

# Northern Asia-Pacific Division



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### People of God *People of Mission*

**T**he people of God are a people of mission. This means that the purpose of existence for God's people here on earth is for the global mission that was given by Christ before His ascension: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20) God's people especially those who are



living in the last days have a special mission to complete the gospel work that has been going on for thousands of years. They are the ones who will gloriously finish the work and see the appearance of Jesus in the clouds of heaven.

The NSD is one of the most challenging fields. The mission of God's people in this division is to spread the gospel message of the soon coming of Christ to 1.5 billion people who reside in their territories. Although they may look like grasshoppers before the great wall of secularism, materialism, atheistic ideologies and philosophies, they can successfully accomplish the mission through the celestial power promised by Christ. The wall of Jericho was destroyed at the shout of the people of Israel who had trusted in this power. Goliath, the heathen giant, fell down before David who was equipped with this power. One hundred twenty thousand trained soldiers of Midian were slain by three hundred men of Gideon who went out to the

battlefield with this power. The same power of God is promised to His people in the last days to accomplish the gospel commission.

We are a people of mission. The One who gives our mission to us also grants us the power that we need. "You shall receive power," Jesus promised. (Acts 1:8) Let us claim this power and courageously move forward to accomplish the mission entrusted to us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jairyong Lee, *President*



### Pioneer Mission Movement

#### *Missionaries Begin Training*

**D**uring September, a qualifying exam was given to search for 10 pastors to serve in the second group of Pioneer Mission Movement Missionaries. Two pastors were chosen from each conference and on October 1, they began their orientation. The pastors will receive 100 hours of pre-training by NSD personnel, Sahmyook University Scholars and successful returning missionaries. Then, five of the pastors will be sent to Japan and five to Taiwan to begin their language training.

The pastors are full of missionary spirit. One stated, "David Livingston said, 'God has only one Son and He made his only-begotten Son a missionary.' As I read the Bible, I found that Jesus used 3 verbs in His gospel command, **Come, Follow Me, and Go.** I accepted Jesus' call to come. I have followed Him for twenty-two years. I went as a 1000 Missionary Movement Missionary for one year and now again by His grace, I will Go!"

Kwon JohnHaeng, *Global Mission*



## Korean Union Conference

### *New Officers Elected*

**P**astor Jung Kwon Chun, Secretary of KUC was elected as the new Korean Union Conference President on Sept 18, 2003 by the executive committee.

The former president, Pastor Kei Hoon Shin, who has been fighting pancreatic cancer since last March tendered his resignation and sent word from the US where he is receiving treatment, that his condition is improving slowly.

Pastor Jung Kwon Chun has been working on behalf of Pastor Kei Hoon Shin for the last 6 months during Pastor Shin's treatment. He will complete Pastor Shin's term which finishes in Dec. 2004.

Pastor Chun, said in his acceptance speech that he was very sorry for Pastor Shin and for all the Korean members who have been praying for Pastor Shin's return and quick recovery. The Korean Adventist members love Pastor Shin very much and know how much he wanted to finish his term.

Pastor Jung Kwon Chun committed himself to do his best for the remaining part of this term as a servant. Dr. Jairyong Lee, who chaired the committee said that leading and pressing this church forward is our mission. He encouraged church leaders to cooperate and address the present KUC challenges so that many souls will be won and have a good harvest. All the executive committee members stood and clapped to welcome the new KUC leader.

Pastor Kim, Kwang Doo was elected Secretary of KUC on Sept 25, 2003 by the Korean Union Conference Executive Committee in KUC Auditorium. His term will extend until December of 2004. He had been working in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division since 2000 as associate treasurer. Pastor Kim said, "It is very hard to accept this decision, but because the leaders of the church decided, I will follow their decision. I feel a very heavy burden on my shoulders. I really want to ask for prayer from the church members."

*NSD Communications*

## Family Ministry Education

### *Started in NSD*

**A**fter God created the world, sin entered and His original plan for the happiness and beautiful nature of our very first family system became tarnished and distorted. As time went by, the constant influence of sin continued to inflict damage until today's family system is dangerously on the verge of becoming extinct.

Although God created man and woman and joined them in matrimony, and although their love was to be a testament and a reflection of God's love, the bond of love that holds this relationship together is deteriorating, families are breaking apart. Divorce, separation, and illegitimate families are on the rise.

Family and marriage counselors can not sit idly by as they observe today's distressed family conditions and as people wander aimlessly seeking true love and happiness. So we have gathered family and marriage counselors and developed the Family Ministry Education Program, guided by Dr. Ronald M. Flowers, director of the General Conference Family Ministries. Dr. Flowers led the opening seminars from August 4-8 and Dr. Ki-Don Lee, retired professor from Iowa State University, conducted preventive counseling sessions for 75 counselors and believers from August 10-14.

