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Exercise Evangelism

This new birth all began with an early morning walk, a smile, and a hearty “Good Morning”. This is how I met Mr. Kang Ki Sik and his wife. Over a period of two years we saw each other on occasion. The conversation was never more than “Good morning” and “Have a good day”. Then after a rather long period of not seeing each other, as we met Mr. Kang said, “It has been a long time to not see you.”

So I stopped to explain that I had been on a trip and to inquire about their health. Again there was an extended period of time when we did not meet. Either I was traveling or I was out walking earlier than the Kangs. It was a Thursday morning. Again I was greeted with, “It has been a long time since I saw you.” And again I stopped to share with them about my trips. But this time I explained that we were opening a new English Language church, giving them an invitation to the weekend festivities.

Friday morning I am almost back to my apartment when I overtake Mr. Kang. I slow down and we chat as we walk. I again invite him to attend our weekend celebrations. After explaining where we meet we parted ways.

That evening I arrive just a little early to be greeted by my friend, Pastor Kwon Johnghaeng, the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Adventist Missions director saying, “Quick there is someone you have to





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meet.” Just inside the auditorium doors is Mr. Kang talking with one of our Golden Angels, a volunteer singing group. As I listened he was not speaking in Korean or English, but Japanese. Pastor Kwon had introduced him to Eriko Suzuki, a Golden Angel and daughter of Akeri Suzuki, the NSD Secretary.

Mr. Kang came to all the meetings that weekend and made friends with several people. One of those whom he got to know was Kim, Dae Sung, NSD Publishing Director who called Mr. Kang on Friday from Japan to encourage him to be in church on Sabbath. He was. And Mr. Kang has missed very few meetings since that day.

After several weeks Pastor Kim invited him to Bible studies which he accepted. Through the friendship of all the members, but especially the Suzuki’s, Mr. Kang requested baptism. October 28, 2006 our fledgling church rejoiced as they witnessed Mr. Kang’s commitment to follow Jesus. It was our churches first baptism.

It all began with an . . . , how will you begin?



The Rest of the Story

Currently Mr. Kang is studying four to six hours a day in the NSD library. He is using English, Korean and Japanese Bibles for his study.

Mr. Kang told me the other day, his great desire is to be able to communicate his love for Jesus and this wonderful message he has been introduced to with his granddaughter in Japan.

Family Seminar Evangelism

Do you spend enough time with your family? Do you encourage your family? Are commitment, communication and candlelight and kisses the building blocks of your marriage? Ilsan English Church invited Dr. Chek Yat Phoon and his wife Dr. Sally Lam-Phoon from the Northern-Asia Pacific Division to present a series of lectures on the subject of healthy families. They taught over two weekends from November 16-19 and 23-26, 2006. As we see divorce rates rise and people disappointed in their relationships, children under pressure to perform and family units breaking down, the seminar was a wonderful reminder of Gods ideal and how to reach it. The participants learned time effective communication and encouragement are the most important elements of any relationship. With a good combination of research and experience, the Phoons taught principles of good relationships and good parenting. On the last day of the seminar the participants shared their experiences openly. Amid tears and hugs husbands and wives committed to work at their relationships. Every attendee was given a book as a gift before they enjoyed a fellowship lunch together.



Chinese Union Mission's "Mission Day"

October 4, 2006 was the Chinese Union Mission's "Mission Day". This year's Mission Day was a little bit different from previous years'. Instead of handing out tracts and pamphlets in the surrounding areas, we had an open day, inviting people to visit us in our office. There are close to 20 Christian organizations in the CHUM office building. We sent special invitations to these organizations as well as other Christian organizations we had made contact with in the past, asking them to visit our office in the morning. We also sent invitations to some sales representatives of different companies who have business relationships with us and arranged for them to come in the afternoon. Pastor James Wu (President of CHUM) gave an introduction of the Chinese Union Mission and its institutions. ADRA China also introduced their disaster and relief work in China. Several of our guests were deeply impressed with our health messages. They were presented with a recipe book on NEWSTART cooking as a gift. This meaningful endeavor helped us to realize that we still have a long way to go to gain trust and understanding from other Christians, but nevertheless we have taken the first step and the future looks bright.





