospitality and contributions during the seminar.

Masaji Uyeda, *Education Director*

Adventist Health Message & Educator *recognized by the Korean Government*

In 1976 the "21st Century Better Living Seminar" was presented at Sahmyook University, Korea by two leaders in the modern health message, Pastor J. R. Spangler and Dr. J. W. McFarland. That seminar featured a 600+ page textbook and 300 pages of charts, which were presented to 131 pastors and health workers.

After attending that special summer school session, Pastor Philip Bohyun Yun was inspired to create a 170- page health education syllabus-style booklet which could be used by anyone in Korea as an early educational tool. It was utilized in four different SDA Language Institutes in Korea as part of their English teaching program and more than 2000 copies were distributed to all the pastors and health workers in Korea.

Over the past twenty-five years Pastor Philip B. Yun has conducted more than 100 health seminars throughout Korea. Furthermore, he has talked about health more than 140 times over the radio.

For the last twenty years he has done this health education work in addition to serving as the Korean Union Conference Sabbath School, Investment, and Stewardship Director, chaplain of various SDA Language Institutes, and as a local church pastor.

In 1980 Pastor Yun and eleven other team members travelled throughout the continental United States (US) collecting materials for practical medical missionary work. Covering more than 8000 miles in forty-five days, they visited many denominational and self-supporting institutes and facilities. Ever since that marathon trip he has been sharing with Korean health workers the wealth of material collected inside and outside of the US.

Through donations of interested and loyal Korean church members throughout the US, Pastor Yun was able to purchase almost all the anti-smoking, alcohol, and drugs materials in his visits to offices of the General Conference and the International Temperance Association, effectually upgrading the SDA health program in Korea.

In 1983 Pastor Yun received a MA Degree in Health Ministries and continued to develop the Korean health education program, working successfully to turn his local church into a "health education church."



*Pastor
Philip
Bohyun Yun,
currently
Pastor of
Danwol
Church*

For the last eleven years he has served as a founding member of the Korean Association for Smoking and Health and has spent five years on the board of the Korean Anti-Drug Association. Because of his tireless public work and health efforts, Pastor Yun was recognized for the second time by the Korean Government with the Prime Minister's Medal, the Nations's fourth highest award. This was presented on April 7, 2000, Korea's National Day of Health.

This was the first time that this honor has been granted to a Seventh-day Adventist pastor.

Michael E. Welch, *Vice Chairman & Esther Blackburn, Assistant Vice Chairman for the International and Government Relations Committee, International Temperance Association, Korean Headquarters*

Olympic Evangelism *Opportunities for Adventists*

Any Seventh-day Adventist who plans to visit Sydney during the Olympic games (Sep. 16-23) or the Paralympics (Oct. 14-21) can be put in contact with other Adventists of the same language and nationality. Medium-cost accommodation may be arranged through the Home Hosting plan, and youth may join special training programs for street witnessing and outreach. Telephone, Fax, email or write to the Olympic Coordinator, Greater Sydney Conference, PO Box 7799, Epping, NSW 2121, Phone: (612) 9868 6522, Fax: (612) 9868 6533, Email: <olympics@adventist.org.au>, or visit the Adventist Olympic Website for further details at <www.olympics.adventist.org.au>

Ray Coombe, *South Pacific Division Comm. Director*

Evangelistic Meetings in Suhsan, Korea

at the city cultural hall

An interview with Pastor Hong, Myung Kwan, Sabbath School/Personal Ministry Director

Editor: Pastor Hong, we know you recently finished a series of evangelistic meetings in Korea. When and where was it conducted? Furthermore, what was the theme of the series?

Hong: It was held on March 20 (Monday) - 28 (Tuesday), 2000 at the Suhsan City Cultural Hall. The seating capacity of the hall was four hundred and every night for nine days, the attendants occupied almost all seats. The title of the series was "A Special Bible Seminar for New Millennium, New Hope, New Start."

Editor: That's a good title, isn't it? Will you tell me why this series of evangelistic meetings was planned in that city?

Hong: Because for many years they have not offered a city-wide public evangelistic crusade.

Editor: How was the preparation of the meetings made and who was the key person for it?

Hong: Pastor Son, Ki Won, senior pastor of the Suhsan Church in the Middle West Korean Conference, was the coordinator of the evangelistic meetings. Although five local churches were involved in this project, the Suhsan Church was the organizer of the effort. This church has around sixty members and it is the largest among the participating churches in the crusade.

Editor: I see. What kind of programs were done before your going?

Hong: The Pastor and church members did ground preparation for the effort during three months by conducting a health seminar, small group Bible study meetings, and personal contacts with people.

Editor: What was the result of the meetings so far?

Hong: Fifteen people were baptized on April 1, the first Sabbath just after the crusade. Later more individuals also joined the church through baptism.

Editor: That's wonderful. Thank you very much for your encouraging report.

Hong: Your are welcome.

Tadaomi Shinmyo, *Communication/PARL Director*

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