

News & Views

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Homecoming Celebration 1000 Missionary Movement

After spending one year of dedicated service in the mission field, about 90 young people from the 21st group celebrated their homecoming on January 30 and 31 at the 1000 Missionary Movement main campus. "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants" was the theme for this celebration.

Pastor Stanley Ng, Secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, the invited guest speaker, quoted from Numbers 14:24, the spirit of Caleb and challenged the 21st group of missionaries to remain in that spirit of mission for the rest of their lives. Each missionary received a certificate of completion as well as a plaque of appreciation and recognition from the 1000 MM. The missionaries then pledged their oath of loyalty: "I take the oath that I will gladly support the missionaries and their activities... I proclaim that having been a missionary, I'll always be a missionary. So help me God."

The people in attendance were greatly inspired and blessed by the spirit and testimony of the missionaries.

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KUC Centennial Celebration

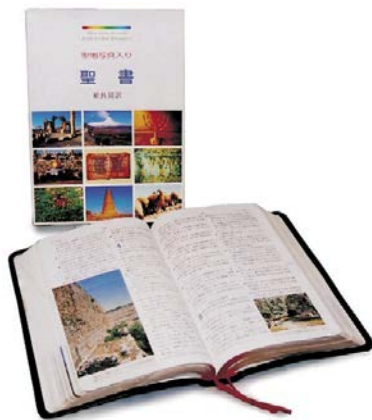


New NSD Staff



JUC Bible Printed

The First Bible ever published by our publishing house was released December 2003. This was made possible because of several conditions which now seem to be a wonderful help from God. At first, we were planning to publish the Bible illustrated with almost 1,000 full color pictures, using an old translation because of copyright restrictions. However, during our proofreading process, many misprints in the text were found. When we reported this to the Japan Bible Society, they gave us special permission to use their latest translation for our project.



While this project was in process, the JUC was planning to print Sow 1 Billion advertisements in two major national newspapers. But one of the newspaper companies refused to print our advertisement because inviting people to enroll in our free Bible correspondence school was considered too much religious solicitation. At that time our new Bible was released. When we consulted with the advertising agency, they advised us that advertisement of the Bible should not be a problem with the newspaper company. So, we decided to print the Bible advertisement together with the invitation to study the Bible message. If we had not published the Bible at this time, the JUC would never have been able to print the S1B advertisement in one of the major national newspapers.

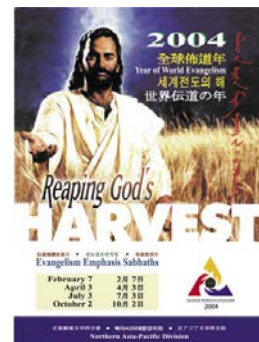
The price of this Bible is reasonable for most buyers. We are hoping that this publication will revitalize literature evangelism in the JUC territory.

Tadashi Yamaji
JUC Publishing Director

Year of World Evangelism Initiatives

A new Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide outreach initiative, "Year of World Evangelism," has been promoted in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) along with world-wide Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Kwon JohngHaeng, Assistant Ministerial Association director of the NSD, said, "We have prepared our own poster for the "Year of World Evangelism" based on the original poster provided by the General Conference. It is unique in that the title YEAR OF WORLD EVANGELISM is in five languages: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian and English."



The NSD voted the dates for "Evangelism Emphasis Sabbaths" as February 7, April 3, July 3 and October 2 of this year. Every level of the church will participate in this program.

"Chinese Union Mission's 'Year of World Evangelism' is focused on 50 or more reaping campaigns in Taiwan; target groups focused on evangelism in Hong Kong; all institutions in the CHUM are creating and executing their own YWE projects; integration of S1B into Internet evangelism; and support where possible in unorganized territories," said John Ash, coordinator of the CHUM Year of World Evangelism.

The Korean Union Conference initiated the "Year of World Evangelism" with a Public Evangelists and Go One Million members' retreat from February 12-15. The retreat brought together more than 400 lay people in preparation for a stepping stone for revival of evangelistic activities, as the KUC celebrates 100 years of mission this year.

The Japan Union Conference promoted the initiative with Sow 1 Billion invitations, Apostles Movement 21, Signs Contact Evangelism, Pioneer Mission Movement, and TV Evangelism.

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Second Bi-Division Women's Convention

The second Bi-Division Women's Convention was held January 14 -19, 2004 in the Federal Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. About 490 delegates, representing 13 unions, attended this convention. These delegates came from various parts of Asia: Bangladesh, China, Guam/



Micronesia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, the United States, and Vietnam. There were 114 delegates from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division: 23 from the CHUM, 20 from the JUC, and 71 from the KUC.