SDA Language Institute Mongolia

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division and SDA Language Institute in Korea joined hands to open a Mongolian SDA Language Institute in Ulaan Baatar. The Mongolia National Broadcasting Corporation introduced the new institute on the evening news. As a result many people made inquiries concerning the school.

By God's grace, the Mongolian SDA Language Institute held its opening ceremony on November 7, 2006. Dr. Jan Paulsen, the President of the General Conference (GC), Dr. Jairyong Lee, the President of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), Pastor Kim, Si Young, the Director of SDA Language Institutes in Korea and Pastor Paul Kotanko, the Mongolian Mission Field Director were among the special guests attending the event.

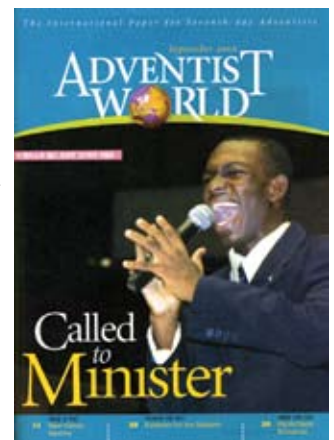


The Northern Asia-Pacific Division purchased the four storey building for the Mongolian SDA Language Institute. The SDA Language Institute in Korea provided all the interior decoration, equipment, manpower and financial support. The establishment is the best available language teaching facility in Mongolia.

The goal and purpose of the Institute is to actively engage in mission outreach using English as the medium to create a Youth Mission Center. During the opening ceremony, the GC President and the NSD President both remarked that, "The foremost goal of the existence of the SDA Language Institute is soul-winning and we pray that you will carry out this task successfully."

Korean Adventist World Published

The Korean Union Conference translated the first Korean edition of Adventist World. They inserted the first Korean issue into their Church Compass magazine in September, 2006. It is their desire to read and understand the stories from around the world along with other Adventists.



Paulsen Visit to NSD

Dr. Jan Paulsen, President of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist world church arrived at the Seoul Incheon airport at 5:00 p.m., November 1, 2006. The greeting party was headed by Dr. Jairyong Lee, President of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Also present were the officers and directors of NSD and the presidents of each Union territory within the NSD region.

After a 15 hour flight direct from Washington, D.C, USA, Dr. Paulsen was escorted to the VIP lounge where a short news conference had been arranged. Dr. Lee in greeting Dr. Paulsen, said, "How glad we are that you have arrived in Korea again."

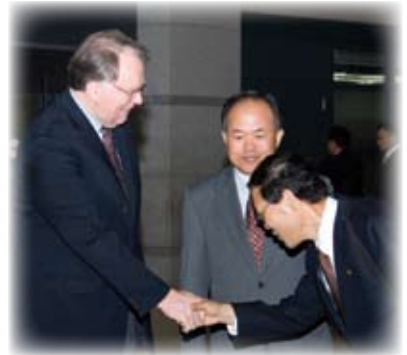
This visit of Dr. Paulson was planned at the time of the Annual Council of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), when the regional directors of the Seventh-day Adventist church gather to discuss the regular business of the church.

Just prior to the business session, the Council on Evangelism met to hear reports on the work within this territory which includes Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Hong Kong / Macau, Taiwan and other unorganized areas. This year, John Ash, Taiwan Conference President, shared the exciting, bold move of the Taiwan Conference to take the necessary steps to become the owner of a television station. Pastor Ash has spent the last 36 years working with the Chinese people teaching and sharing the good news of the soon coming Savior.



Sabbath, November 4, Dr. Paulsen was the guest speaker at the Seoul Adventist Hospital Church. During the afternoon he visited the SDA Language Institute which is across the street. The Language Institute currently has 55,000 students in 38 different locations throughout Korea.