We have come to realize the importance and the need for family ministry. Furthermore, all the leaders, counselors, and aides have worked tirelessly in order to positively and effectively bring together and unify this program. After researching and preparing for this endeavor for the past year, the International Family Ministry Counseling Association was finally unveiled and the inaugural ceremony was held on August 13 at 4:00 pm.

I wish to thank Dr. Ki-Don Lee, first president of Sahmyook University, Pastor Shin Sup Kim, vice-president and chairman of the Christian Counseling Department of Sahmyook University, and Dr. Young Ja Lee, director of Morning Glory Gardens for their efforts and assistance. And I wish to extend special gratitude to Dr. Ron Flowers for his welcome message and presentations to this new establishment, along with Dr. Daegeuk Nam, president of Sahmyook University, and Pastor Dong-Hee Shin, director of the NSD Youth Department.

I expect this family ministry to be a wonderful success, not only for the Korean Union Conference, but also for the Chinese Union Mission and Japan Union Conference. It is my hope that through this wonderful program, many people will be transformed and families will be united.

Young Ja Nam, *Women's & Family Ministries*

## Family Worship Workshop

The Family Worship Workshop of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division was held at the Seoul Adventist Hospital on Sabbath, August 9 from 3:00-5:00pm. It was led by the General Conference Family Ministries Director, Dr. Ronald Flowers (translated by Professor Soo Dong Choi, Religion Department of Sahmyook University).

Dr. Flowers focused on the importance of family worship and trained us how to worship with vigor and passion. More than 200 people attended and received much grace and great blessings. People enjoyed this workshop and learned many new things about how to conduct family worship.

Young Ja Nam, *Women's & Family Ministries*

## Evangelism Conducted in Shinchang

Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng conducted an evangelistic series in Shinchang from September 19-27. This rural church was the first one established in the area of the Middlewest Korean Conference and this year is its 90th anniversary. 50-60 church members attend this church regularly and faithfully attended the meetings along with 30-40 new interests, as well as members from neighboring churches. One deaconess who is a



factory worker and whose son was a former 1000 Missionary Movement missionary and now is a pastor invited five Indonesians, one Pakistani and one Sri Lankan to the meetings. Although they are not fluent in the Korean language, they attended faithfully comparing the texts in English, Korean and their own languages.

One Christian attendee suffered through great persecution in his home country. Over 1000 churches were destroyed during that time. Financial crisis plagued his home country so eventually he was able to come to Korea to work.

Chunnan Shin Bu Dong Language School Director, Kim, Dong Soo was invited to come to meet these new foreigners and organize a group. He brought Doug Arne, an American English teacher with him and they are attempting to arrange regular English worship services with them.

These sowing meetings were just the beginning. Those who attended have been invited to the Satellite meetings in November 7-15 which will be conducted by Doug Batchelor.

John Yoon, *Personal Assistant Youth Department 3*



## Signs Celebrates 1000<sup>th</sup> Issue

On September 6 a celebration of the 1000th issue of the Signs Magazine was held. The Signs has the longest history nationwide as a monthly magazine. Although its first issue appeared in 1910 during Japanese occupation, the difficulties were overcome and it delivered the message of God's grace and warning to Korean people who were suffering during that time. It was a magazine that encouraged keeping a healthy body and mind. In 1941 it was forced to stop publication temporarily and then again in 1944 the magazine ceased publication. At the time, the title of the magazine was The Three Angel's Message. Finally, after the liberation of Korea, it was restored and began publishing again to console and heal the people who were hurt and in pain.

Among the honored guests were Hong, Sa Rib, Dongdaemun District office head and Congresswoman Kim, Hee Sun. Congresswoman Kim shared in her testimony that when she was in



prison in 1987 protesting for a democratic society, she noticed the beautiful green foliage on the cover of the magazine and said it gave all the prisoners hope.

Dr. Lee, Jairyong commented during the ceremony, "I would like to thank God and all the workers of the Korean Publishing house and the literature evangelists who have continued working up to now for the part they played in helping the Signs Magazine to survive even though all secular magazines disappeared. I hope that the Signs Magazine will continue to deliver the message of certainty, courage and hope to the people in this very chaotic world."

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## 1000MM Consultation Meeting held

On September 16, 2003, the NSD held a day-long 1000MM Consultation Meeting, with 35 members in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the history of the 1000MM for the last 10 years from 1993 to 2003. The 1000MM celebrated its 10th anniversary and set new strategic plans for the next 10 years.

