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MMF Certificate Program

On Friday, January 13, 2006 a group of Mongolian missionaries and lay members met at the Ulaan Bataar Central Church for a training session in church leadership and spiritual life. Dr. Miguel Luna, NSD Ministerial Secretary, conducted this training course. Following this training session, those enrolled in the Certificate Program in Pastoral Theology studied the next segment of the program.

In spite of the winter season with its freezing temperatures, 17 young missionaries gathered in the MMF classroom for two courses, one taught by Dr. Miguel Luna, from January 15-19, 2006, regarding “Christ and His Righteousness” and another one taught by Dr.



Mongolian Church leaders who attended the training session

Ha Hong Pal, professor from Sahmyook University, from January 20-26, 2006, regarding the “Book of Revelation.” Students came this time from the twelve provinces in which they are working as missionaries. They received not only theological knowledge but also they were inspired to share the truth among their church members.

Mongolia is a country with many opportunities and challenges for the advancement of the gospel ministry. After fifteen years of missionary work, Mongolia Mission Field has begun to take shape as a recognized and established church.

In the fall of 1991, under the sponsorship of Adventist Frontier Mission, Brad and Cathie Jolly, Adventists from the United States, went to Ulaan Bataar, the capitol city, and established a small Adventist community. Since then, other Adventist groups have flourished in the Capitol as new believers started small groups in their homes. “In October of 1993, exactly two years after the Jolly’s arrival to Mongolia, they had the privilege of seeing the first Seventh-day Adventist Mongolian believers baptized. In November of 1997, the first Mongolian Seventh-day Adventist Church was established with 26 charter members” (Adventist Frontier Mission Report). The first Mongolian pastor, Bold Batsukh, was ordained on August 4, 2001, for the gospel ministry. He is now the senior pastor of the Ulaan Bataar Central Church.

Under the leadership of Dale Tunnel, current MMF director, church membership in Mongolia reached 868 as of November 7, 2005. MMF is expecting to pass the thousand-member mark during 2006. The country has 21 provinces. Twelve provinces already have an Adventist presence. The Mission is making plans to enter the remaining nine provinces during the next five years. The Certificate Program in Pastoral Theology is in place to give young missionaries the basic ministerial training so they can continue with church planting, evangelism and nurturing without the expense and time needed to send them abroad.

Miguel Luna

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Impact Korea 2006

“There are Youth where leaders are.” February 3-5, 2006, nationwide Korean youth and young adults who are involved with youth ministries gathered at ‘Deer Mountain’ about one hour from Seoul to discuss how to impact the world as Adventist youth. Among the 300 participants were found churches leaders of groups of teenagers, pathfinders, 1000 Missionary Movement alumni, ACT(Adventist Collegians with Tidings) members (college student evangelism groups), and cultural evangelists. Korean Union Conference president, Hong, Myung Kwan; the NSD Youth Director, Shin, Dong Hee; KUC Youth Director, Kim, Nak Hyung; Sahmyook University Professor, Kim, Sang-Lae, gave presentations to the group. According to Pastor Kim, Nak Hyung, the Impact Korea program gained positive responses from the participants and they may continue to hold this event every other year.



GC Sets Aside 13th Sabbath Offering for NSD Territory

The worldwide Adventist church finalized the 2005 13th Sabbath Offering of USD457,000 to support mission projects of three countries in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division territory. The distribution plan was voted at the NSD 2004 Midyear Committee and at a related NSD Executive Committee.

According to the decisions made, the Japan Union Conference will receive USD157,000 for Internet Evangelism. The Korean Union Conference will get USD150,000 for construction of an evangelistic center and church on Ulreung Island, Korea. The Taiwan Conference will be funded with USD150,000 for five teams of two Global Mission Pioneers to plant churches in five unentered areas of Taiwan over a two-year period, and to begin Branch Sabbath Schools or Companies.

AIAS Week of Prayer

“The battle is not yours, but God’s.” January 14-21, 2006, people studying at the AIAS campus were inspired and encouraged as Pastor Dale Tunnell presented his personal experiences in ministry. The AIAS Week of Prayer was held for it’s students, faculty and staff. They gathered together twelve times for worship and prayer to the Lord at the AIAS gymnasium and auditorium, morning and evening. The Week of Prayer’s theme was “Run The Race”. Pastor Tunnell’s chosen topic will be especially memorable since the Tunnell family is leaving Asia where they have served as a missionaries in Mongolia.