“Empowered to Lead” was the theme throughout this convention. Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President, and Dr. Alberto Gulfan, SSD President, made welcoming remarks during the opening ceremony. Ten seminars were offered to the delegates, including the topics: Problem Solving and Decision-Making Techniques, Principles of Effective Public Speaking, Goal Setting and Visioning, Professional Appearance & Deportment, and Principles of Effective Leadership.

The delegates were encouraged to work toward Women's Ministries Certification or to take classes to promote their ministries. Seven resource speakers conducted these seminars: Mrs. Nancy Van Pelt, Family Life Educator; Mrs. Ardis Stenbaken, GC Women's Ministries Director; Dr. Linda Koh, former SSD Women's Ministries Director, and currently the GC Children's Ministries Director; Dr. Sally Phoon, Southeast Asia Union Mission Women's Ministries Director; Dr. Song Sook Ja and Dr. Choi SunHae, NEWSTART Health Messengers and Dr. Ellen Missah, SSD Women's Ministries Director.

All delegates learned songs in different languages, and had opportunities to share with one another the blessings they received and the challenges they were facing. The Union Directors gave reports on the work of women's ministries in their countries. The delegates enjoyed the seminars and programs. They came to this convention with great expectations, and they left, transformed into women with a mission, with empowerment from Heaven, ready to return to their countries and lead their fellow sisters in Christ to greater service in women's ministries.

*Silver Ng,
Personal Assistant,
Women's Ministries, Family Ministries, Shepherdess International*

International Vegetarian Congress – Tokyo

Renowned Seventh-day Adventist nutritionist, Joan Sabate, MD, PhD, best known as the world's leading authority whose research highlights the benefits of eating one handful of walnuts per day, was one of the lecturers at the International Vegetarian Congress, held in Tokyo, November 2-3, 2003.

Other lecturers included Dr. Mitsuru Kakimoto, Chairman of the Japanese Vegetarian Society; Dr. Winston Craig, chairman of nutrition at Andrews University; Dr. Fred Hardinge, Health Ministries Director, Upper Columbia Conference, USA; Dr. Lenore Hodges, Nutrition Director, Florida Hospital System; Stoy Proctor, GC Health Ministries Associate Director; Dr. Peter Landless, cardiologist and GC Health Ministries Associate Director; Dr. Osamu Mizukami, Director of Health Education, Tokyo Adventist Hospital; and Dr. John McGhee, NSD Health Ministries Director.

The elite group of Japanese dieticians, nutritionists, and medical professionals who pre-registered, packed the auditorium. Late arrivals had to be turned away for lack of space. The total attendance was 120, although they had only planned for 100.

The project was skillfully directed by Kyoichi Myazaki, CEO of our premier Seventh-day Adventist Health Food Factory which produces 123 commodities for retail. It was coordinated by Dr. Akeri Suzuki, Health Ministries director, Japanese Union Conference. And it was sponsored by the NSD, the JUC, and the Food Factory.

*John K. McGhee,
NSD SS/PM & Health Department Director*

JUC English Language School Staff Retreat

An English Language School Staff Retreat was held at the Amagisanso Assembly (a Baptist retreat center) in the Izu peninsula, Sizuoka, Japan on November 21 (Friday) – 24 (Monday), 2003 under the leadership of John Fraser, director of the English Language Schools in the Japan Union Conference (JUC). Thirty-one teachers and two children attended. Pastor Lloyd Grolimund of the Wahroonga Seventh-day Adventist Church, Greater Sydney Conference, Australia, was the main speaker.

Pastor Grolimund spoke seven times including the Sabbath church service sharing about the successful Christian life. He noted five points that would help us follow Jesus: prayer, Bible study, dwelling on the cross, becoming a new person, and sharing Jesus. As he accepted questions and comments about his presentations, many listeners showed their eagerness to learn more to improve their missionary work.

Along with the spiritual meetings every morning and evening, there were a variety of programs conducted during the four-day, three-night-long retreat. Sabbath afternoon, all the participants went to see Joren-no-taki, a waterfall near the retreat center, and then enjoyed a nature hike. It was an exciting moment when we spotted Mr. Fuji from an observatory in the forest. The vegetarian meals prepared by the retreat center were very much appreciated by the group.