One of the highlights of Dr. Paulsen's visit was during the afternoon. Six young pastoral families were dedicated to the work of church planting as part of the Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM). This impressive ceremony was preceded by a short concert by the Golden Angels. These two groups, PMM and Golden Angels are a part of the NSD mission to take the Good News to areas where there is no Seventh-day Adventist Church.





These six PMM families will be joining 35 other families already in their field of service. After a year of language training these new families will begin their work of church planting. This current group has been assigned to work in Japan, Mongolia, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

The Golden Angels are eight young people who give a year of service as a singing group. They support the work of the PMM pastors by giving mini concerts during the evangelistic meetings the pastors hold. They also visit schools and other institutions during the day sharing the Good News through their music.

Dr. Paulsen said, "I am delighted to be back in the NSD territory again, and especially happy to be visiting Mongolia this time." His visit to Mongolia was to open the joint venture between the Mongolia Mission Field and the SDA Language School. This venture is to capitalize on the desire of Mongolian young people to learn both English and Korean. It serves as a means of introducing them to the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



The Church in Mongolia has grown since the fall of communism from no church members to currently over 1,000 members. This too was celebrated during Dr. Paulsen's visit

While in Mongolia Dr. Paulsen had the opportunity to meet with the national president of Mongolia, Mr. Nambaryn Enkhbayar. Elder Paulsen explained that the Seventh-day Adventist church desired to improve the lives of the people. His appearance on Mongolian national television in an interview with a popular talk show host has created a great awareness of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Mongolia.



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Evangelistic Series in UT

I heard that there were over 15 evangelistic series taking place in different parts of the Unorganized Territories during 2006. A recent series in one of the churches amazed me. I saw a total of 700-800 visitors coming to the meetings. Seven meetings were conducted over two days, the average attendance of each meeting was over 450. There were new faces at each meeting and they kept coming. Even at the very last one, there were over 50 new faces. Most of them were just walk-ins. They saw the church door open and came in to look. Most stayed throughout the meeting, some left after a while. Most were young people, they leave their home towns/villages and move to a new city for jobs. They hunger and thirst for truth. The meetings usually last for a whole day over a couple of days. As most attendees stayed an entire day, the church provided free lunches. Some members had to get up at 3:30 a.m. in order to get to the church by 4:30 a.m. to buy and prepare the lunch. What a spirit in supporting evangelism that we in areas of religious freedom can learn from. Praise the Lord that there are over 180 attending the Baptismal

Hope for Big Cities - Report

As part of Hope for Big Cities Project of the General Conference, a new church will be built in Suwon, Korea. Its ground breaking ceremony was held on August 26, 2006. On this day, many church leaders including Dr. Jairyong Lee, president of Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) attended the ceremony. It is remarkable because it is the first ground breaking ceremony as part of the Hope for Big Cities program within the Northern Asia-Pacific Division territory. NSD supports three church planting programs in big cities in Korea, Japan and Taiwan. For this new church planting project, the East



Suwon Church put a great amount of effort into raising funds and preparing for this event. The members of the East Suwon Church hope that this new church will be a hub for spiritual revival and the light of hope for the community.



Adventist World Sponsors Writers Seminar

A long time ago a little boy wanted to write a story. He did. Again and again he did. Bill Johnsson, Editor of the *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* shared his love of writing with a group of editors and communication directors from around the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Territory. November 15 and 16, 2006, Pastor Johnsson and the newly appointed editor of the *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* Pastor Bill Knott teamed up for a writers seminar held at the Korean Adventist Publishing house, Seoul, Korea. The seminar was held in conjunction with the semiannual editors' council of the *Adventist World*. This council reviews the progress of *Adventist World* and makes plans that will enhance its outreach. This meeting Pastor Johnsson rejoiced in the publication of *Adventist World* in the Korean language. "You are showing the world it can be done. *Adventist World* is being published in Korean at the same time



as the English version", he told the editors. During the day and a half writers' seminar, editors from the Chinese Union Mission, Japan Union Conference, Korean Union Conference and Northern Asia-Pacific Division gathered to hone their skills. "You can write", was heard several times during the seminar. Along with the honing of skills, working relations were enhanced as the editors shared their work and goals. All who attended expressed appreciation to be able to get acquainted with Pastor Bill Knott. His years of experience were evident as he led during the seminar.