MMF Director, Dale Tunnell, AIAS Week of Prayer speaker

Upon receiving a call to serve the Lord as the Mongolia Mission Field Director, Pastor Dale and his wife Cheryl Tunnell arrived in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in April, 1998. Pastor Dale and Mrs. Cheryl Tunnell dedicated their lives to expanding the pioneer work for the Lord’s mission in Mongolia. The Mongolia Adventist Church had been born not long before the call. In spite of many difficulties and severe cold, the

Tunnell’s gladly accepted the call. Pastor and Mrs. Tunnell will go on permanent return to the United States April 17, 2006.



Pastor Dale and Cheryl Tunnell

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PMM Report

The PMM missionaries, who have been evangelizing and planting churches using their newly-learned foreign languages skills, are seeing souls committing their lives to Christ through baptism and profession of faith. Through the PMM missionaries' dedication, after only one year of language training, seven precious souls were received into the Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship during 2004. Throughout Japan and Taiwan during 2005, another 55 requested baptism as a symbol of receiving Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. It is expected there will be more souls won in 2006, as more PMM families will be assigned to new areas to plant churches.



Since 2003, when the first group of PMM missionaries were sent from Korea, 28 PMM families have been sent to plant churches. The 2006 group, including five from Korea, one from Japan and one from Taiwan, have begun their foreign language study in preparation for being assigned to their mission post.

The original concept for the PMM of missionaries from our different territories being sent to plant churches in foreign lands is being realized. Now our PMM families go not only from Korea, but also Japan and Taiwan.

2006 First PMM Harvest

At the first harvest of the Lord, six souls were baptised at the Seoul Japanese SDA Language Institute Church on January 21 through the efforts of the Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) church planters. PMM Pastor Jeong, Dae Seong, pastor of the Chaotun Church, Taiwan, led a tour group of 31 individuals from Taiwan to Korea to participate in an evangelistic meeting. Several Nankai Technology College students participated.

Three students of the Nankai Technology College, as well as a sister of one of three baptized students, and two Koreans received Jesus as their personal Savior. One of the six said, "I used to attend an Adventist church. But I didn't continue to keep attendance because there has been no church near my home. Now I can come to the Adventist church because a church is opened in Chaotun."

They thanked God for the year's first harvest of the PMM by working together with several pastors: the Sahmyook Nursing & Health College Church Pastor, Ha, Hyun Soo; Pastor Seo, Ji Ho; Pastor Baek, Young Hoon; and translator Pastor Cho, Jiang Jin.



PMM Church Planters using tour as evangelistic tool

Field Assignments

Field assignments for the third group of PMM missionaries were approved by the PMM Management Committee on February 7, 2006, upon the recommendation of the related local unions. The thirteen PMM Pastors will work for church planting in each assigned place for the next five years, 2006-2010. They have now finished their one-year language training course in Japan or Taiwan.

Japan: Kang HyenJoong (姜賢中) in Maebashi (前橋); Ghil Chul-Jong (吉徹鐘) in Oita (大分); An HaeSoo (安海水) in Biwako (琵琶湖); Nam JinKoo (南珍拘) in Kushiro (釧路); Lee SungHoo (李成厚) in Naze (名瀨)

Taiwan: Ahn MyungChan (安明燦) in Chayi (嘉義); Chung Dae-Bok (鄭大福) in Douliu (斗六); Jeon JaeSong (全材松) in Taidong (臺東); Lim HyungTaek (林亨澤) in Chongli (中壢); Lim JongKab (林鐘甲) in Puli (埔里鎮)

Mongolia: Park NoYoung (樸魯榮) in Ulaanbaatar



Chinese Union Mission Featured in China Yearbook 2005

The Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) is featured in the advertisement section of the official People's Republic of China Yearbook 2005. The full-page color advertisement is entitled "Chinese Union Mission, Hong Kong, China". It has several pictures of hospitals, schools, and churches within CHUM territory, including a short introduction about the Seventh-day Adventist church, as well as Adventist church worldwide statistics

According to the yearbook editor, People's Republic of China Yearbook is the most authoritative and comprehensive yearbook reflecting China's achievements in implementing its reform and open policy and its modernization drive as well as the major policies and events. Compiled by the Yearbook Editorial Board of Xinhua News Agency, China Yearbook has its Chinese and English editions distributed worldwide.