The participants came from the Okinawa Junior High School, Hayato Church, Kagoshima Church, Tokuyama Church, Hofu Church, Hiroshima Academy, Hiroshima Church, Osaka Center Church, Kamenokoyama Church, Tokyo Central Church, Amanuma Church, and Sani-ku Gakuin College. Of the thirty-one participants, four were Japanese. The others were from Australia, Ghana, New Zealand, South Africa, the United States and Zimbabwe. While it is the first year for many of them to teach in Japan, it is the fourth or fifth year for a few of them.

The JUC English Language School was organized in 1966 at the Osaka Center Church by M. T. Bascom as a method of reaching secular people. The Japanese people were eager to learn English, so the number of schools and enrollment increased during the first 15 years. But the school's present financial situation is becoming critical due to the competition from other professional schools, visa issues and lack of students.

Twenty-one foreign teachers serve at local churches and the total enrollment is around 900. Five overseas teachers are working at a junior high school in Okinawa, an academy in Hiroshima, and at a college in Otaki as well. The total enrollment from these schools is about 600.

*Tadaomi Shinmyo, Pastor,
Amanuma Church, Tokyo, Japan*

Pioneer Mission Movement

Missionary Update

At the yearend meetings of the Japan Union Conference, the placement of the new missionaries from the Pioneer Mission Movement to Japan was announced.

Pastor Kim, Kwang Sung will serve in Okinawa, Pastor Ko, Ki Rim in Fukui, Pastor Lim, Keun Shik in Saga, Pastor Lee, Jin Hwan in Kawasaki and Pastor Park, Jong Soo in Matsumoto.

*Stanley Ng,
Secretary NSD*



Elder Akeri Suzuki, PMM Coordinator, presenting to the Japan Union Conference Annual Council the placement of the PMM families

AWR Japan

Adventist World Radio (AWR) Japan broadcasts regularly on four stations. Monday through Saturday, Tadashi Yamaji and guest speakers are heard on the Hokkaido Broadcasting Company 1287 KHz from Sapparo (Hokkaido) and on Radio Tanpa at 9595 KHz, 6065 KHz and 3925 KHz. Sunday through Friday, they can be heard on Radio Nippon 1422 KHz.



AWR-Asia broadcasting from Guam is heard every morning from 6-6:30 a.m. on 11980 KHz and 11850 KHz and every night from 10:00 to 10:30 on 11980 KHz and 11705 KHz.

*Miyuki Hatazawa,
JUC VOP-AWR Announcer*

Japan Union Elects New Departmental Leaders

Sunday, November 2, 2003 the Executive Committee elected new departmental leaders:

Foreign Ministries
Public Evangelism Director
PARL

Akeri Suzuki
Akeri Suzuki
Masaki Shoji

Reelected leaders were:
Education
ADRA
Literature Department
Youth Department
Family & Women's Ministries
ABC Manager

Yutaka Oshiro
Mitsuo Ishii
Noshikatsu Nakamura
Tsutomu Inada
Nobuko Kitabayashi
Masao Fukushima

At the JUC Annual Council, December 1-3, 2003 the rest of the leaders were chosen.

Communication
Publishing
VOP
Trust Services

Masumi Shimada
Tadashi Yamaji
Masumi Yamaji
Masaki Shoji

As was previously reported, Takashi Shiraishi, former Public Evangelism Director and a past president, was elected to become the new President. Masaki Shoji, former President of East Japan Conference was elected as Secretary, and Hidesaburo Machida, Associate Treasurer was elected as the new Treasurer.

World Conference on Youth and Community Service

The General Conference Youth Department sponsored World Conference on Youth and Community Service was held from December 30, 2003 to January 3, 2004 in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. More than 1,300 representatives from 18 different countries participated.

During the two weeks prior to the conference, youth representatives and leaders from all 13 divisions participated in community service projects. Each representative was armed with a mind for mission work. They shared their personal mission stories with each other in this beautiful sub-tropical country.

The theme of the World Conference on Youth was "Many Hands, One Mission." 108 representatives from the NSD (Northern Asia-Pacific Division) along with their directors attended: 4 from mainland China; 19 from Hong Kong; 35 from Korea and 4 from Mongolia.



Sister Uljima, a representative from Mongolia, shared with the delegates how happy she is to know that our worldwide SDA church has the spirit of mission and love. Many hearts were touched and the congregation gathered donations for the representatives from Mongolia to help with their financial difficulties. At the end of the conference, the GC Youth Director and other Division Directors decided to establish a foundation of international social services for Adventist Youth worldwide.