Korean District Auditor Passed US CPA Exam



General Conference Auditing Service (GCAS)-Korean District Auditor Kim, Sung Hyo passed the US CPA Exam in May 2006. GCAS requires its auditors to be equipped with professional qualification. Brother Kim graduated from the Business Administration department of Sahmyook University and has served the GCAS-Korean District since March 1999. Congratulations!

Reported by Park, Jong Kyu, GCAS-NSA Korea District Director.

Departmental

Fifth Group Pioneer Mission Movement Missionaries

*H*ow to overcome cultural barriers; 'Missionary Spirit'; 'Strategies of Soul Winning'; 'My pastoral life'; 'the Importance of Communication in the field'; 'Pastor's wife as a Missionary' – these were the topics covered in the training of the fifth Group of Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) missionaries.

September 12, 2006, the PMM Management Committee of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division chose six pastors as the next PMM missionaries. They will be sent to five different territories in 2007. Wi, SooMin (Japan), Lee, JaeHyung (Hong Kong), Han, GilRoh (Macao), Park, SangBum and Shin, HyunChul (Mongolia), and Seo, JaeYoung (Taiwan) completed 100 hours of training in three areas: 'Basic Training', 'Medical Missionary Training', and 'Spirituality an Church Planting'. October 1 to 4, NSD held the first training session. Several speakers inside and outside of the Division office instructed the group.

Sabbath, November 4, 2006 was a special day at Seoul Adventist Hospital Church. Dr. Jan Paulsen, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church preached during Divine Worship and encouraged church members. In an uplifting sermon, Elder Paulsen reminded us to live according to

what is right, to foster unity and harmony towards our brothers and sisters in Christ and to show the world the same compassion that Jesus did and to tell them about His love for them. This message gave an appropriate backdrop for the dedication service in the afternoon.

Dr. Paulsen, Dr. Jairyong Lee, President of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), along with the Korean Union Conference





President, Pastor MyungKwan, Hong, the Japan Union Conference President, Pastor Masaki Shoji, the Chinese Union Mission President, Pastor James Wu, the Mongolia Mission Field Director, Pastor Paul Kotanko, the Taiwan Conference President, Pastor John Ash III and former NSD President, Pastor P.D. Chun attended the dedication service for the fifth Group. The six pastors and their families will spend the next six years abroad fulfilling the great commission of Christ to win souls for His kingdom. They will be joining 35 other families already in their field of service. After a year of language training these new families will begin their work of church planting.

The various host country directors expressed their thanks and spoke a few words of wisdom to these new missionaries. The dedication service was preceded by a Golden Angels concert and overlapped with the farewell of the third group of Golden Angels and the welcome of the fourth group. Each family had the opportunity to make a pledge before the audience. They spoke in the language of their soon to be home and promised faithfulness to their calling. Everyone had a wonderful day and left with a renewed spirit for mission.

Miaoli, Taiwan Meetings

Forty people attended the evening meetings from August 22 to 26, when Pastor Chai, KwangByong of Miaoli Church held a series of evangelistic meetings. Pastor Chai was the main speaker and his wife, Gil Soon Ran, was his assistant, who designed a cooking class to draw people to the church. Twenty-nine people registered to take the class. Through this evangelistic effort Miaoli Church has 21 new interests.



New AIIAS President Installed

SILANG, CAVITE, PHILIPPINES—Dr. Stephen R. Guptill was installed as the seventh president of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) during a weekend of celebratory events featuring a groundbreaking service for a new multi-purpose building and a festive international concert on Friday, Nov. 10, followed by the service of dedication and installation on November 11, 2006.

During the presidential installation service, Dr. Paoring Ragui, vice president for student affairs and public relations and the longest serving AIIAS faculty member, recalled the history of how God has led the institution.