The inclusion of CHUM in the yearbook is the result of efforts by Pr. Robert Wong, Director of Global Chinese Ministry. The benefit of recognition of the Adventist Church by the Chinese government is far more reaching than any other means. After careful scrutiny by the editorial board, the CHUM was first featured in the English edition of the China Yearbook 2004, and finally appeared in the 2005 Chinese edition.



Church Listed "Chinese Christianity Dictionary"

The recent "Christianity Dictionary" in China included an entry on "The Seventh-day Adventist Church." The significance of this dictionary entry is that it was written by an Adventist, Pr. Robert Wong, who is an avid writer and has long-time experience in ministries to the Chinese people.

The 500 or so word or so article outlined the history of the Adventist church and its fundamental beliefs. It also includes worldwide Adventist church statistics, giving readers a real sense that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a worldwide church and belongs to the mainstream Christian denominations.

With this official dictionary entry, people in China can recognize that the Seventh-day Adventist's belief is in line with the scripture and the Adventist church has a worldwide impact.

CHUM 5-Year Mission Plan

The Chinese Union Mission began its new Union session 2006-2010, following last December's Quinquennial session. It adapted the General Conference and Northern Asia-Pacific Division's vision "Tell the World", localizing it to be "Tell the Chinese World." The goals for 2006-2010 are as follows:

1. Network: To identify Chinese Adventists around the world, especially in those places without a Chinese Adventist church nearby.
2. Resources Sharing: To provide evangelistic materials for the world Chinese churches to use.
3. Pastors/Lay Evangelists Training: To recruit potential pastor/lay evangelists and to provide them training for Chinese mission work.
4. Evangelistic Teams: To recruit and send Chinese evangelistic teams from everywhere to everywhere. Conduct 40 evangelistic series.
5. Church Planting: To plant Chinese Adventist churches in countries without its presence. The challenge is great, as it includes South America, Europe, Africa, Pacific Islands, Japan, Korea etc.



Delegates to CHUM session

Japan Union Conference Session News

Pastor Masaki Shoji (東海林正樹) was elected as president of the Japan Union Conference during the 35th Regular Session of the union conference at the Prince Hotel in Makuhari, Chiba, Japan on January 15-17, 2006. The union session was held with around 270 delegates, including observers. The session theme was "Transformed in Christ." During the session, Japan's Adventist Church leaders for the next-five year session were elected as follows:

President: Masaki Shoji (東海林正樹)
Secretary: Tadashi Yamaji (山地 正)
Treasurer: Hidesaburo Machida (町田秀三郎)
President of the Okinawa Mission: Yoshiaki Takagi (高木義萌)
Evangelism Director: Yukio Ebihara (海老原行男)
Associate treasurer: Fumio Narita (成田文雄)

Following the Union session, the East and West Japan Conference 10th Regular Sessions were conducted at the same hotel on January 17-18. Pastor Tsutomu Sensaki (千先 勉) was again elected as president of the East Japan Conference and Pastor Masumi Shimada (島田真澄) was newly elected as president of the West Japan Conference.



JUC Delegates

* News Source provided by Dr. Tadaomi Shinmyo

Sahmyook University and Sahmyook College Merged

On March 1, 2006, Sahmyook University and Sahmyook College (Euimyung Daehak) merged with the name, 'Sahmyook University' after getting an approval from the Korean Government on December 2, 2005. Sahmyook University is sponsored by the Adventist Church in Korea.