Attendees included the Youth & Children's department directors from 5 conferences, representatives from the educational institutions, 1 pastor and lay person from each conference who have personal experience with the 1000MM, missionary-sending experience or who have 1000MM missionaries in their own churches.

Beginning with NSD President Jairyong Lee's prayer, the meeting went smoothly. Discussions included; 1000MM reports for the past 10 years, recruiting strategy, alumni activities report and evaluation, overseas mission projects, and strategies for the next 10 years. The Children's missionary movement, and Academy student missionary movement plan was discussed as well in the meeting.

The 1000MM Consultation Meeting was successfully finished covering many topics that had been prepared for the report and to discuss.

As the NSD and 1000MM plans for more big projects, we hope and pray that these will begin soon for the glory of the Lord and for the second coming of the Lord our Jesus.

Joshua Shin, Youth, Children's, Adv. Chaplaincy

## Japan Union Conference Special Constituency Elects New Officers

At the Amanuma Church, Tokyo Adventist Hospital on October 26-27, 2003, a special session of the Japan Union Conference constituency met and elected new officers and a new executive committee. The theme was "United in Christ, and Go Forth." About 260 members met together and chose a nominating committee under the chairmanship of NSD President, Dr. Jairyong Lee. Much prayer accompanied the discussion and decision-making



process. The report of the Nominating Committee was brought to the general session and was approved.

Takashi Shiraishi, Public Evangelism Director and a previous president was elected to the Presidency. Masaki Shoji former President of East Japan Conference was elected to be the Secretary and Hidesaburo Machida Associate Treasurer was elected as the new Treasurer.

Akeri Suzuki was chosen to be the new Public Evangelism Director. The new Executive Committee will elect other departmental directors at their first Executive Committee meeting.

Stanley Ng, *Secretary*

## “Shaking Tokyo 2003” *Beehive Ministry*

The Beehive Ministry held “Shaking Tokyo 2003” from September 13-15. This was a training program for youth to grow as disciples. Worship and various learning activities were conducted for the Tokyo Central SDA Church and in one other location in downtown Tokyo on the theme,



“You are loved.” The love of God was demonstrated through these events. This is the third year since the first “Shaking Tokyo” was performed in 2001. This year, 34 youth joined the program.

The participants were not only from Tokyo but from several other parts of Japan. The first day, they distributed tracts and pencil balloons. They shared praise with tone chimes, and did garbage clean up at the front of Shibuya station. Every participant received God’s help in one form or another when they stepped forward in faith.

Then, the final day the group visited elderly church members who cannot come to church regularly. It was the first experience for almost all the youth to visit in an elderly person’s home and they received a wonderful blessing from God.



The Beehive Ministry is organized by the Youth Ministry Department (Church Ministry Department) of JUC. They aim to raise disciples in church who are supportive to the community in Japan. Therefore, various activities are offered to help the society. The youth experience the joy which participating in God’s work gives as it is shared and it moves forward.

## Mongolia Mission Field *Second Batch 1000 MM Missionaries Trained*

In April 2002 we graduated our **1st batch** of 1000MM in Mongolia. Twenty-one candidates received diplomas. These missionaries were sent to 11 different locations. Some were to start work in brand new areas and some to give leadership to small worship 5



groups that had already been started. One of the graduates never accepted a mission field assignment, two of the graduates were dismissed for cause within a few months of graduation, and one resigned after a year of work. During the past year there have been 155 baptisms in areas where 1000MM missionaries are working. We pray the Lord will continue to pour out his Holy Spirit upon them and their ministry.

In August 2003 MMF graduated the **2nd batch** of 1000MM-Mongolia branch with 15 graduates. Eight of the graduates have been assigned to new fields where there is no SDA presence. One of the graduates could not be assigned a territory because of health reasons. The other six were given leadership of small worship groups that had already been started.

The 2003 training for the 1000MM consisted of five one-week classes on the following topics:

Spiritual Disciplines was taught by Elder John Denne from Australia. He taught the missionaries how to maintain spiritual growth in their life.

Bible Doctrines was taught by Elder Kwon JohngHaeng from NSD. He taught how to understand and share Bible Doctrines with others.

Preaching was taught by Elder Dale Tunnell from MMF. He taught how to prepare and present sermons to a public audience. Each missionary had to preach eight sermons during the course of the training.

Health Ministries was taught by Michael and Miriam Welch from Sahmyook University. They taught about the need for medical missionaries, how to do massage and hydro-therapy. This class was a most useful training for meeting people in the community.