Dr. Eugene Hsu, vice president of the General Conference and chairman of the board of AIIAS, emphasized God's leading in the life of Dr. Guptill, who has served in educational leadership positions in Asia for over 21 years, most recently as the education director of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) of the world-wide church.

In his acceptance speech, Guptill reminded the audience of the role AIIAS plays in preparing world-class leaders. "The true measure of leadership and success is how well we can fulfill the mission of the church, and the plans God has for this institution," Guptill continued, "and I realize what a privilege we have to prepare Christian leaders for service to the whole world."



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Kushiro, Japan Outreach

In Hokkaido, a huge island in the north of Japan, there is a city called Kushiro, where PMM pastor Nam JinKoo has been planting his church since March 2006. It was a remarkable event when Pastor Nam prepared an evangelistic series from September 16 to 23 at Kushiro since there had not been a single campaign in that city. For this series Dr. Jairyong Lee, the president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and Pastor Kwon JohngHaeng, director of Adventist Mission of NSD were invited as speakers and the Golden Angels came to Kushiro to support the effort. They visited people from house to house and gave small concerts at these homes.



Naze, Japan Evangelism

Everyday the room was packed with about 60 people. Actually the room was not big enough to hold the audience and they rented the room next door. While Pastor Yoshiaki Takagi, president of the Okinawa Mission gave a special seminar on the "Happy Family", the audience was busy writing down essential information in their notebooks. From October 4 to 7 PMM Pastor Lee, SungHoo arranged this series at Naze church. For this theevangelistic campaign four of the Golden Angels members came to help. 40 years ago the gospel message was first preached here but there were no significant results. However, during this three-day-evangelistic series 200 people came to Naze church and listened to Gods message. Both TV and local newspapers announced the news about the evangelistic series and interviewed the Golden Angles. Now Pastor Lee and his church are famous. The Golden Angels held 20 small concerts here and there, and people loved their music and learned about Jesus' love. After all these activities and seminars one precious soul got baptized who had been having Bible studies with Pastor Lee. Pastor Lee said, "Through this evangelistic effort I felt Gods merciful hands prepare things for us ahead of time. One of our new church members willingly provided a house for Golden Angels and a vehicle during the series."



Welcome for Mr. Lee



We would like to welcome Mr. Lee Sung Sahm. Mr. Lee is the new driver at the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. We hope to share his testimony in a later edition of the News and Views.



Welcome for Mrs. Sung

We also welcome Mrs. Sung, Hee Ja to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Mrs. Sung is working on the K-Project taking care of information relating to North Korea. She is the wife of Elder Sung, Guimo, the Associate Treasurer at NSD.

Sorry Pastor Kotanko!!

Pastor Kotanko has featured in so many of our articles as the new Mongolian Mission Field director that we considered him part of the team already. Subsequently we forgot to give him our usual formal introduction and welcome in the News and Views. So, it is with blushed cheeks that we would like to introduce to you and welcome Pastor Paul Kotanko and his wife and two sons. Pastor Kotanko has been called from the land down under and his wife is a native of Korea. Together with their two sons they have accepted the call to our Mongolian Mission Field. Welcome and may the Lord bless your ministry.



Farewell Pastor and Mrs. Walter

Prayers, speeches, food, a gift, photographs, ice-cream cake and plenty of laughter are all part of a good recipe for a lovely fellowship lunch. Sabbath, December 9, 2006 Ilsan English church bade farewell to our Senior Pastor and his wife. Although their time spent with us was short, it was a blessing to have them with us. We were thankful for the memorable times we enjoyed together.



Pastor Dan Walter and his wife Dorothy will return home to the United States in a short time, after an intensive year of service. They taught English at the SDA Language Institute and served as Senior Pastor at Ilsan English Church. We wish them God's richest blessings. Until we meet again Pastor Dan Walter and his wife Dorothy will return home to the United States in a short time, after an intensive year of service. They taught English at the SDA Language Institute and served as Senior Pastor at Ilsan English Church.

*The Ilsan English Church is looking for a Senior Pastor.
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- www.adventistvolunteers.org*