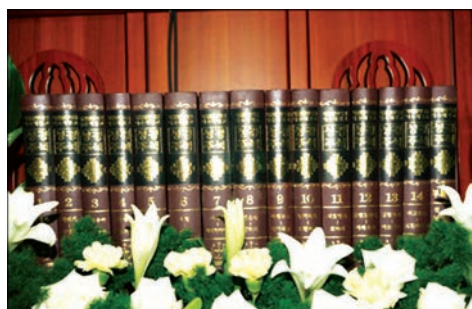
In October 1906, the predecessor of Sahmyook University, Euimyeong School, opened in Sunan, Pyeongan-namdo which is currently located in North Korea. The school was moved in 1949 to its present site at Taerung in Seoul. The Sahmyook (Junior) College began in 1973. In 1998 the name of Sahmyook University's predecessor Eumyung College was used.

The Sahmyook University has 21 departments. One thousand two hundred forty-two (1,242) new students enrolled for the 2006 school year.



Consecration Service for Korean SDA Bible Commentary

A consecration service for the newly-completed Korean SDA Bible Commentary was held on January 25, 2006, at the Korean Union Conference Headquarters Church in Seoul. As a great historical project in Korea, the translation and publication of the SDA Bible Commentary, Korean edition, was completed in 2005. About 70 translators, 15 editorial supervisors, and other staff members were dedicated to this huge undertaking. The Korean SDA Bible Commentary consists of 14 volumes with 10,416 pages, which were translated from the English seven-volume series. In addition to the 14 books, this publication includes two appendices for difficult passages in the Old Testament and the New Testament. Before this publication, there were only two language editions (English and Spanish) of the SDA Bible Commentary.



The consecration service was attended by about 150 people including the Korean Adventist Church leaders and a representative from the Korean Bible Society. Attending the consecration service, Young-Jin Min, General Secretary of the Korean Bible Society, said, "The text, arrangement, editing, and etc. compare quite well with any others. It is excellent. I wish the Korean Christians will read this commentary to study and understand God's Word." The KUC president, Hong, Myung Kwan, said, "It is completed with good timing for the

remnant people to strengthen their Adventist identity. I hope that an early church-like revival movement will happen through the use of this commentary which can reduce confusion regarding biblical interpretation."

MMF Evangelism Schedule 2006

Mongolia Mission Field focused on 'Evangelism' as a high priority for it's 2006 plan. It will construct two churches in the towns of Bulgan and Erdenet and hold 24 evangelistic meetings from April to October 2006, one in every church, company, and meeting group. They will be partnering with "Share Him" to bring in evangelistic teams for ministry in Mongolia. During the 2005 MMF Annual Council, as significant growth is occurring in Mongolia, it was decided to ask NSD to do a feasibility study for organizing 'Mongolia Mission Field' into a 'Mission'

Evangelism schedule for 2006 of:

April 15-30

Khentii - Graham Sutherland (AUS)
Sukhbaatar - Malcolm Potts (AUS)
Arkhangai - Deane Jackson (UAS-NAC)

June 9-24

Tolgoit Church Plant - Dennis Nickel (SH)
Ulaanbaatar Church Plant - John Denne (AUS)
Seventh Trumpet - William Sinock (SH)
Darkhan New Life Church Plant -
Sukhbaatar Church Plant -
Erdenet Ger -

July 14-29

Tolgoit - John Neff (SH)
Amazing Grace - Todd Collson (SH)
Goolin -
Gobi-Altai -
Ovorkhangai - David Shaw
Zuunmod -

September 1-16

Tosentsengel, Zavkhan - Ted White (AUS)
Darkhan Ger Pastor - David Emmitt (SH)
Darkhan New Life - Pastor Kei Kim (SH)
Uliastai, Zavkhan - Charlotte Korean (SH)
Erdenet - Jim Zyderveld (AUS)
Ulaanbaatar Central - Andy Matthes (AUS) -

October 13-28

Bulgan Caboolture (AUS)
Huvsgul - Tony Campbell (AUS)



Dr Jairyong Lee speaking at MMF session, Pastor Bold Batsukh translating

SDA Chinese Language School Church Opening

On the first Sabbath of this year, the SDA Chinese Language School Church held its opening service in the newly-built chapel room on the third floor of the SDA Language Institute headquarters building. Language School President, Kim, Si Young, his staff and the Chinese church members gave thanks to the Lord for the new church planting. At the worship service led by the Chinese church Pastor, Yoon, Suk Un, Pastor Kim said, "I wish this church will accomplish the mission to be His witness to the ends of the earth, because Jesus bought the church with His own blood."