Small Groups and Health II was taught by John and Denise McGhee from NSD. Their approach strengthened and enabled the missionaries to apply what was taught the previous week.

Dale Tunnell, *President of Mongolia Mission Field*



## Prayer Power Saves Youth Alive

**A** Mongolian teenager almost died when he stopped breathing for about 60 minutes during the Friday evening **Youth Alive** program on Aug 22. Simple first aid procedures combined with fervent prayer saved his life.

Although the doctor sent him home, he loved being at **Youth Alive** so much, that he hired a private taxi to come back to be with the 199 teenagers from 13 Mongolian cities and towns who attended. Pastor Dale Tunnell and his diligent team of 34 "Friendship Group" leaders did an excellent job of managing this historic event.

**Youth Alive**, formerly known as Adventist Youth to Youth, has been upgraded recently by a team of leaders from the General Conference Health Ministries, Youth Ministries, Family Life and Education departments. The purpose of **Youth Alive** is to help teenagers experience positive relationships with peers who have chosen to enjoy life without being addicted to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or sex.

John McGhee, *SS/PM & Health*

## Ulaanbaatar Evangelism

**T**he "7th Trumpet" Church of Ulaanbaatar hosted a unique series of evangelistic meetings combining small groups, interactive drama and much prayer. Pastor Kim, Young Shik with his youthful church members (all but 2 were under the age of 22) along with some members of the Central





Ulaanbaatar church and Dr. John McGhee spent many hours studying, praying and playing together with local young people who eventually attended the "Love Seminar."

The youth handed out hundreds of invitations for the meetings held August 17-23 in the Star Theater. About 60 young people attended each night and every morning 19 youth met to prepare for baptism. Of that group, 10 who qualified by age and understanding were baptized on August 23 in an indoor pool.

## Chinese Union Mission *Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital*

Many of you are aware that Loma Linda University has been involved in a cooperative venture with the Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital in Hangzhou. This is their ninth year of involvement. Much of the hospital's original funding came from Hong Kong movie mogul Sir Run Run Shaw, whose original donation was conditional upon whether Seventh-day Adventists ran the hospital.

Elder James Wu was asked by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division President Elder Jairyong Lee to represent him at their recent board meeting on Sept. 26. Elder Wu has many years of experience in hospital administration so it was with keen interest that we listened to his report this morning.

The hospital is embarking on aggressive human resource training and LLU is very much involved. The hospital will be pursuing the American JCI hospital certification next year.

According to Elder Wu, three years ago there were already signs of wear and tear. Maintenance was lacking and some areas showed peeling paint. In addition to the modern new 12 story patient tower that opened in 2002, there has been extensive remodeling of the original hospital tower. It is arguably one of the top hospitals in China. At more than 700 beds, its occupancy rate is higher than 95%. Most of their 15 surgical theaters are booked daily from morning till late at night, leaving one open for emergencies.

Dr. David McFadden, *Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital*

## Tainan Evangelism

On September 13-20, 2003 Elder Stanley Ng, General Secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division conducted evangelistic meetings in Tainan City. This is the oldest city in Taiwan located in the southern part of the island.

The theme of the meetings was "New Beginning." About 70 people attended regularly including 27 new interests. The background of the people in Tainan ranges from Buddhism and Taoism to folk religions.

Elder Ng preached each evening using multimedia and ending with an altar call. Many people responded by making commitments to follow Jesus.







## Korean Missionary *Pastor to Taiwan Recognized*

**D**uring the NSD morning worship on Monday, September 1, Pastor Yoon Sun Hong was presented a plaque of appreciation for his years of service as a foreign missionary in Taiwan. Pastor Yoon served the Taiwan Mission as a pastor for five years.

## NSD ASI President *Rests until the Resurrection*

**O**n Monday, October 27, Lee, Jai Moo, NSD and KUC Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) President passed away at the age of 61 at Seoul Adventist Hospital. His enthusiastic service for the Lord did not stop even through the last two years as he suffered with liver and stomach cancer. During his presidency, he made a great effort to support the growth of evangelism and mission work through various projects and organizations.



He began his ministry as the ASI president of the East Central Korean Conference. He was also the first president of the Adventist Weekly Newspaper playing a central role in developing the Korean Adventist news media. Currently he was serving as an Executive Committee member of KUC and ECKC and was the Head Elder of Sung Nam Central Church. He also served as President of the Sahmyook Academy Benefactors Association.

He leaves to mourn his family: Cho, Kyoung Ja, wife, Ki Sook, daughter, Hyung Jin and Hyun Jin, sons. Services were held Oct 28-30. He rests in Po Chun Adventist Cemetery awaiting the resurrection.

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