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Festival of Hope

Kickoff of "Go One Million"

When Jesus spoke his last words to 500 men and women before taking his first flight to heaven, he gave what I call the 11th commandment. "Go make disciples."

For 1,963 years God's people have been "Going." Some have gotten tired and stopped. But soon they realized that the journey to heaven is much more fun when there is someone to walk with.

One of the brief stops along the way was the Festival of Hope at Jeju Island. 786 people shared this historic moment as we focused on the social welfare of our friends and neighbors. We represented 500,000 people living in seven countries of northern Asia.

Why did the Festival of Hope make history, you ask?

* It was the largest training seminar in the history of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division;

* The student/teacher ratio of 5:1 was the lowest in the history of the Northern Asia Pacific Division; There were 61 classes taught by 122 teachers.



Jeju Halla College, the Venue of the NSD Festival of Laity on August 21-25, 2002

* Two featured speakers, 24 storytellers, 26 dramatic artists, 62 teachers, 98 musicians, and 657 disciples were not denominational employees. They have been chosen from among a holy priesthood who are all God's true believers and they have been dedicated for humanitarian service by the Holy Spirit.

* Never before and never again will there be an official "kickoff" of "Go One Million." When the starting gun was fired at 5:25 p.m., Saturday, August 24, 2002, by President P.D. Chun, 657 graduates surged forward with chanting "Go One Million." They are the first of 130,000 graduates who will be trained and equipped to inspire hope through compassionate action within the next four years.



The Participants of the Festival of Laity before the Meeting Hall

"Go One Million" is built upon a three-fold foundation.

1. Kits: vital resource materials in a bag used by a "Go 1 Million" graduate that will enhance physical, emotional, and spiritual health of neighbors and fellow citizens. As of August 1, the five Conferences in the Korean Union have ordered 8,100 of these kits with the understanding that 8,100 people will be trained to use them before December 31, 2002. Other orders from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Mongolia, and Japan will soon be filled.

2. "Go 1 Million" Training Centers: selected locations where "Go 1 Million" intensive training is given. As of August 1, 100 centers have been identified which will also become community centers for Health Promotion in Korea. Additionally, 24 sites have been identified in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

3. Sabbath School Action Units: the place where "Go 1 Million" graduates can find support and encouragement to inspire fellow citizens with hope through compassionate action. As of August 1, there are 978 Sabbath School Action Units functioning in the NSD. Our goal is to have 1,250 upgraded Action Units in place by December 31, 2002.

It is evident that the Holy Spirit is blessing this initiative.

Ma, Yo Han (John McGhee)
"Go One Million" Festival of Hope Coordinator



A Drama Team from Cheon Ahn Dongbu Church from Korea



A Special Music of the Delegates from Taiwan



John McGhee, NSD "Go One Million" Coordinator, and Denise McGhee

Lee, Hark Bong (right), KUC "Go One Million" Coordinator, and Daniel Chun, Translator



A Small Group during the Social Welfare Training Classes



The Delegates from Mongolia



Shin, Dong Hee (right), and Yoon, Jae Sung (left) in Song Service



John Ash III (left) and Zhengzhu Li (right) from China



Music by Church Elders' Couples Choir from Korea



Testimony by Yumi Yoshimura from Japan (right) and Sung, Sun Jae, Translator (left)



Song, Bok Dong, Preacher of the Sabbath Church Service (right) and Daniel Chun, Translator (left)



Testimony by Lee, Joo Sang from Korea (right) and Ha, Ok Kyung, Translator (left)



Start of the "Go One Million" Movement in the NSD



Testimony by Yu-Kao, Mei-hui from Taiwan (right) and Kwon, Jeong Haeng, Translator (left)



Marching on by the Trained Laity including the Church Leaders



A Small Group during the Sabbath School Lesson Period



A Cultural Program by the Delegates from Hong Kong



A Cultural Program by the Delegates from Japan



A Cultural Program by the Children from Jeju, Korea



*One Million Soul Winners
in Action by 2005*

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