Since May 2000, a group of Chinese language school teachers and students have been worshipping the Lord in a class room every Sabbath. Recently the East Central Korean Conference approved the status of the Chinese language school church as a company, effective January 7, 2006.



Chinese language Church Planting

English Churches To Be Planted Throughout NSD

On Sabbath, January 7, 2006, 23 members of the NSD Church-planting team gathered for worship for the first time to begin the new English-speaking church development in the newly-constructed chapel in the NSD building. They began their fellowship in advance of the inauguration day which will be advertised to the public.

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division territories show a great potential for English-speaking church development. English in Asia has become an international language for the arts, science and business sectors.

Korea exemplifies the high demand for English through Language Centers due to the challenge of the international community and world globalization. Many students from SDA Language Institutes are exposed to the beliefs and life style of the Adventist Church.



Group that met for the first Sabbath worship in the NSD Church planting project

After careful thought, discussion, and prayer, the NSD has decided to plant a church in which English should be used as the medium of communication. This pilot project will become a model by which other NSD institutions may fashion English-speaking churches throughout its territory.

Within ten years, it is expected that there will be more than 30 new English-speaking SDA churches in major cities of our territory.

NSD Week of Spiritual Emphasis Held

January 23-26, the NSD staff had a week of spiritual emphasis. Dr. Daegeuk Nam, Theology Professor of Sahmyook University, gave a powerful presentation, "Special People with Unique Mission." During the four-day event, we had a special time for dedication to the Lord through prayer and the study of His Word.



Dr. Daegeuk Nam presenting the NSD Week of Spiritual Emphasis

Sahmyook Foods Achieve ISO 22000

Korean Sahmyook Food Company achieved ISO 22000 certification as evidence of the factory's efficient and well-documented food and food safety management systems. It is the first time that the ISO 22000 certification has been issued to a Soymilk Factory in Korea since the system was introduced in September, 2005. The ISO 22000 specifies requirements for a food safety management system where an organization in the food chain needs to demonstrate its ability to control food safety hazards in order to ensure that food is safe at the time of human consumption. The

standard builds on the internationally recognized HACCP principles (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point) and ISO 9001 Quality Management. It focuses on safety management and communication up through the supply chain from suppliers to customers to ensure the highest possible food and food safety standard.



Newest Arrivals

Dr. Phoon, Chek Yat and his wife, Dr. Sally-Lam Phoon, were welcomed by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division in 2005, at the beginning of the new GC Session 2005-2010. Both Dr. & Mrs. Phoon are from Malaysia.

Dr. Phoon, Chek Yat finished his Bachelor's degree in Theology at Southeast Asia Union College, took his Master's degree at Far East Theological Seminary, the Philippines, and took his Religion Ed. Ph. D at Andrews University. He comes to NSD with rich experiences in pastoral, theological and youth education and leadership areas.

Prior to his assignment as NSD Director of the Education Department, he was Professor and Chairman of the Department of Theology at Hong Kong Adventist College until 1999, and he has been working as Ministerial Association Secretary at the South Asia Union Mission.

His wife, Dr. Sally-Lam Phoon, is assigned as Director of the NSD Family, Women and Children's Ministries Departments.

Dr. Sally-Lam Phoon took her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at Andrews University. She comes to NSD with rich experiences in education and leadership.

Prior to her assignment as NSD Director of the Children's Ministries, Women/Family Ministries Departments, she was Professor and Academic Dean of Hong Kong Adventist College, and she has been working as Education and Women Ministries Director at the South Asia Union Mission.



Dr. Sally Lam-Phoon and Dr. Chek Yet Phoon

ADRA North Korea Closed

In the last week of December 2005, the operations of ADRA in DPRK came to an end. Projects have been finalized as well as possible. The DPRK Government told all NGOs or agencies that humanitarian assistance had to stop by the end of the year and that expatriate staff must leave. The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) was one of three Swiss organizations active in North Korea. The organization had been present in the country since 1999 and had been operating six projects. "I would like to thank all the supporters who have supported ADRA projects in DPRK," said Marcel Wagner, former ADRA DPRK Director.



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