*Yoon, Sung Soo (John),
Personal Assistant,
NSD Youth Department*

Centennial Anniversary of the KUC

Celebrated with Satellite Evangelism

KUC (the Korean Union Conference) began its celebration of the 100th centennial anniversary mission in Korea with a major satellite evangelistic series, held November 7-15, and its theme was "Discover Bible Keys for a Bright Future." The invited speaker was Pastor Doug Batchelor, the well-known author of the book, "The Richest Caveman." Every night, more than 20,000 people watched and participated in the evangelistic series from 565 different churches in Korea. And more than 3,000 people attended the program in the Sahmyook University main auditorium.



At the close of the meetings, 534 new souls were brought to the feet of Jesus Christ through baptism, and there are now 4,185 interests who desire to study the Word of God.

"I'm Doug Batchelor, I want to encourage you to participate in campus ministries. Those of you who are involved in campus ministries, keep in mind that you are missionaries who are little beacons of light on the campus. Help to spread the truth of Jesus. What you're learning to do now will be the most important work through your life, to

share Christ wherever you are, and whatever your occupation or position. God bless you and keep up the good work."

The following letters to Pastor Batchelor give a small sample of the appreciation expressed for the meetings.

"Dear Paster Betchelor!!

I'm an elemantry school student. I'm in the sixth grade. I was so happy to be there. Thank you so much for God's message for me. After this time, I really want to know God more.

You helped to me how to read the Bible, and how to live and love each other!! Thank you so much your sign. And took a picture with me. I'd like to know your e-mail. can I get yours? May God bless your health and your family. I love you..."

"Hello pastor my name is bae min soo, a student in young-nam Sahmyook middle school I learn many things from your evangelism. Though I was not born as seventh day adventist. but

you great pastor thought me many things for my life. Specialy, when you discuss about 'a ten time wiser' I find out bad habit about me and now I am willing to change it. I thank you so much pastor. be healthy always and be happy. so long..."

Through the spoken Word of God, the young people were united as one. And we can see how God is working and changing many young lives.

*Yoon, Sung Soo (John),
Personal Assistant,
NSD Youth Department*

Feeding the Homeless

Yokohama, Japan

The Yokohama International Church (YIC) conducts an outreach program every second Sabbath afternoon, feeding the homeless in Yokohama, Japan. John and Ann Fraser, the pastor and his wife, initiated this project and work with the church members. They feed around 150 to 200 people.

YIC is not a big church, as the average attendance is only twenty to thirty. The members are from Australia, Korea, the Philippines, and the USA,

as well as Japan. They meet in a two-story building that was once a school for missionary children.

On November 8, 2003, the church members came to the church with curry. Each housewife had been asked to prepare curry for twenty people. After lunch, the members cooked rice and combined the individual curries in big pots. Then, they put the curry pots, rice bowls, one table, guitars and used clothes into vans. Around twenty members drove to downtown Yokohama in four cars. When they arrived at their destination, they found twenty to thirty individuals already lined up to receive food. Several church members from the Japanese Yokohama Church joined this team to sing Christian songs.

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KUC Local Conferences

Elect New Officers

January, 2004 brought many changes to the administration in local Korean conferences. Only the West Central Korean Conference retained its previous leadership.

South West Korean Conference

January 4-6, 2004 (20th Session)

President: Jai-soo Han

Secretary: Jai-ho Kim

Treasurer: Yeon-geun Pyo

Middle West Korean Conference

January 7-9, 2004 (15th Session)

President: Si-hwa Kim

Secretary & Treasurer: Gi-won Son

South East Korean Conference

January 11-13, 2004 (32nd Session)

President: Gwang-soo Suh

Secretary: Yoon-gu Han

Treasurer: Young-tae Jang

East Central Korean Conference

January 14-16, 2004 (33rd Session)

President: Hyuk-woo Kwon

Secretary: Gwang-soo Park

Treasurer: Chi-jai Won

West Central Korean Conference

January 28-30, 2004 (33rd Session)

President: Myung-gwan Hong (Re-elected)

Secretary: Choon-gwang Hwang (Re-elected)

Treasurer: In-hwan Kim (Re-elected)

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The group offered a blessing on the food before beginning to serve it. As the homeless received the curry and rice, they expressed their gratitude by bowing and pressing their hands together in prayer, and by saying "Arigatou" - "Thank you." Many people came back for second helpings as they were very hungry. Used clothes were also distributed to them free of charge.



Most of the homeless are elderly and physically weak, so they have a difficult time finding jobs.

While they ate, a couple of them raised several questions, asking the name of the church, location of the church, etc. On this day, one person received a new Bible that he had requested the previous time. He told them that he had once attended a church. Another person requested a copy of a Christian song which he wanted to learn after listening to the song sung by the church members.

*Tadaomi Shinmyo, Pastor
Amanuma Church, Tokyo, Japan*

Land Purchased by the NSD

January 8, 2004 the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Executive Committee, including the Union Presidents via telephone, took a historic vote to purchase land as an investment. A decision had been made at the 2003 midyear meetings to invest in land. Since land in Korea is appreciating at a faster rate than bank deposits or stocks and bonds, it was felt that the division would be wise to use its money in that manner.



After looking at more than 20 different properties, a decision was made to purchase about 33,000 square meters adjacent to an area the government plans to develop into a new city within the next two - three years. Highway bridges are already being constructed.

The property is about 15 minutes farther north from our current location. This property was chosen because it does have the potential for construction of a division office, should this be deemed the direction to go some day in the future. The government plans call for a major access road to the expressway. The commute to the airport should take about the same amount of time as it does currently.

This property is slightly elevated from the bordering agricultural land. A wooded area comprises approximately three-quarters of the property.

A New Officer Joins NSD

A new officer, Mr. Sung, Guimo, joined the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) on February 2, 2004. The NSD Executive Committee elected Mr. Sung as Associate Treasurer and Trust Services Department Director on January 8, 2004. Since his predecessor, Pastor Kim, Kwang Doo moved to the Korean Union Conference as Secretary in October 2003, the post had remained vacant.



Mr. Sung, Guimo graduated from Hankook Senior Academy, Sahmyook University Theology Department, and the Graduate School of Business Administration, Kyung Hee University.

He has been serving the Lord in Adventist organizations for more than 27 years since he began working at Sahmyook University treasury in 1976. He has shouldered major responsibilities as treasurer of various institutions in the Korean Union

Conference, such as the SDA Language Institutes, Sahmyook University, Pusan Adventist Hospital, and Korean Sahmyook Foods.

Prior to his appointment as Associate Treasurer of the NSD, he had served the last four years as General Vice Manager of Korean Sahmyook Foods.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, the NSD President, said, "His previous services has been very successful and impressive, showing a lot of experience at various places."

Mr. Sung greeted the NSD family on the first day of his new responsibility, on Monday, February 2, 2004, saying, "I am not perfect in this position, but I will do my best. Please help me, guide me, and pray for me."

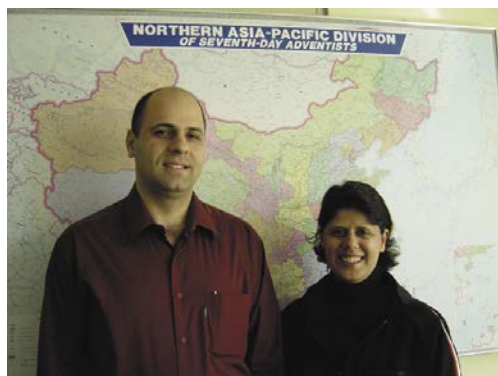
Now Mr. Sung's main roles in the NSD are Associate Treasurer, Trust Services Departmental Director, and Corporate and Legal Affairs.



New Arrivals to Mongolia

Elbert and Cleidi Kuhn arrived in Mongolia on November 17, 2003 from Porto Alegre, Brazil, to serve as inter-division workers. Currently, they are in full-time Mongolian language study. In April, Elbert will begin his job as Ministerial/Education director. He will be developing the training of front-line workers.

Elbert comes to the Division most recently having served as senior pastor of the 800-member Camagua SDA Church in Porto Alegre. He has been pastoring since 1996. Since 2000, Cleidi has been working as a teacher supervisor in the Capa School, one of our largest academies. Before that, she worked as a supervisor of teachers for the Sarandi School from 1998-99.



February Visitors to the NSD



Elder Bob Lemon, General Conference Treasurer, visited NSD while conducting General Conference business in Korea.

Elder Steven Rose, General Conference Undertreasurer arrived a day before Elder Lemon.



Northern Asia-Pacific Division Officers

President	Jairyong Lee
Secretary	Stanley Ng
Treasurer	R. Martin Moores
Associate	Sung, Guimo
Assistant	Ko, Kab Suk

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